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EXTENDING THE MINOR REPERTORY

While the pundits—and others—argue about what shall constitute a peal of Minor, the peal at Hayfield, Derbyshire, in which twenty-one methods were spliced into seven true extents, should give many people cause for thought. Twenty-one methods is by no means the limit of what can be done on these lines, and as long ago as 1923 no fewer than thirty-five methods were introduced into a 5040; but these occasional performances which include such a number of methods should remind six-bell ringers of the vast field of variety and interest that lies before them and make them wonder whether any of the compositions which fill the appendix of the Central Council's Collection of Minor Methods, and others about which there has been so much discussion, are really worth bothering about. All the while ringers want to ring peals of Minor in only one or two methods it may be argued that such compositions should be open to them, although up to the present they seem to have been treated rather sceptically by conductors. Apart from the Bankes James' Cambridge composition, and the two arrangements of Doubles, which were in use before the Collection appeared, we believe that only once has any composition from the appendix been rung, while the discussion which has taken place has, as far as we can judge, considerably curtailed the use of the Pitman and Morris arrangement of Doubles.

This article, however, is not intended to discuss the propriety or otherwise of ringing such compositions in peals, but to suggest that from the ringers' point of view, as distinct from the conductor's, there ought to be very little use for them. No ringer ought to be satisfied with being able to ring only one method—whether of Doubles or Maximus. Where, however, there are only five or six bells, it should especially be the aim of every ringer to master a variety of methods and at least to maintain the standard aimed at fifty years ago of ringing not less than seven methods in a peal of Minor. There is comparatively little credit to the ringer or band who, from one year's end to the other, makes no attempt to progress beyond one method, for with the scores of good methods that are now provided for them, ringers have not only a wide field open before them, but every encouragement to pass on to higher attainments. A peal in seven methods, if only plain methods, is an end worth striving for and except to complete some personal ambition, such as ringing a peal of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in one method, like Cambridge, for instance, peals in just one method of Minor ought to be only stepping-stones to at least seven extents, and not, as sometimes seem the case, a permanent resting place.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 26, 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.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble	THOMAS HILL ... 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 8
HARRY BOSWELL ... 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 9
ALFRED ADAMS ... 4	SIDNEY ELTON ... 10
FRANK W. PERRINS ... 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 11
BERT HORTON ... 6	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Rung for the Christmas Festival and as a birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 8
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 9
MRS. G. H. CROSS ... 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 10
JOHN POTTER ... 5	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 11
EDWARD J. BEER ... 6	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by J. D. MATTHEWS.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 2	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 8
*HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 9
†CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, of Low Moor, Bradford, on attaining their silver wedding.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
JAMES H. RIDING ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... 9
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. SYMONDS.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON

First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

YEovil, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JAMES HUNT ... Treble	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... 6
*WILLIAM J. FRY ... 2	†WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 7
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 8
ARTHUR H. REED ... 4	S. PERCY MERSON ... 9
SIDNEY A. RICKETTS ... 5	THOMAS J. SETTER ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

EDWIN R. GOATE Treble	GODFREY WALPOLE 6
FREDERICK A. FINCH 2	STANLEY COPLING 7
*MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS 3	CHARLES BAILEY 8
*MISS VIOLET BECKETT 4	JAMES SPALDING 9
MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE 5	CHARLES F. SAYER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of 'Plain Ten' by all the band.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
*GORDON BACON 2	HENRY T. WILSON 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
JOHN G. NASH 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Royal.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb.

ALFRED H. WINCH Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 6
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 2	† WILLIAM J. WHITING 7
JOHN BEAMS 3	JOHN HOYLE 8
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
*W. CYRIL SMITH 5	ARTHUR H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

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

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*EVEREST FORD Treble	CHARLES SHARPLES 6
ERNEST COTSPORTH 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
*MISS G. ANNIE CROOK 3	*PETER CROOK, JUN. 8
*GEORGE MARIES 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. 9
*EDWARD IDON 5	*RICHARD WILLIAM MOSLEY Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his hospitality after the peal. Great credit is due to the ringer of the third, who had never had a touch of Grandsire Caters before. She filled a vacancy at the last minute. First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. (approx.)

PERCY E. JONES Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	FRANK CORER 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal of Major on the bells for over 40 years.

NETHERSEALE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 23.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	CHARLES DRAPER 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
ERNEST W. BEARDSMOORE 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. W. W. Worthington, Maple Hayes, Lichfield, patron of the living, by whose generosity the bells were increased from five to eight. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
*THOMAS J. LOCKE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DENTER'S ARRANGEMENT OF BROOK'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN Treble	JOHN TAYLOR 5
EDWARD H. JOHNSON 2	*DOUGLAS ELLENDER 6
WILLIAM T. COX 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE 7
*CHARLES A. PARKER 4	FREDERICK WATTS Tenor

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Stedman.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	WILLIAM J. CARTER 5
*ERNEST CALCUTT 2	*REGINALD CHANCE 6
JOHN BASS 3	†RALPH PARTON 7
RALPH MOORS 4	HECTOR G. BIRD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. Rung on the 30th anniversary of the opening of the bells, with the addition of two new trebles, and also for the Christmas Festival.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

W. CYRIL SMITH Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD 2	GEORGE E. CLODE 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Four Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7616 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
EDWARD E. DAVEY 3	GARNHAM A. BLANCELL ... 7
PERCY L. JOHNSON 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLANCELL
Longest length by all the band except the conductor, and on the bells. Also the longest peal of Major for the Suffolk Guild.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIMBORNE BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MISS MARCIA WHITE Treble	CYRIL F. TURNER 5
* LESLIE V. DAVIS 2	STANLEY E. ANDREWS ... 6
ARTHUR G. ROSE 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7
HERBERT G. MITCHELL ... 4	EDWARD J. DOEL Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

LEONARD RODMELL Treble	ALBERT E. SELLARS 5
HARRY FAIRLAM 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 6
HORACE S. MORLEY 3	WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 4	EDWARD PHILPOT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

First 5,040 on the new peal. Owing to fog preventing traffic across the Humber, Mr. J. W. Hobson, the organiser of the peal, was unable to take part, Mr. Philpot taking a rope at the last minute.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

* ERIC DURRANT Treble	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	PHILIP N. BARTON 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	WALTER C. MEDLER 7
EDWARD HOWES 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major as conductor.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8048 CHANGES;

WILLIAM T. CLARK Treble	NICHOLAS NEWBY 5
WILLIAM LANGHORNE 2	GORDON WHITAM 6
* EDWIN JENNINGS 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHEWAITE ... 7
† JAMES E. BROWN 4	THOMAS METCALF Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Bob Major and belongs to Whitehaven.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

WILLIAM T. CLARK Treble	GEORGE E. BRAITHEWAITE ... 5
NICHOLAS NEWBY 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
JAMES E. BROWN 3	GORDON WHITAM 7
WILLIAM LANGHORNE 4	THOMAS METCALF Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH T. PACK Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
* MISS GLADYS PACK 3	TOM SAUNDERS 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON

* First peal on eight bells. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their usual kind hospitality before and after the peal.

WINDERMERE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* REGINALD MASKELL Treble	† HARRY PALMER 5
THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 2	HUBERT RICHARDSON 6
JIM TEBAY 3	FRANK WILSON 7
HECTOR T. WOODBURN ... 4	* CHRISTOPHER FAWCETT ... Tenor

Conducted by T. S. JEFFERSON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal and first attempt by a local band. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Walker, a member of the local band, on the occasion of his marriage.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* LESLIE A. S. BROWN Treble	PERCY E. JONES 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 2	EDWARD A. MORRIS 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
† GEORGE E. BRADFORD ... 4	JOSEPH LOVELL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung to commemorate the 600th anniversary of the foundation of the parish of St. Mary, Twickenham.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS 5
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. 2	* GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
THOMAS R. BUTLER 4	† HUGH ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* 250th peal for the association. † First peal.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	* JOSEPH T. PACK 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
* MISS MARGARET PACK ... 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Double Norwich.

HORBLING.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Tuesday, December 27th, 720 London Surprise Minor in 27 mins.: Mrs. P. Humphrey 1, *Miss F. Humphrey 2, R. W. Daniels 3, T. Cooper 4, C. T. H. Bradley 5, H. M. Day (conductor) 6. Rung after a peal attempt had failed.
* First 720 in the method, rung without any practice and at first attempt.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HONT.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* 900th peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLYD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
*CESAR DAVIS 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
ALFRED W. HEATH 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples and hails from Somersetshire. Rung as a wedding peal for the daughter of the ringer of the fourth, the wedding having taken place the previous day at St. John-the-Baptist's, the Parish Church of Cardiff.

GRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

REGINALD BROUGH Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	*E. CHARLES PATTEN 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 7
MRS. G. H. CROSS 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

OSPRINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*WALTER H. DOBBIE Treble	WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
GEORGE KENWARD 4	NORMAN E. TOMBER Tenor

Conducted by S. B. DOBBIE.

* First peal, and aged 13 years. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the tenor ringer, and to Mrs. S. B. Dobbie.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

G. DENNIS DEIGHTON Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE 5
CHARLES M. WHITNEY 2	*B. JACK STUBBS 6
FRED STUBBS 3	WALTER COPPERWHEAT 7
STANLEY G. ROBINSON 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal in the method by all except the 3rd ringer. The average age of ringers of 2, 5, 6, 7 and tenor is 19 years.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, on Tuesday, December 20th, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: J. Smith (first 720) 1, F. Shaker 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, H. Box 4, T. Hurd (conductor) 5, P. Kelsall 6. First in the method by all except ringer of 3rd.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 14, 1932, in Three Hours,
At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM COLL Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD 4
†ARTHUR CARTER 2	FRANCIS MILES 5
FRANCIS RIMBELL 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD Tenor

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. E. D. Annand.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(STROUD BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and thirty-two of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY RIDDIFORD Treble	*BRUCE WILLIAMS 4
WILLIAM JONES 2	SAMUEL LYES 5
LESLIE BARRY 3	ARTHUR STOPFORD Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, five different callings.

F. DAVIS Treble	E. PHIPPS 4
R. TAPLIN 2	A. E. BORSBERRY 5
J. E. FAIRBROTHER 3	E. MARSHALL Tenor

Conducted by A. E. BORSBERRY.

Rung in honour of A. E. Borsberry's first year as foreman and conductor.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

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. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 4
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM HALFORD 5
FRED HAWKES 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

WHICKHAM, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

RAYMOND THOMPSON Treble	W. JAS. DAVIDSON 4
STEPHEN THOMPSON 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 5
GEORGE WALL 3	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN Tenor

Conducted by K. W. CHEESEMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT TOUT Treble	*PERCY TOUT 4
*MISS LUCY MUXWORTHY 2	JESSE TOUT 5
MISS LUCY HAWKINS 3	WALTER J. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JESSE TOUT.

* First peal.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

THOMAS HANNAN... .. Treble	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... 4
ERNEST SWAIN 2	EDWIN JENNINGS... .. 5
THOMAS W. VAREY 3	RICHARD RAINFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

First peal in two methods by all the band except the conductor. 50th peal for the Lancashire Association as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mrs. R. Cocking, wife of one of the old local ringers.

WILLINGHAM, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOODY Treble	*ERNEST BRITAIN 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 5
FRANK LORD... .. 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKS JAMES. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Cambridge.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

*COLIN E. ROE Treble	*E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
*REV. EVERARD V. ROE ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3	*D. W. CHARLES CHANT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. 50th peal as conductor.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT E. BUTTERY... .. Treble	*GEORGE HARLEY 4
EDWARD WOODVINE 2	ALBERT WOODVINE 5
NELSON BLOCKESIDGE... .. 3	*GEORGE L. TALBOT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WOODVINE.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Richard Stanley Roberts (Whitchurch) and Miss Sallie Auranis Chilton (Dawley).

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of Canterbury and Plain Bob, six of St. Dunstan's and twenty of Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
HENRY PAYNE 2	A. NORMAN GEARY 5
HENRY FAULKNER 3	CLARENCE JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

First peal on the bells since the addition of a treble by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in November. First peal ever rung by a local band on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

*WILLIAM AVERY... .. Treble	NORMAN KNEE 4
E. C. MARLOW 2	E. F. MARLOW 5
E. F. WHITE 3	R. MOGG Tenor

Conducted by E. F. MARLOW.

* Local service ringer and first peal away from tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Smith, who celebrated his 70th birthday on December 17th. It was also a birthday compliment to Norman Knee.

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

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

MISS FRANCIS HUMPHREY... Treble	COTBERT T. H. BRADLEY... 4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... 2	JAMES H. MUSSON 5
JOHN W. LAKE 3	THOMAS BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents in 21 methods, viz.: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburg; (2) Trowell and Duke of Norfolk; (3) College Exercise and Norbury; (4) Poynton and Old Oxford; (5) Bocking and Willesden; (6) Grove Delight, Nensden, College Bob IV. and Wragby; (7) Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*STANLEY ARDERN Treble	*WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 2	*JOHN WORTH 5
JAMES ARTHUR MILNER ... 3	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First attempt for a peal in 21 methods.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Single Bob and one each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

CYRIL WALLIS Treble	JOSEPH WALLIS, JUN. ... 4
JOSEPH WALLIS 2	FRANCIS J. SANDERS ... 5
ARTHUR HOLMAN... .. 3	HUGH R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of Buckland

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAROLD PENCLETON... .. Treble	*HERBERT HUTCHINSON ... 4
†MISS HESTER BELL 2	JOHN CRYER 5
*CLARENCE HUXLEY 3	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Fred Howard, a member of the choir and Church Council, who passed away on Christmas Day.

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AN ANCIENT GIFT FOR BELL ROPES.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—A letter, entitled 'An Ancient Gift for Bell Ropes,' in 'The Ringing World' of December 16th last, has been shown to me, and I was asked if I could answer the inquiry.

The acre of land named 'Belleropes' is now part of a field called Lumley's Close, or, as it is named in old records, 'Grimsdale' or 'Grimsdale.' A few trees and marks of a ditch show where the hedge stood which divided 'Belleropes' from the other part of the field. This field now forms part of the estate of Earl Spencer, together with practically the whole village of Harlestone, and has been in the possession of the family for about 100 years.

No funds for bell ropes are now derived from 'Belleropes,' and I do not know of any record as to when they ceased.

J. F. COOCH.

Harlestone, Northampton.

The record referred to was discovered by Mr. Anthony E. F. Trotman, in 'The Estate Book of Henry De Bray.' The rough translation of the entry is: 'In the year of our Lord twelve hundred and ninety-four an acre of land in Grimsdale was handed over by the village community to Master Richard de Hette, who was then Rector (of Harlestone) to provide funds for bell ropes.'

BELLS ON THE 'WIRELESS.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have just been 'listening' to Winchester Cathedral bells, and again I wonder why it is that ringers who broadcast cannot realise that anything beyond Triples or Major is unsuitable for wireless reception. A non-ringing friend asked me what they were 'trying' to ring, and I confess I couldn't tell, but I thought it was a method called 'Stedman' on eleven bells, with the largest bell coming last every time. 'Well,' said my friend, 'I can't say I find anything beautiful about that jangle.' And I had to agree with him. I still feel a little doubtful as to what they were ringing, as the tenor seemed to be leading at times.

Anyway, I think it is a great pity Triples is not chosen on these occasions, and even then rung slowly enough for people who know nothing of the science to appreciate that it is at least as nice to listen to as the chiming on St. Martin's bells we hear so often.

A. REEVE.

Corringham, Essex.
Christmas Night.

DATE TOUCHES.**AN INTERESTING JUBILEE COMMEMORATION.**

For morning service, at All Saints' Church, Maldon, on Sunday, December 18th, a date touch of Minor (1,932 changes) in 1 hour 3 mins., being 492 Plain Bob, 720 Double Court and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by: W. H. Chalk 1, J. H. Waldo 2, A. South 3, Miss A. E. Waldo 4, F. Chalk 5, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 6.

This was arranged on the 50th anniversary of a date touch of 1,882 changes, viz.: 442 Plain Bob, 720 Double Court, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, the ringers of which were F. Fitch 1, R. Hutson 2, T. Mansfield 3, G. Mansfield 4, Wm. Chalk (conductor) 5, W. Mansfield 6.

It was hoped that Mr. Richard Hutson, the only surviving member of the 1882 company, would have been able to ring, but he felt he could not manage to do so that morning. He, however, took part in 120 Plain Bob just previous to the service. In ringing the 1,932 changes three sons of the former ringers took part.

At Thrapston, Northants, on New Year's Eve, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Minor with 6-8 covering, consisting of 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Oxford Single Bob, and 192 of Plain Bob (1,932 changes), was rung in 1 hour 16 mins.: J. Nickerson 1, G. Groom 2, G. W. Jeffs 3, G. H. Roberts 4, T. Jervis 5, W. C. Labraham 6, C. Wilson (conductor) 7, R. Davis 8. This is the longest length by the ringers of 6 and tenor.

A CARDIFF WEDDING.

The wedding of Miss Heath took place at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Cardiff, on Boxing Day, the bridegroom being Mr. W. A. Hutchinson. The bride is the daughter of Mr. W. Heath, one of the St. John's ringers, also well known in Cardiff in connection with the Cardiff City Fire Brigade. Both parents are held in high regard and esteem. The bride looked most charming in a costume of blue.

Although the service was held at the early hour of nine o'clock, many ringing friends of Mr. Heath (better known to the ringing fraternity as Bill Heath) were present from Aberavon, Llandaff, Newport and Whitechurch, together with the local men, who mustered well to honour the bride and to show their highest regard for one of their keenest ringing colleagues.

Immediately following the service the bells struck out. Rounds, 'firing' and 'Queen's' were followed by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,313 changes) by: Ernest Coles 1, Evan Coles 2, W. Richards 3, G. Large 4, J. W. Jones 5, E. Stith 6, A. Rowley 7, F. Chamberlain 8, E. Coombes (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There was a big burst of peal ringing last week, as was only to be expected, with two bank holidays in addition to Saturday. We have received close upon a hundred reports of peals rung during the week, and they will be published as quickly as space permits.

The new 'Beeston' Library, containing the books and papers presented to the Chester Diocesan Guild by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, has been placed in the belfry of St. George's Church, Stockport.

The attention of members of the Leeds and District Society is drawn to the alteration of date of the Pudsey meeting. It has been arranged for January 14th instead of the 28th to avoid clashing with the Yorkshire Association meeting.

The Berks and Bucks ringers send their hearty greetings for the new year to diocesan and distant friends of the Exercise.

In connection with the Middlesex Association (South and West District) dinner on Saturday, January 14th, it is interesting to remember that the West Middlesex Association was founded in 1874, a few months after the Devon Guild, the first of our belfry reform societies.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, rang his 900th peal on Tuesday of last week. These peals have been rung in 63 counties and have taken him 50 years to accomplish.

Mr. G. R. Pye is easily 'top scorer' among the peal ringers for 1932. Here is his record for the year in brief: Ninety-seven peals, in 72 towers, situate in 23 counties! That is literally good going. Fancy ringing peals in half the counties of England in a single year! The vast majority of peal ringers do not do that in a lifetime.

The greatest number of peals rung by an individual in one year was 136 by the late Mr. Alfred Grimes in 1913, which, added to his 114 in 1912, brought his total to exactly 250 in two years. Many of these were rung on handbells.

Miss Amy Kynaston, of Oswestry, is believed to be the first Shropshire lady to ring a peal when she took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples last week, the other ringers including three of her brothers. Although the tenor is only 16 cwt., it was a 'two-man' job.

Filling a gap at the last minute, and never having rung a touch of Grandsire Caters before, Miss Annie Crook, of Bolton, daughter of Police-Sergeant Peter Crook, rang a peal in the method at Leyland and rang splendidly. She is to be congratulated on her performance.

We thought the opportunity was too good to be missed by those who are fond of midnight peals. At Burton-on-Stather, Lines, the handbell band saw the new year in with a peal of Grandsire Triples, so that the peal was rung in two days, two weeks, two months and two years. That, at any rate, is something which cannot be beaten.

Among the peal reports that reach us there are sometimes cryptic notes, and the record of a peal rung at Deeping St. James on Boxing Day contained a reference which at first caused us some thought. Among the 720's which made up the peal was one of College Single (Regular). It was the '(Regular)' that puzzled us, but we think we have found the explanation. Mr. Day will correct us if we are wrong.

Presumably it means that the method rung was that which appears in the Central Council's Collection, and not the one that, years ago, was published under the same name in the early editions of 'Standard Methods.' The method has had various names. The first edition of the collection termed it 'College Single,' a later edition of Standard Methods called it 'College Single Reverse'; in the last edition of the Collection it is 'College,' pure and simple.

The composition of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Overseal on December 17th was E. Morris' transposition of Parker's 12-Part.

'STURDY ARMS OF THE LAW'

Even the lusty and capable policemen who regularly ring at Manchester Town Hall must have smiled at the comments of 'Mr. Manchester' in the 'Manchester Evening News' last Friday, in referring to the fact that the new year would be 'rung in' on the Town Hall bells by 'the sturdy arms of the law.'

'As a matter of fact,' he writes, 'I am told that only the police ringers can ring the Manchester Town Hall bells properly. They are reputed to be the heaviest set of chain bells in the country, and ordinary ringers cannot do much with them. The weight of the heaviest of them is 52 cwt., and I defy anybody but a lusty policeman to go on pulling a mass like that about for long.'

Shades of Harry Chapman—they ought to be sufficient for the purpose, but if they are not there are others who could be mentioned!

40-50-60-70 YEARS!

At Longbridge Deverill, a village in Wiltshire, lives Mr. Arthur Smith, who worked hard in the interests of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in its early days, and was one of the first change ringers in that part of the country. For four years he was one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council.

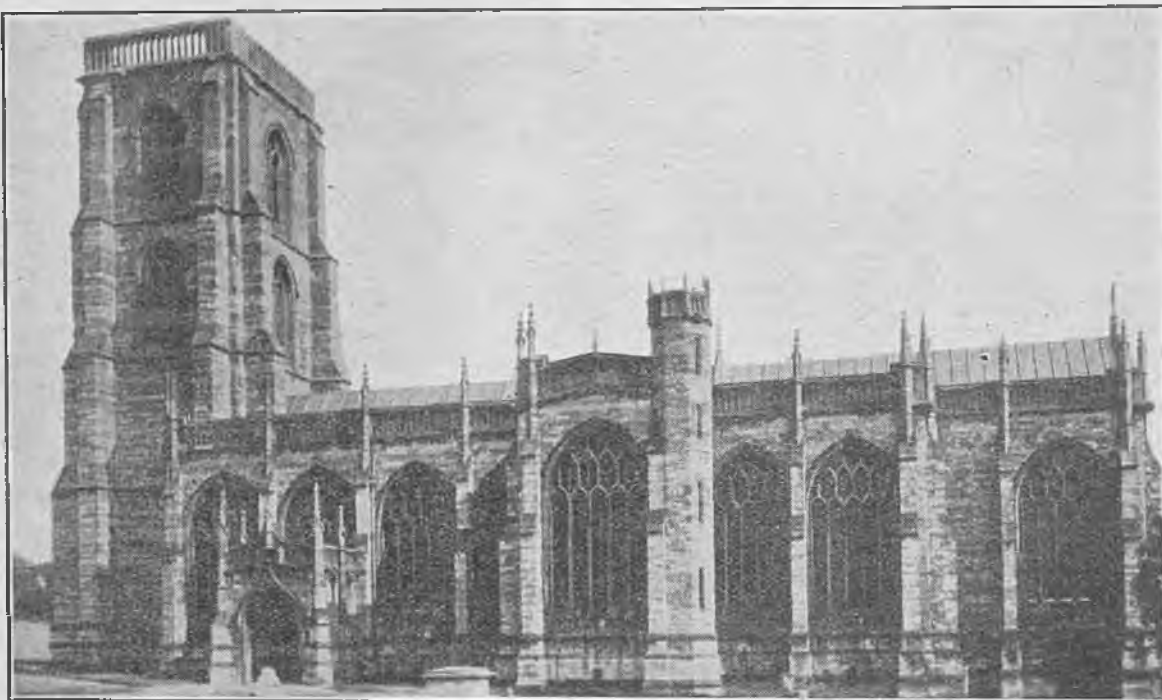
For forty years Mr. Smith was sexton at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, he has just completed fifty years as a service ringer and sixty years in the choir, while on December 17th he celebrated his 70th birthday. It is not surprising that members of the Salisbury Guild honoured him with a peal, which they scored on Boxing Day. Afterwards they were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

YEOVIL'S FINE BELLS.**HISTORY TOLD IN THEIR INSCRIPTIONS.**

Yeovil bells, upon which a peal of Stedman Caters was rung on Boxing Day, are one of the heaviest rings of ten in the country, the tenor being nearly 41 cwt., while since their restoration and retuning carried out at the White-chapel Foundry in 1931, there are, despite the fact that they are a 'mixed' lot, few, if any, peals of ten superior to them in tonal quality. By recasting the two trebles and tuning the remainder Messrs. Mears and Stainbank worked a marvellous transformation.

At some time prior to 1561 there were six bells in the massive western tower, and these remained until 1760, at which time it is said that twenty-two to twenty-five men were required to ring them. The original tenors were the gift of Stephen Hooper and his wife, Joan, who, with

The inscriptions on the bells are interesting, as they form an historical record. The original eight bells were inscribed as follows:—
 Treble.—Mr. William Tanner and Mr. Samuel Garland, Ch Wardens. T. Bilbie F. 1768.
 2nd.—Same as treble.
 3rd.—Although I am the least of all I'll be heard above you all. I.C.E.H.C.W. Anno Dom. 1662. T.P.I.K.I.D.I.H.
 4th.—Thomas Lane, John Whedon, Churchwardens. T. P., Anno Domi 1626.
 5th.—Andrew Everton & Mr. George Butcher, Churchwardens, 1728. T. B. cast me.
 6th.—John Star and Mary his wife gave forty shillings to the casting of these bells. Giel's Innings and Joseph Star stode bound for the performance of the worke in 1626.
 7th.—In Multis Annis Resonet Campana Ioannis. T. P., Anno Domini 1728. In the name of the Trenite, Stephen Hooper paid for the tenor and me.
 8th.—Take me down and way me right for I am near five thousand weight. Sing praise to God, T. P. F., Mr. Andrew Everton and Mr. George Butcher was churchwardens when I was new cast september the 26 in the year 1728. Stephen Hooper and his wife Ioane was the downer of me alone. Come let us sound out. He keep my place no doubt. You wrath and

**YEOVIL'S FINE OLD PARISH CHURCH.**

others, were the founders of the Chantry of the Holy Cross in 1432. The tenor was recast by the younger Bilbie of Chewstoke in 1728, the fifth, fourth and second of that early period having been recast in 1525 by Thomas Pennington, of Exeter. The treble was recast by Thomas Purdue, of Closworth, in 1662, and the third by Bilbie at the same time as the tenor. In 1760 the six bells were rehung in the then modern method, so that, instead of more than a score of men being required to ring them, they could be rung by seven men only. Bilbie cast two additional bells at the expense of the townspeople in 1768, and two further trebles were added by Warner in 1891, when the rehanging of the other eight was carried out.

The building of the present church was begun about 1380, and is an imposing structure in local limestone. The tower rises in four stages to a height of ninety feet, and is surmounted by a rather uncommon parapet of narrow perforated panels with cusped heads.

wright pray speak the right, come see how I am run. Twa's young Bilbie that cast me. Such work you never done.

The two present trebles, added by Warner in 1891, and recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in the recent restoration, bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—Cast by J. Warner & Sons, 1891. Added to the ring by the parishioners Anno Domini 1891. We praise Thee O God. H. T. Beebe, B.D., Vicar. Edmund Damon, Thomas Denner, Churchwardens.

(On reverse, in waist): Recast 1931. J. E. S. Harrison, M.A., Vicar. H. H. Lock, W. Earle Tucker (Mayor of Yeovil), Churchwardens.

2nd.—Cast by J. Warner and Sons, 1891. Added to the ring by the parishioners. Anno Domini 1891. Day by day we magnify Thee.

The remainder of the inscription is the same as on the treble.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's the following 720's were rung on December 31st: Before 11.45 p.m. watchnight service, with bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; after service, with bells open, 720 Cambridge Surprise.—On Sunday, January 1st, before 11 a.m. matins, 720 London Surprise and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure; before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Norwich Surprise and 720 Kingston Treble Bob. The ringers were L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Sitch and A. Bradley.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**MR. D. CLIFT ELECTED MASTER.**

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Cardiff on Boxing Day. The bells were available and rung during the afternoon in a variety of methods, including Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Lewis). In his address he extended a hearty welcome to the association to his parish, and then gave a most interesting history of the church and of the old bells and their inscriptions, prior to the augmentation to ten by John Taylor and Co. Following the service, tea, which had been very kindly arranged for by the Vicar, was partaken of at a cafe in Queen Street, after which a move was made to St. John's Schoolroom for the transaction of business. The Vicar took the chair. Instructors' reports were received and restoration and augmentation questions were discussed.

Mr. D. Clift, of Usk, was elected Master for the ensuing year, and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. J. Jones) and the auditors were re-elected. A discussion followed on the appointment of representatives to the Central Council. The hon. secretary and the Master, Mr. D. Clift, were elected.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. Woolos, Newport, and quarterly meetings at Aberavon and Caldicot.

The hon. secretary gave a short report of the work done during the year.

New members were elected, including the whole of the Redwick ringers, which adds another tower to those affiliated to the association.

Tribute was paid to the Pentre ringers who had recently rung their first peal of Superlative, the first peal in the method rung by an entirely local band for the association.

Mr. Perry, of Bridgend, raised the question of having an annual dinner. A committee was formed to arrange details and report at the next quarterly meeting.

The usual votes of thanks were passed and terminated the business.

There were several visitors from neighbouring associations, including Mr. J. Austin, Mr. T. Baldwin and Mr. J. Gillett, of Gloucester. There was a fairly representative gathering of members from both dioceses.

The bells were afterwards kept going in Triples, Major, Caters and Royal, which closed a very pleasant, genial and happy meeting.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD PEALS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Erdington on December 19th, 1932, and recorded in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' as the 1,000th peal for the Guild, though substantially correct is very misleading. Mr. Swann has based the total of 1,000 peals on the number rung from January, 1889, to December, 1932. The peal books in possession of the Guild record all peals rung from the year 1755 to 1931. (1932 peals will be entered in due course.) The peals rung 1755 to 1888 are St. Martin's Society, those rung from 1889 to 1905 are St. Martin's Guild, and those rung from 1906 to the present date are St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham.

The very fact that St. Martin's Society extended its activities in 1889, also again in 1906, does not alter the fact that St. Martin's peal records date from the year 1755, and that we have a continuous existence to the present day, therefore the total number of peals rung date from the first peal of Bob Major in 1755, followed by many historic record peals rung at St. Martin's and elsewhere.

ALBERT WALKER.

THE LONG PEAL AT APPLETON.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Will you kindly grant me space in 'The Ringing World' to congratulate the band who rang the record peal at Appleton on Tuesday, December 27th? It was good striking, and that is what we want to hear in long peals. I was sorry I could not stop to hear the finish of the peal.

A. E. PEGLER.

Bangor.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal was Walter F. Judge, not William as printed.

RING IN THE NEW.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on New Year's Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, E. H. King 2, Mrs. E. H. King 3, E. A. Hull 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, H. Ellis 7, C. Davidson 8.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, January 1st, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: R. Davies (first in the method) 1, J. Nickerson 3, G. Groom 4, G. H. Roberts 5, T. Jervis 6, C. Wilson (conductor) 7, W. C. Labraham 8. Rung with the tenor covering.

IPTON-ON-SEVERN.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Double Oxford Bob Triples by the local band: C. Young 1, A. Hartland 2, J. Lawrence 3, W. Halford 4, F. Lawrence 5, F. Hawkes 6, C. Camm (conductor) 7, H. Bishop 8. First quarter in the method by all.

THE LATE MR. A. E. PARSONS.**FUNERAL AT HALESOWEN.**

The funeral of the late Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Old Hill, Staffs, whose death was recorded in our last issue, took place on Tuesday week, and was attended by a number of ringers representing the Worcestershire Association, of which he had been Master and was, at the time of his death, a vice-president. As the cortege proceeded from the house in Old Hill to Halesowen Church, two and a half



THE LATE MR. A. E. PARSONS.

miles away, the bells could be heard ringing with half-muffled clappers. The service was conducted by the Rector of Halesowen (Canon H. C. A. Colville) and the Vicar of Old Hill (Rev. A. L. Chapman). Among the ringers present were Mr. J. R. Newman (hon. secretary, Worcestershire Association), Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild), Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master), Mr. T. Reeves (hon. secretary), Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, G. F. Swann, J. Preston, F. E. Haynes, H. Mason, J. Jaggard, W. Short, R. Matthews, H. Bird, S. T. Holt, S. Grove, A. J. Skelding, C. Camm and ringers from the local towers.

A very impressive course of Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. W. Short, A. Walker, R. Matthews and A. P. Smith, and afterwards muffled touches were rung on Halesowen bells by various hands.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Worcestershire Association and St. Martin's Guild.

TRING BELLS RESTORED.**NEW YEAR'S EVE REOPENING.**

On Saturday afternoon a company of about 40 ringers and friends assembled in the belfry of Tring Parish Church to take part in the formal opening of the bells after their renovation by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The proceedings commenced with the singing of the hymn, 'O God our Help in ages past.' Prayers were then offered and an address given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. T. T. Wood, M.A., M.C.), who referred to the generosity of Miss M. Bright, who had offered to defray the whole of the cost of the bells.

The opening touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band, after which the visitors took a hand at the ropes. Afterwards an adjournment was made for tea in the Vestry Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar and Miss Bright. It was presided over by Mrs. C. T. T. Wood, and served by the ringers' wives.

The Vicar gave the visitors a cordial welcome, and wished all a happy and prosperous new year.

After tea the belfry was again visited, and methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. The ringers were loud in their praise of the way the work had been carried out, and delighted at the 'go' of the bells, which are now a real pleasure to ring.

The towers represented were Dunstable, Totternhoe, Linslade, Berkhamstead, Ellesborough, King's Langley, London, Hinckley (Leicestershire) and the local band. Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was also present.

The work, which has been carried out to the entire satisfaction of the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers, includes the rehangings of the eight bells (tenor 24 cwt.) on ball bearings, tightening up the frame with vertical bolts, new clapper staples, new wheels, new iron headstocks on the three heaviest bells, new rope rollers and other fittings. A set of ropes has also been provided.

On Sunday evening, for service and also in honour of the birthday of Miss Bright, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: H. Brackley 1, T. W. Wright 2, H. Bishop 3, H. Bull 4, F. C. Reeve 5, C. Badrick 6, E. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Hinckley, and the rest belong to the local band.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. W. Gillingham, for many years captain of the Portishead band, the ringers presented him with a very nice easy chair. Arrangements had been made by the regular Sunday ringers to attempt a peal, but owing to the illness of one of the band a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: Miss H. Orchard 1, Miss B. Stadden 2, E. J. Goldstone 3, Miss V. Hyman 4, Miss G. Stadden 5, F. Smith 6, A. E. Colburn (conductor) 7, J. Thomas 8.

DAVENTRY SURPRISE.**A FALSE PEAL.**

Mr. George Marriner, of Leatherhead, points out that the composition of the peal of Daventry Surprise, published in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' is false in many places. The fact seems to have been overlooked, he says, that 32465 and 43265 are false course-ends, as well as 24365, 32546 and 46253. The consequence is that repetition occurs in several places with the treble in 7-8.

This is unfortunate for the Helmingham men, who recorded the first peal in the method with this composition.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.**ANNUAL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS.**

The following arrangements have been made for the annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers, to be held at Manchester on Saturday, February 4th:—

Ringling.—11 a.m. to 1.15 p.m., Manchester Town Hall (10); 3.45 p.m. to 5.15 p.m., Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church (12); 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m., Manchester Cathedral.

Luncheon.—Hot luncheon (2s. 6d., at Waldorf Hotel, Cooper Street (two minutes from Town Hall), 1.30 p.m.

Meeting.—Meeting at Waldorf Hotel (immediately after luncheon) for election of officers and other business.

Social.—A social evening will be held at the Waldorf Hotel during the evening.

It is hoped that all members and prospective members of the Guild will make every effort to attend.

Will those intending to be present please forward name and approximate time of arrival to Supt. F. R. Williams, Albert St. Police Station, Deansgate, Manchester, not later than February 1st?

FABIAN STEDMAN.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—The following is, I believe, the entry in Pepys's Diary referred to by Mr. Fussell: January 21st, 1660, '... into London to Mr. Vernon's, and I received my £25 due by bill for my troopers' pay. Then back again to Steadman's.'

Unless I have missed something in my search, there is no other notice of this Steadman, either earlier or later, and nothing to show who or what he was. I used the complete edition published in 1897 (twelve volumes). The usual editions, which give Lord Braybrooke's translation of Pepys's cipher, do not contain the entry. It is pretty certain that Mr. Fussell is mistaken in thinking this man to be 'a clerk of commissioners, resident in the district' of St. Olave's, Hart Street. His place was somewhere in the West End of the town, for Pepys was at the time living in Westminster, and did not move into Seething Lane and so begin his long connection with St. Olave's until June, 1660.

And it is quite certain that this Steadman was not our Fabian Steadman. The difference in the spelling is no great matter, but it is clear from the preface to the 'Campanologia' that if Fabian ever came to London he did not come until after 1677. I imagine that in 1660 he was still little more than a boy who had yet to learn anything about change ringing.

People who find it difficult to believe that Fabian Steadman, a printer, of Cambridge, should get a post on the Audit of the Excise should note how Pepys, without any previous qualification, was appointed Clerke to the Acts, that is, Secretary to the Navy, through the personal influence of a kinsman. And I have discovered that Steadman had friends with sufficient influence to do a similar kindness for him.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

VARIATIONS OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Will you please grant me space to inform Mr. James Hunt that he is at least six years too late with his arrangement of the late James W. Washbrook's peal of Steadman Triples published in this week's 'Ringing World'? Apart from the transposition of the singles back to 14 and 2, instead of 9 and 11, the peal will be found in the Gloucester and Bristol report, issued 1932. By starting the calling at the 59th course the 6th is replaced by the treble; had Mr. Hunt started with the 60th course he would have the 5th there. With regard to the last paragraph, I make this 61 courses, starting with a 12-13 and concluding with 3-4-5-6. Is this correct?

The peal is in no sense a variation of 'Thurstans', and this description should cease. Either of the three-course blocks given on page 233 of Snowden's 'Stedman' can be used with equal facility. Also three 'B's' can be used at the start, 3-4, 7-8 & 14 being used in their place.

W. A. CAVE.

A FAMILY 720.

On Christmas Day, at Tunstall, Kent, a family 720 of Surprise Minor was rung by: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, E. H. Spice 2, Percy J. Spice 3, J. W. Unwin 4, G. H. Spice 5, W. Spice, sen., 6. The band was made up of father, three sons, one son-in-law and one daughter-in-law.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH BELLS REHUNG.

The bells of Bishopwearmouth Parish Church, Sunderland, which have been recast and rehung on ball bearings, were rededicated on Thursday, December 22nd, by the Rector, Freh. A. B. Wynne Willson. Midway through the service the Rector and choir proceeded to the porch, which is underneath the tower, and there the dedicatory prayers were recited. Then the bells were raised singly. While the Rector and choir were returning to the chancel the bells were rung in rounds by the local band, which included Mr. R. Langton, who will be 80 years of age this month, and has been a member of the band for 50 years. After the service the local band were joined by the ringers of the other two towers in the town, when several touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative. Mr. J. Thomas represented Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have had the work in hand. The 'go' and tone of the bells were highly appreciated.

PROTEST AGAINST CHURCH BELLS.**SUNDAY SERVICE DISTURBED.**

A childish and very discreditable form of protest against the ringing of church bells at Minety, near Swindon, Wilts, was perpetrated on Sunday. While the morning service was in progress, it was considerably interfered with by the din of motor horns, the shrieking of whistles and the blowing of tin trumpets outside the church.

Mrs. Atkinson, whose property is situated near the church, said she, her husband and some friends were responsible for the noise. She told a newspaper representative that it was done as a protest. 'Ever since October,' she said, 'the church bells have been a source of annoyance to us. On New Year's Eve the bells were ringing from just before midnight until 12.45 a.m. Last Wednesday night they were playing from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Christmas morning from 6 o'clock until 7.30.'

'Much the same thing has been happening every week since October. We have borne the din in silence for a long time, but, after all, we are only human, and we felt that it was time some protest was made.'

'We have complained to the Rector, and my husband has now written to the Bishop of Bristol.'

'I think if people want to ring the New Year in, five minutes is long enough.'

Whether or not the complaint about the bells is well founded—usually these things are grossly exaggerated—we do not know, but the method of protest adopted, by disturbing a congregation at worship, is singularly disgraceful. There is a clause in a recent Act of Parliament which makes the unnecessary blowing of motor horns an offence, even if there is no other Act which prohibits the disturbance of a church service.

The Vicar, in an interview, said: 'We have a right to ring our bells. There are five of them, seventeenth century bells, and they have the most mellow tone in this part of the country. Major Atkinson took this house six months ago, well knowing it was adjacent to the church. He made a protest some time ago about ringing them, and I cut down the practice hours, but it is a centuries old custom to ring out the old and ring in the new year here, and I cannot stop that. I have been Vicar of this parish for thirty-one years, and it is the first complaint that has come from that house. I do not wish anyone to be disturbed, but church bells in England have statutory rights, and I shall maintain them within reason.'

WEDDING BELLS.

On Wednesday, December 14th, the marriage took place at Eshowe, Zululand, South Africa, of Mr. Richard A. Chadwick and Miss Barbara V. Birt, of Merstham, Surrey, daughter of Mr. C. K. D. Birt, Master of the Surrey Association. In honour of the event a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor (1,260 changes) was rung on the same day at Merstham, where Miss Birt was actively interested in the church. The ringers were: A. Wood 1, C. K. D. Birt (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, C. Killick 3, H. B. Wells 4, J. Butters (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, H. R. Thorpe (conductor) 6.

A MEMORIAL PEAL.

A muffled peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung at Friesland, Yorkshire, recently, prior to a memorial service for the late Captain G. A. Schofield, of Oaklands, Greenfield, and Rysley Hall, Ripon. It was by the generosity of Capt. Schofield that, after the tower was declared unsafe by dry rot, in 1924, the bells and tower were renovated at a cost of £500.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Thursday, December 15th, at the Parish Church, for the Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. S. Parsons 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, H. Gassor 3, W. G. Cook 4, H. C. Bond 5, F. J. Lewis, jun., 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, R. P. Siade (Bradford-on-Avon) (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On Christmas Day, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 5-7 covering: R. Tustian 1, B. Morley 2, L. Clifton 3, W. Cross 4, C. Shelton 5, P. Lowe (conductor) 6, J. Clifton 7. First quarter-peal for all, and the first change ringing on the bells by the local band, not one of whom twelve months ago could ring a half-pull change.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Christmas morning, for matins, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,311 changes): H. White 1, A. W. Bunn 2, J. Holman 3, C. McGuinness 4, T. Pyle 5, L. Snell 6, G. B. Chester 7, G. Flintham 8, J. A. Freeman 9, H. Marcon 10, J. Walden 11, A. Marcon 12. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1 and 2—two lads who have learned to ring at Lincoln Cathedral.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Christmas Day, for evensong, and to commemorate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilkins, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Dean 1, W. Austin 2, A. Slade 3, H. Hoare 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturges 6, E. Sibley (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. Mr. Wilkins has been a member of St. Peter's band for the past 38 years.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, for 7.30 a.m. service, 672 Bob Major; for 11 a.m. service 336 and 672 Bob Major; and before evening service two courses of Stedman Triples and 1,008 Bob Major: J. Nunn 1, F. C. Laubert (conductor) 2, R. Gardiner 3, G. Moss 4, G. Howlett 5, C. Angier 6, J. O'Neill 7, A. H. Took 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Hammond 1, A. Holder 2, A. Lowery 3, E. Bishop 4, W. Kitchenside 5, F. Hammond 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, H. Hinson 8. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

HESLON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Leonard's, on Christmas Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: H. W. Cooper 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, F. J. Cattermole 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. C. Chandler 5, A. Jones 6, W. Lewis (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, A. Lewis 8. A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who was married at this church on December 25th, 1911.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Day, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 960 Plain Bob, 240 St. Simon's and 60 Grandsire, rung for the first time by a resident band which was formed in January last: C. Lovell 1, J. Hole 2, T. Bass 3, E. York 4, F. Browning (conductor) 5.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (from Washbrook's 20-Part): C. Edwards 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.

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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.

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. 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. 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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.—G. Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ravenshorpe (5) on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Usual arrangements. February and March meetings, Creton and West Haddon. Dates to be fixed.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

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.—The first annual supper and social will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th. The towers of Norwood Green (6) and Heston (8) will be open from 3.30 p.m. Supper at 6.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 14th, Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. — C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — 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.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Service at 6 p.m. Ringing continuing after. Those requiring tea advise D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, in the Church Hall, Devizes Road. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Hyner, 94, Bath Road, Swindon, Wilts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Melbourn on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. —K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Midsomer-Norton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business at 5 p.m. in the School. Please let me know by the 10th if you require tea.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter-de-Merton, Bedford, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please make an effort to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 1.30 p.m. Short service at 4.15 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 6d. each) in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. L. W. Carbutt, 17, Sackville Street, Barnsley, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 11th? All members and intending members and friends are requested to attend.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting and election of officers. All ringers welcome, but please notify. — J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dorchester on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) from 4 p.m.; also Fordington and Upwey (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Kislisbury on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., followed by a lantern lecture on 'Bells,' by Mr. J. P. Fidler, Loughborough. Usual arrangements for tea. Lecture free. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 10th? This is especially requested on account of seating arrangements for lecture. — F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Washingborough (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 2 to 9 p.m. Notification for tea by Jan. 9th prompt, to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elooe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Jan. 11th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10) on Saturday, January 14th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Adoption of report and balance sheet. A good attendance is requested.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Southampton district will be held at Southampton on Jan. 14th. Bells at St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting follows. Notify number for tea by Jan. 11th. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The deferred quarterly meeting will be held at Brislington on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.30 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Kindly let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, the 11th inst. — Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held at Burton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who send in their names to me by Thursday, Jan. 12th. Visitors welcomed. Please turn up and make a good start for the year.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

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.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Institute. Those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 18th. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Divine service in St. Paul's Church at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.45 to all who notify me by Jan. 17th. Members of branch 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Halesowen Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m., with address by Canon C. H. A. Colville, Rural Dean. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 17th. Business meeting to follow.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided. Names for tea to be sent to me not later than Jan. 18th. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gelstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Darlaston on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rector (Rev. J. W. Augur). Tea (1s.) at Church Hall 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, Jan. 17th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.45. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present and require tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 18th? This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Rev. H. Law James Memorial.—The two trebles at Surfleet will be dedicated on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Further particulars later.—R. Richardson.

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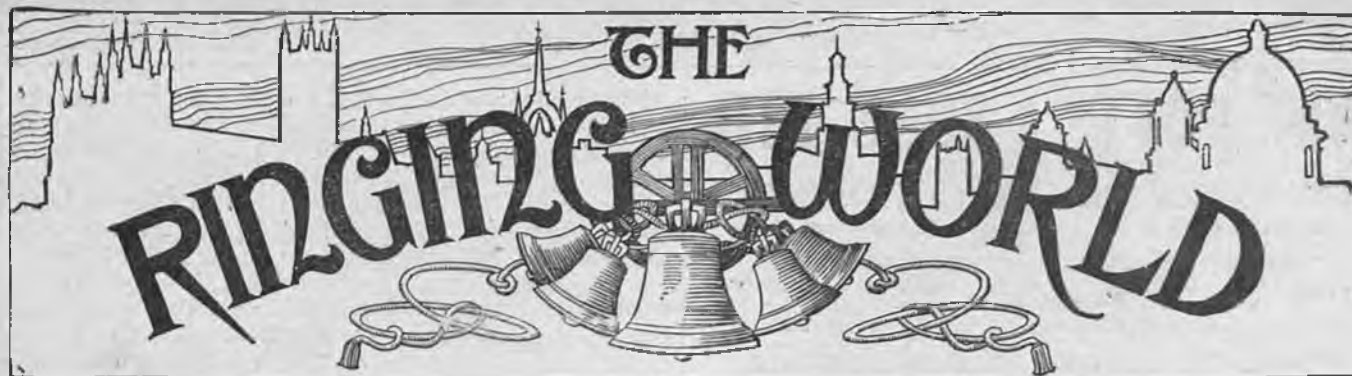
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On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL Treble	HAROLD KENT 5
GEORGE L. CHAMBERS 2	EDWARD ROBBINS 6
LESLIE W. BACON 3	ERNEST WAGSTAFF 7
STANLEY SLANEY 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE CURSON 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
WILLIAM FLATT 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*HAROLD S. HOBDEN 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
BERNARD SAUNDERS 3	ROBERT J. DAWES 7
ALFRED C. PANKHURST 4	HENRY STALHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HORACE FOX Treble	EDWARD ATKINSON 5
FRED NEWTON 2	CHARLES BROWN 6
WILFRED APPELGATE 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
VICTOR APPELGATE 4	JAMES LINDSAY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal in the method.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	ALBERT DISERENS 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 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 11 cwt.

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Treble	JOHN P. PELLOE 5
THOMAS ATTWELL 2	MAURICE SMITHER 6
FRED BOWDEN 3	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY 7
*MRS. BOWDEN 4	WILFRED BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

* First peal of Triples.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE W. STOKES 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST 6
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY 3	ROBERT J. DAWES 7
*CHARLES A. LEVETT 4	CHARLES LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. Especially arranged as a birthday peal for Mr. T. Lewis, who attained his 88th year on December 28th.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... Treble	JONATHAN HONEY 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
THOMAS BOND 3	ALFRED H. WEBB 7
†JOHN NOBES 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First in the method. † 50th peal.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	GEORGE HOWLETT 5
GODFREY WALPOLE 2	CHARLES BAILEY 6
ARTHUR H. TOOK 3	JAMES SPALDING 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

First peal on the bells since their restoration in 1931.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 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.

JOHN BRASSINGTON ... Treble	REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 5
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
HARRY PARKER 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
*HAROLD E. HOUSON 4	NORMAN G. LEECH Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 19. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	J. GEORGE BURROWS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*STANLEY BRITTON ... Treble	MADRICE HODGSON 5
*ALEC DRANSFIELD 2	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 6
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD ... 3	GEORGE W. HEWITT 7
PERCY BYRAM 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by MAURICE HODGSON.

* First peal.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... Treble	GEORGE B. COLLINS 5
*MISS LILY WHEELER 2	JOHN THOMAS 6
*MISS ELSIE GREENALL ... 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	*PERCY PEARCE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung for the Christmas festival.

HANDBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER, JUN. ... Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ARRY LEWIS 2	SAM JONES, JUN. 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	ARTHUR E. PEGLER, SEN. ... 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by SAM JONES, JUN.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE ST. OSWALD'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS AMY KYNASTON... .. Treble	HARRY JARMAN 5
RICHARD EDWARDS 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
HAROLD T. HUGHES 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 7
†E. HARVEY KYNASTON 4	THOMAS MARSHALL Tenor
	REGINALD KYNASTON... ..

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. With the exception of the conductor, who is an old member of this tower, all the band are regular Sunday service ringers, and this is the first peal on the bells in which a lady has taken part.

BEESTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S THREE-PART, No. 84.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	RONALD H. DOVE 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the 100th different twin-bob composition of Stedman Triples called by the conductor, the first having been rung at Overseal, on December 26th, 1922.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY 5
JACK BRAY 2	*ERNEST BRITTAIN 6
*PERCY PEACOCK 3	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 7
GEORGE W. MOODY 4	FRANK LORD Tenor

Arranged by J. BRAY.

Conducted by F. LORD.

* First peal of Bob Major.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*EVEREST FORD Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 5
TITUS BARLOW, SEN. 2	*EDWARD IDDON 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK, JUN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. This peal and the one at Leyland were rung at the request of Richard Newton, of U.S.A., to celebrate the wedding of Miss Barbara Eaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Eaton, of West Newton, U.S.A., and Charles Mortimer Sykes, of Bolton, and Charnock Richard, England, son of Brigadier-General Sir Percy and Lady Sykes, which took place in U.S.A. on December 28th.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST W. PYE Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 6
ALFRED PYE... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
FRANK G. RINGE... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

BURLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*FRANK SCHOLEFIELD... .. Treble	†JOHN MARSHALL... .. 5
ROBERT THOMAS 2	GEORGE W. SLACK 6
PERCY JOHNSON 3	†LEONARD DRAKE 7
†JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD 4	†G. WILFRED SLACK Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble is only 14½ years of age. Rung with bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Herbert Martin, who was vergar at the above church for the past thirty-seven years.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... Treble	*CHARLES A. PARKER... .. 5
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	*JOHN TAYLOR 6
*WILLIAM T. COX 3	CHARLES FREEMAN 7
*DOUGLAS ELLENDER... .. 4	WILLIAM A. STONE Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Spiced Treble Bob by all the band and for the Guild.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. SMITH Treble	*ERIC G. SHANE... .. 5
ALFRED KING 2	FREDERICK HUNT 6
*ALFRED E. RUSHTON 3	HARRY WOOD 7
THOMAS KENDALL 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal and first attempt in the method. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung for the watchnight service.

HIGHAM FERRARS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	AMOS SMART 5
FRANK KIRK 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 6
CHARLES M. WHITNEY 3	WILLIAM STOCK 7
ERNEST WHITMORE 4	*G. DENNIS DEIGHTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the 30th anniversary of Mr. F. Kirk's wedding day.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN T. BIMSON... .. Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT 5
E. ROGER MARTIN 2	JOHN BOOTH 6
*JACK CHARNOCK... .. 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR... .. 7
WILLIAM SHARPLES 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method on eight. First Surprise peal as conductor. Also first Surprise peal on the bells.

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On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE CHAPPEL Treble	ERNEST SMITH 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
WALTER J. NURTON 3	GWYN I. LEWIS 7
EDWARD PHILLIPS 4	*ARTHUR PYNER Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal on eight and first attempt. Ringers of 4, 7 and 8 are from Cadoston, 6th from Bridgend, the rest local.

LESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method by all and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM J. BEER Treble	LIONEL J. COLLUM 5
JOHN S. MORTON 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

Rung as a farewell to Archdeacon W. M. Browne, M.A. (late Vicar of Erith) on his leaving the parish to take up residence in Rochester.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. TAYLOR Treble	G. HURD 4
MISS A. FREARSON 2	G. NEWTON 5
W. NEWTON 3	G. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

CICIL N. AUSTIN Treble	FRANK HARPER 4
JOHN W. WARD 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN SEWEL Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON 4
THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 2	THOMAS B. NEWTON 5
JIM TEBAY 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the coming of age of Giles, grandson of Mr. Hugh Redmayne, of Brathay Hall, Lancashire.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Stedman and Chase, and 600 each of Old Doubles, St. Dunstan's, Morning Star, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN F. FOX Treble	WILFRED E. BROOKES 4
THOMAS C. JAINE 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE 5
*WILLIAM E. JAINE 3	REV. A. S. HUTCHINSON Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal for Leominster District in which Stedman has been rung by a resident band. First peal in eight methods for the Guild.

HILTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

COLIN E. ROE Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
HUBERT SMITH 3	D. W. CHARLES CHANT Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single (Regular), Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Single Court.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM V. BENNETT Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 2	JOSEPH O. LANDAN 5
*WILLIAM CLARKE 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal 'inside.' All are Sunday service ringers at this church except 2nd ringer, it being the 27th anniversary of his wedding day. Mr. A. E. Sneath, of the local band, gave his rope up to him.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 270's of St. Clement's and five 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

HUBERT BIRD Treble	FRED MATTHEWS 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	ALBERT MASON 5
FRED MATTHEWS, JUN. 3	JOHN BUCKENHAM Tenor

Conducted by A. MASON.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

MISS HILDA SNOWDON ... Treble	C. FREDERICK FUDNEY ... 4
FRANK CLAYDON ... 2	* ROBERT LYON ... 5
ALEC M. GENERY ... 3	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. L. DIXEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first time a resident of this parish has called a peal on these bells.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CENTRAL BOOKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN HODGES ... Treble	THOMAS HAYNES ... 4
VICTOR G. COOKS ... 2	FREDERICK THORPE ... 5
VICTOR G. PHILLIPS ... 3	RONALD TUFFREY ... Tenor

Conducted by V. G. PHILLIPS.

First peal by all, also first peal to be rung on the bells with new treble added. The ringer of 2nd is 13 years of age, and all are local ringers.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

* ARCHIBALD S. TOSELAND ... Treble	GEORGE W. CLARKE ... 3
† HORACE PATRICK ... 2	ERIC J. SARGEANT ... 4

BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal for the Guild. First peal on the bells by a local band, all of whom are Sunday service ringers, and rung at first attempt.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	* FRED PATCHELL ... 4
* THOMAS W. MARSDEN ... 2	* HERBERT DAVIES ... 5
HAROLD DAVIES ... 3	* JAMES ASHCROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Lancashire, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP ... Treble	AMOS SMART ... 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 3	PEARL INSKIP ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt in F.

OLAVE E. BROYD ... Treble	BERT COCKS ... 4
* MISS CONSTANCE I. CLARKE ... 2	ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... 5
THOMAS BIRD ... 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

* First tower bell peal on a working bell, and first attempt.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.)

* D. CLARKE ... Treble	† D. BRYAN ... 3
† L. BARKER ... 3	† C. WATSON ... 6
† J. MARRIOT ... 4	E. H. MASTIN ... 7

† R. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by E. H. MASTIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung at the first attempt. All the above are Sunday ringers at the above church.

CHARING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS GLADYS PACK ... Treble	† WILLIAM J. HENNIKER ... 4
MISS MARGARET PACK ... 2	JOSEPH T. PACK ... 5
* WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Minor as conductor. This peal had 5-6 the right way throughout.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK BECKETT ... Treble	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 4
GEORGE HORWOOD ... 2	WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins.

SEATON, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,880 of New Grandsire with fourth's place single, in 16 different callings, 960 Plain Bob with four different callings, 1,200 Grandsire with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD HOPKINS ... Treble	JOHN H. BLUFF ... 3
ALBERT L. WARD ... 2	PERCY AMOS ... 4

ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

IN THE PARISH CHURCH BELFRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

MISS ALICE E. FROSTICK ... 1	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4
MISS CONSTANCE I. CLARKE ... 2	OLAVE BROYD ... 5-6

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

First handbell peal for both ladies. First attempt for Miss Frostick, achieved under two months' weekly practice.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Law 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, S. Worsfold 4, J. Hope 5, E. Cooper 6, H. Acock (conductor) 7, A. Law 8. Also to ring the old year out, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Law 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, S. Worsfold 5, E. Cooper 6, H. Acock 7, A. Law 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION TITLE.**NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT VOTES AGAINST CHANGE.**

The annual meeting of the North-Western District of the Essex Association was held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday. A large attendance of members assembled in the belfry of St. Michael's Church and rang a number of touches on the bells. This was followed by a special service in the church, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. McCarthy, who also gave an address. Tea was served to 36 ringers in the Parish Hall, after which the Master of the association (Mr. C. H. Howard) presided over the business meeting.

The Chairman took the opportunity of thanking the Vicar, who had to leave after the tea, for inviting them there, for his address and for the use of the bells. He also thanked the District Master, Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow Common, and the hon. secretary, Mr. Harry Wacey, for their services during the year and for arranging the annual meeting.—Each responded, and the election of officers was then proceeded with.

Mr. Dent was again nominated for District Master, and Mr. Wacey for hon. secretary. There were no other nominations, and they were declared elected.—The Chairman said it was a good sign as, at the other district meetings, the old officers were re-elected, showing that the association was well served by the officials.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Harlow Common (St. Mary Magdalen's) at a date to be fixed in February.

The chairman brought up for discussion the question of the proposed change of name from the Essex Association to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild. Views were expressed by Mr. Prior (Leytonstone) and Mr. Prior (Stansted) and the chairman, and in the first vote taken there were nine against the proposed change, the others not voting. Another resolution, that the name of the Essex Association be retained, was carried by 11 votes.

This closed the business of the meeting, but many members signed Mr. Joyce's communication affecting Minor peals.

The ringers then repaired to St. Michael's belfry and rang several touches under various conductors. Ringers were present at the meeting from Stansted, Harlow Common, Braintree, Wenden, Sawbridgeworth, Fulbourn, Nazeing, Leytonstone, Deptford, Stetchworth, Cambridge, Exning, Melbourn, Sawston and St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford.

GREAT CHEVERELL, DEVIZES.—At the Parish Church, on Dec. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): D. E. Heginbotham 1, G. J. Winter 2, S. Hillier 3, C. D. Heginbotham 4, W. J. Whiting (conductor) 6.

VETERAN WENHASTON RINGER.**DEATH OF MR. GEORGE EASTAUGH.**

On Tuesday afternoon, January 3rd, there was laid to rest in the quiet churchyard of St. Peter's Church, Wenhaston, Suffolk, the mortal remains of the late Mr. George Eastaugh, for many years the respected verger, towerkeeper and sexton of the parish, who passed away in his 83rd year at the residence of his son, Mr. Wm. Eastaugh, of Plumstead.

'Old George,' as he was affectionately called by all who knew him, retired from the post of verger a few years ago, and since the death of his wife had resided with his son. He was a keen lover of the bells, and had rung 13 peals for the Norwich Association, mostly on the six bells at Wenhaston Church. He was also a member of the Suffolk Guild. Visiting companies or ringers from neighbouring towers were always sure of a hearty welcome from the towerkeeper, and he was always ready to take a rope to oblige.

The funeral service was performed by the Rev. G. Hardingham (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. W. N. Matthews (Vicar of Yoxford, and late Vicar of Wenhaston). In addition to the family mourners, many friends, ringers and other attended the funeral, immediately after which half-muffled touches of Bob Minor were rung on the bells by Messrs. W. Eastaugh (son) 1, S. Ellis 2, F. Walling (son-in-law) (conductor) 3, R. Pearce 4, G. Pearce 5, R. Roberts 6. In the evening further half-muffled touches, including 600 of Bob Minor, were rung by the local company, as a last token of respect to the memory of an old comrade.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

The annual meeting of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, was held on Tuesday, January 3rd, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Master, Harold E. Symonds; Deputy Master, Frederick J. Tillet; treasurer, Charles J. Sedgley; auditors, Robert H. Brundle and William P. Garrett; secretary, George E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

During 1932 the society rang seventeen peals as follows:—Cambridge Maximus 3 (including one of 5,040 changes), Superlative Maximus 2, Stedman Cinques 3, Cambridge, Kent T.B. and Double Norwich Royal 1 each, Stedman Caters 1, Oxford T.B. and Bob Major 1 each, Stedman Triples 1, Cambridge and Bob Minor 1 each. The conductors were: G. E. Symonds 8, C. J. Sedgley 7, W. J. G. Brown 1, G. A. Fleming 1.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A muffled peal was rung at Lydney, Gloucestershire, on New Year's Eve, in memory of the late Rev. J. C. E. Besant, Vicar of Lydney from 1893 to 1927. He was interred at Penny Stratford, Bucks, where he had resided since his retirement, on December 26th. He was a great lover of bells, and it was during his ministry at Lydney that in 1900 two bells were added to the ring.

Listeners who care to tune in to the Midland Regional programme on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, at 7.25 will hear a talk by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, of Birmingham. The talk will be a part of the 'Warwickshire County' broadcast, and the subject will be 'Motor-Car Electrical Equipment in the making.' Factory noises incidental to production and testing will be relayed. Mr. Paddon Smith is well known in ringing circles for his long connection with St. Martin's Guild, of which he was hon. secretary for twenty years. He is now its representative on the Central Council.

Several months ago the Cathedral Chapter at Truro adopted a scheme put forward by the ringers for the blocking up of the louvres of the bell tower with inch boarding and Cabot's quilt. The improvement has been appreciated in many quarters. The local paper even congratulated the Chapter and stated that many people at first thought it to be owing to 'atmospheric conditions.'

On New Year's Day, a prominent member of the Cathedral congregation, whose house is directly under the bell tower, wished one of the ringers a 'Happy New Year,' and remarked, 'I suppose you rang last night, we did not hear the bells.'

The Cathedral bells did ring—half-muffled before and open after midnight! Bells, at least when towers are properly treated, do not disturb the public so much after all. Some people even sleep under the ringing of a heavy peal!

Many friends will learn with regret of the illness of Mr. A. G. Rivers, the father of Surprise ringing in the Ely Diocese. All will wish him speedy recovery.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham on January 2nd consecrated a carillon of 23 bells in the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Rosary and the Little Flower of Jesus, at Saltley. The carillon was made by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, at the Croydon Foundry.

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Why didn't Mr. Cave attack Mr. F. H. Dexter instead of me? However, I accept the challenge on Mr. Dexter's behalf. Mr. Cave says Mr. Dexter is years behind. I beg to say it is Mr. Cave who claims publication in 1932. The peal in question was published in 'The Ringing World' in 1927. My friend, Mr. P. Merson, was the first to call it in the West in 1928. We have rung it about five times, including my two transpositions, and in each case the variation has been accredited to its rightful owner.

Mr. Cave kindly offers me advice as to the course in which to begin for this and that bell to be the observation. My peal with the second there has him beaten to a frazzle. Sixty-one courses—I don't think! I have not as yet sent a false peal for publication.

Heywood's, Washbrook's, Davies', Pitstow's and Dexter's—I have them all. If Mr. Cave does not give up the peal to Mr. Dexter, I have further conclusive evidence on how Mr. Cave obtained it.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

WASHBROOK'S PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cave's letter in your current issue re-opens a vexed question. However, he did not examine carefully the paragraph at the foot of Mr. Hunt's arrangement. There are not 61 courses, but 60.

The figures by Mr. Hunt are two of the possible 419 simple transpositions, all starting from the 4th blow of a quick six, of Washbrook's peal. I do not consider them to be, in any sense, transpositions of Thurstans', on the following grounds:—

i. The quarter-peal, based on the 3 course block, was material common to composers contemporary with Thurstans. This is a reasonable supposition.

ii. By means of extras and omits Thurstans joined them into two half-peals and linked the halves with singles.

iii. Washbrook spliced the whole together with singles only.

Hence it seems clear that any arrangement of the 3 course blocks, using extras and omits, is Thurstans', and one which uses singles only is Washbrook's.

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton.

A HALF-PEAL.

At the Church of St. Lawrence, Lechlade, on Saturday, Dec. 24th, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles (2,520 changes): G. Milsom 1, J. Hope (conductor) 2, A. Law 3, S. Worsfold 4, E. Cooper 5, E. Tilling 6. Longest length for ringers of 1, 3 and 5.

APPLETON'S RECORDS.

SOME FAMOUS PEALS RECALLED.

Appleton, still an unspoiled Berkshire village, has played no unimportant part in the records of great ringing performances. The bells and the prevailing conditions have made it an attractive place for those seeking to ring new long lengths, the last of which, as already recorded, was the 16,271 of Grandsire Caters, successfully brought round on Dec. 27th. The bells are a light ring, with tenor of 14½ cwt., and the church is well away from the village street.

With most of the earlier records on the bells the Rev. F. E. Robinson was associated. He gave the two tenors and it was at this church that he learned to ring under Mr. F. White and scored his first peals. It was, however, in 1888 that the 'long peal' fever reached its height. On January 28th of that year a 10,080 Double Norwich Major was rung. On March 5th, 12,041 Stedman Caters was brought round in 7 hrs. and 26 mins., and on April 11th



ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, APPLETON.

13,265 Grandsire Caters in 8 hrs. 5 mins. Both these were records, but the former was soon beaten at Cheltenham, where on May 21st a 13,954 was rung. Not to be outdone, however, the Appleton men, on the last day of the year, rang a longer length of 15,041. They met a man short for this attempt and sent to the next village for him. He happened to be engaged in threshing corn. He handed over his job to another and went along to Appleton, where he stood for 9 hrs. and 16 mins. With two exceptions the same men rang in all three of the peals of Caters. In the 12,041 Stedman Caters, G. H. Phillott rang instead of C. Hounslow, and in the 15,041 Rev. G. F. Coleridge rang in place of E. Holifield. The eight who shared in all the peals were the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Messrs. H. Baker, W. Bennett, F. White, J. Avery, G. Holifield, J. W. Washbrook and F. S. White, who rang the tenor each time.

The Whites and Holifields are still the mainstay of Appleton ringing, as they have been since the middle of last century.

The longest peal ever rung by one set of men was rung at Appleton, when, on April 22nd, 1922, a band, which again included two members of each of these families, rang 21,363 Stedman Caters in 12 hrs. 25 mins., the ninth and tenor being rung by Richard White and Fred White, who rang the same bells to the long peal on December 27th. Appleton can now claim the longest peals of Caters in both methods.

THE BELLS.

The inscriptions on Appleton bells are as follow:—

Treble.—'Although I am both light and small, I will be heard above you all.'

W. J. Butler, B.D., Rector.

Recast by Mears & Stainbank, A.D. 1875.

2nd.—This Bell and next five given by R. Southby, 1817.

'I am the second of this ring, therefore next to thee I'll sing.

Recast by G. Mears, of London, 1859.

3rd.—'I with my fellows do agree, then listen to our harmonie,' 1817.

Recast by G. Mears, of London, 1859.

A. White & Sons, Bellhangers.

4th.—Recast by Mears & Stainbank, A.D. 1875. 'Ye people all that hear me sing be faithful to your God and King.'

W. J. Butler, B.D., Rector.

A. & F. White, Bellhangers.

5th.—Recast by Mears & Stainbank, A.D. 1875. 'At the expence of the Appleton Change ringers

'Our voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round.'

6th.—VOCOR. MEO. SÆPE. ILLE. SONABIT. LAURENTI. MEARS & STAINBANK, 1910. William Moore. Rector. M.A. Cuthbert. George. White. Parish. Clerk.

7th.—The gift of R. Southby, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Appleton. T. Mears, of London, Fecit 1817.

8th.—Mears & Stainbank, Founders, London.

To the Glory of God. Recast by subscription A.D. 1874. Rvd.

W. J. Butler, B.D., Rector. F. White, Parish Clerk.

'While thus we join in joyful sound may peace and holiness abound.'

9th.—G. Mears, founder, London.

Praised be the name of the Lord. The gift of F. E. Robinson, Esq., of The Old Bank, Oxford, A.D. 1861. W. J. Butler, B.D., Rector. W. Richards, W. Holifield, Church Wardens.

Tenor.—G. Mears, Founder, London.

Praise God with the loud cymbals.

The gift of F. E. Robinson, Esq., of The Old Bank, Oxford, A.D. 1861. W. J. Butler, B.D., Rector. W. Holifield, W. Richards, Church Wardens.

'I toll thy Funeral knell,

I hail the Festal day,

The Fleeting Hours I tell,

I summon all to pray.'

It is interesting to note that the Rev. W. J. Butler, whose name appears on some of the bells, was the father of Mrs. Robinson.

ONE HUNDRED TWIN-BOB COMPOSITIONS.

MR. MAURICE SWINFELD'S GREAT FEAT IN CONDUCTING.

A real genius in conducting Stedman Triples is Mr. Maurice Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, who has called far more compositions in this method than any other ringer. Mr. Swinfield makes a hobby of Stedman, and with the 'Wednesday' band which he has got round him—old stagers most of them, but as keen as any youngsters to get the peal—he has opened up a field in Stedman Triples so extensive that few others are likely to explore it to its limits.

The peal which he rang at Beeston, Notts, made the one hundredth different twin-bob composition which he has called—a record for any conductor. It has been accomplished in ten years, and when you ask Mr. Swinfield how he has done it he modestly puts it down to the loyal help of others—to Mr. James George, who, he says, rings the 7th so beautifully that it is easy to call from (Mr. Swinfield always rings a working bell); to his father, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, who arranges all the peals, and without whose efforts in this direction the number would have been considerably less; to Mr. Charles Draper, whose countenance, and—yes—whose chiding at times, could never be forgotten. 'Good old Charles,' says Maurice, 'ready at any time for a three-mile walk to the tower, and be hanged to the buses.'



MR. MAURICE SWINFELD.

Others to whom he is deeply indebted for co-operation and help are Mr. Joe Bailey, who finds the right seats and so forth in trains and buses for all the rest of the band; Mr. Charlie Dicken, one of their recent and best acquisitions; and Mr. John Curtis, who settles the question of who shall ring the tenor by ringing it himself.

The record that has been set up, says Mr. Swinfield, is a tribute to the patience of those who helped to score the peals, and it is upon them that congratulations should be bestowed, as he gives them his thanks.

Mr. Swinfield also offers his thanks to Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and other composers who have sent him peals, for their kindness and patience in explaining the composition of Stedman Triples, which has helped him so much in calling the peals.

But with all his desire to give credit to others, the part which Mr. Maurice Swinfield has played is, after all, the most important. Practically every week he calls a fresh composition—and Stedman Triples in such variety is no mean task. It is a great feat of memorisation, for some of the peals would be beyond the capacity of many a man to call correctly at the first attempt. Yet in 1932 thirty-five peals were rung, and there were only two failures!

Altogether Mr. Swinfield has called 108 twin-bob compositions, but he counts only 100 of them as being different, because four of them were the reverse of some other, and two were variations of the same peal, while the two remaining were Brook's variation and Mr. Swinfield's own variation of the famous four-part by Thurstans.

The one hundred twin-bob compositions are by no means the limit of what Mr. Swinfield has done in the calling of this method. In addition, he has conducted 34 different odd-bob compositions, as well as one by the Rev. E. Banks James, which is claimed to be a variation of one by John Carter.

We said at the beginning that Mr. Swinfield was a real genius in conducting Stedman Triples, but it is a genius born of patience, hard study and a faculty for taking pains. The band may be the best in the world, but all their talent would be of no avail if the bobs were not put in the right places. Maurice Swinfield's achievement stands in a class by itself.

In his calculation of the one hundred different compositions, however, Mr. Swinfield has, we think, carried punctiliousness to the utmost limit, for how many Stedman conductors would recognise the following as a variation of the four-part?

231456	VI.	S.	H.	L.	V.	VI.	Q.	V.
254316		x			—			
238514		x		x				
(635124)		x	x		—			
(263154)							x	—
615243			x				x	
325614			x	x				
264531	—							

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SUFFOLK GUILD.

BURES BELLS SELDOM RUNG.

A meeting of members of the Suffolk Guild was held at the Church of St. Mary, Bures, on Saturday, when 19 attended and rang touches on this fine peal of six bells, the tenor of which weighs about 21 cwt. The Vicar (Rev. J. W. Green) paid a visit to the tower and welcomed the ringers, and said it was a great pleasure to him to hear the bells rung again, as, not having a band in Bures, they seldom heard their bells rung. Seeing a lady ringer in the tower (Miss A. White, of Springfield, Essex), the Vicar said he wondered if there might not be some ladies in Bures who would like to learn bellringing.

A party of 17 sat down to tea, which was followed by a business meeting, over which the Vicar presided.

Mr. P. O. Bixby (Long Melford) said how pleased they all were to see Mr. Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, among them again, after his illness. Mr. Symonds was one of the best-known ringers in West Suffolk, and had done much valuable work to further the art of ringing. Mr. Symonds, in reply, expressed his great pleasure in being able again to come to these meetings, and said he should continue to do so, as long as he had his health and strength.

The district secretary (Mr. Harold G. Herbert) gave a summary of the year's work in the districts of Sudbury and Clare. During the past year meetings had been held, he said, at Assington, Long Melford, Fostlingford and Glemsford. The total attendance at these meetings was 64, and 17 new members had been elected to the Guild during the year.

It was proposed, if permission could be obtained, to hold the next meeting at Haverhill.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Green for his welcome and for presiding at the meeting was proposed by Mr. P. O. Bixby and seconded by Mr. W. Nevard, of Great Bentley.

Members were present from the towers of Sudbury, Great Cornard, Assington, Wormingford, Great Bentley, Long Melford, Stetchworth, Springfield, Little Walsingham and Lavenham, with two of the local ringers.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

Great admiration has been expressed for the recast peal of bells at Leeds Parish Church, which were dedicated at a memorable service on Saturday week. Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s work has given the greatest satisfaction to everyone concerned.

One of the churchwardens has written as follows to Messrs. Taylor and Co.: 'Many congratulations upon the success achieved in the tower of our Parish Church. It is a very fine peal of bells, and on all hands we are receiving words of praise and appreciation. It was a very memorable week-end and a fitting climax to the very enjoyable visit I paid to your works when the tenor bell was cast. Both events will be an abiding memory and very full of pleasure.'

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Saturday, Jan. 7th, at the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes), in 49 mins.: F. Atwell 1, J. W. Jones 2, D. Clift 3, C. Greedy 4, G. Large 5, H. Page 6, G. Poppell 7, E. Stitch 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, A. Thomas 10. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

STOCKPORT.—At St. George's Church, on Monday, Jan. 2nd, on the back eight, 1,056 Bob Major: P. Laffin 1, *L. Burgess 2, T. Menkin 3, *E. A. Jones 4, F. Twigg 5, C. Tomkinson 6, *H. Ashton 7, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 8. *Longest touch in the method.

(Continued from previous column.)

A	(162543)	x		x	—
	654132	x			x
	214653		x		
	163425	—			
8A	462135				
	(314562)	x	x		—*
	152436				—*
B	315426	x		x	—
	346125	x		x	
	213546	x	x		—

8B 231456

8A is the calling of the four courses, commencing A, eight times repeated, the fourth of these being called S.H.Q.14S. (an 'extra') in the first course.

8B is the calling of the three courses, commencing B, eight times repeated, the fourth of these being called S. 9S. (an 'omit') in the first course.

The two singles marked * are separated by two sixes only.

This variation was first rung at Burton-on-Trent on December 26th, 1932. It produces all the 6-7's the right way.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. PROPOSED RECORD OF OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday at the Woolpack Hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, and Mr. James George, the senior vice-president, present, not feeling well, Vice-President Mr. A. Paddon Smith took the chair.

The Chairman referred to the recent death of Mr. Albert E. Parsons, of Old Hill, a respected member of the Guild, and asked all present to stand for a moment as a mark of respect to his memory.

ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc on the proposition of Mr. H. Mason, seconded by Mr. H. Withers.

The Chairman, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett as Master, remarked how nice it was that they had come back to the dignified title of Master. Alderman Pritchett had served the Guild so long and so faithfully that they were all proud to have him as Master, and it gave him particular pleasure to propose his re-election.—This was seconded by Mr. Jas. George and carried unanimously.

Mr. Albert Walker was re-elected Ringing Master on the proposition of Mr. George, seconded by Mr. F. Price.—In acknowledging his re-election, he thanked them for their continued confidence. The number of peals rung during the past year and the quality of them had been up to the average of recent years. The weekly practices had been fairly well attended and progress made in the higher methods, but he would be glad if more would attend when possible.

The trustees, Messrs. T. Russam and A. P. Smith, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. Preston. Sympathy was extended to Mr. Russam, who is at present confined to his bedroom, and best wishes were expressed for his speedy recovery.

The auditors (Messrs. J. Preston and E. T. Allaway), librarian (Mr. G. F. Swann), and hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. T. H. Reeves) were all unanimously re-elected.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith was re-elected Central Council representative for the new session, on the proposition of the secretary, seconded by Mr. G. F. Swann.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, who remarked that in these difficult times they had done well to balance their budget.—Mr. J. Preston (auditor) moved the adoption of the balance sheet. This was seconded by Mr. H. Mason and carried unanimously.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, February 25th, and that the Rector of St. Martin's be invited to preside. Some discussion took place regarding the time of the dinner, and the secretary promised to arrange for this to start punctually at 6 p.m. All other arrangements in connection with the dinner were left in the hands of the Guild's officers.

The first quarterly meeting was fixed to be held at Selly Oak on the first Saturday in April.

Messrs. A. F. Petrie, of Birmingham, and G. H. Williams, of Water Orton, were elected full ringing members, and Mrs. Robinson, of Solihull, as a life member.

A SUGGESTED MEMORIAL.

Mr. W. C. Dowding opened a discussion regarding the provision of a memorial to the late Mr. J. E. Groves, who was a vice-president, and for some years previously had rendered good service as Deputy Ringing Master. He suggested that a peal tablet recording the muffled peal rung to his memory be erected in St. Martin's tower.—Mr. Walker agreed that a memorial ought to be erected, and thought a peal tablet would be very suitable.

Mr. Paddon Smith said that the late Mr. Groves was a great friend of his for many years; he also fully appreciated the services he had rendered to the Guild. He would, however, remind them that St. Martin's belfry was even now nearly full of peal tablets, and he considered any remaining space should only be used for very special memorials, almost of a national character. There were many past officers of the Guild who had rendered yeoman service for many years, as, for instance, the late Mr. Godden, who had been hon. secretary for 20 years, and no memorials had been erected to their memory. The difficulty, therefore, was where to draw the line, whom to erect memorials to and who not.

Mr. F. E. Haynes suggested as a possible way out of the difficulty that a record be prepared of all the principal officers since the formation of the society in 1755, and entered in a suitable album which could be added to from time to time. This in due course would become a very interesting and valuable possession of the Guild.

The suggestion was favourably received, and Mr. Haynes then moved it as a resolution. It was seconded by Mr. George, and on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

Mr. Haynes proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, and said that Mr. Smith had carried out his duties with tact, wit and dignity.

The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse, when many old reminiscences of the past were revived and thoroughly enjoyed.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Christmas Day, for early service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Aslett (longest touch) 1, W. H. Chandler 2, E. J. Pepler 3, E. J. Heath 4, A. J. Butler (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6.

A NORFOLK PEAL RESTORED.

KNAPTON BELLS' FIFTY YEARS' SILENCE.

The bells of the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Knapton, Norfolk, were rededicated on Friday last by the Ven. G. M. MacDermott, Archdeacon of Norwich and president of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers. Knapton bells were condemned as unsafe for ringing when Sir Gilbert Scott made his report on the church in 1831. The order was obeyed for a time—until disregarded by some keen ringers among men working on the new railway line passing through Knapton from North Walsham to Mundesley-on-Sea, but they had to be stopped. The last occasion on which the five bells were heard was many years ago, when a welcome home was given to a bridegroom and bride from Canada. They were not 'rung up' then, but string was tied to the clappers, and the five ringers sat on the bell frame and pulled the strings and made a cheerful noise. The bells have not been rung for regular Sunday services for at least 51 years.

The restoration work has cost over £256, and has been done under the supervision and advice of Sir Aston Webb and Son, the architects, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bell founders, of Croydon. The ring of five has been rehung in a steel frame for six bells, and the three trebles recast. The weights of the bells and the inscriptions on them are as follow, the recast bells now bearing also the inscription, 'Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1932.'

			Recast			
Treble.	F.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1804.	Recast				
	by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1932.		3	2	14	
2nd.	E flat.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1825.	Recast				
	by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1932.		4	0	10	
3rd.	D.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1825.	Sam Baker, John Cooper, Churchwardens. Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1932.				
			4	1	22	
4th.	C.—Anno Domini, 1565. R.B., I.B.		4	1	13	
Tenor.	B flat.—Facta Erata. Nodmi isqzrb. (i.e., Facta Erat Anno Domini, qy., 1592).		5	2	10	
			Total			
			22			
			0			
			13			

The work on the bells is part of the extensive restoration scheme carried on since 1922 made necessary by the ravages of the death-watch beetle. The previous restoration in 1882-3 cost £2,000, and about a similar amount has been expended under the present scheme.

A large congregation attended the service in the beautiful 14th century church, which has one of the most famous roofs in all Norfolk—double-hammer beam, with three rows of angels on each side.

The robed clergy were the Archdeacon of Norwich, the Rev. G. W. Kershaw, R.D., Vicar of Worstead, the Rev. R. E. V. Prichard, Rector of Knapton, the Rev. E. A. Chase, Vicar of North Walsham, the Rev. W. F. Sommerfeld, Vicar of Bacton, and the Rev. L. A. Gilbert, Rector of Gimmingham. Miss C. E. Robinson presided at the organ.

The Rector of Knapton conducted the service. After the prayer of St. Chrysostom and the Grace, the Archdeacon, Rector and visiting clergy, together with the churchwardens, sidesmen and clerk, proceeded to the tower to dedicate the bells, and then followed a short touch of Doubles rung by a band of Buxton ringers: William C. Duffield (captain) 1, Eric Durrant 2, Edward Howes 3, William R. Catchpole 4, Walter C. Medler 5.

The Archdeacon of Norwich, preaching from the text, 'In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses holiness unto the Lord,' said that it was a glad day for the parishioners and for many outside who were interested in the parish, as it was the consummation of 50 years of effort and service. The parishioners worked together in a noble and glorious cause.

The concluding hymn was 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' and after the Blessing the bells were rung again until late in the evening.

Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, general secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, representing the bell founders and ringers from Buxton, Paston and Wrotham, were present, and took part in the ringing after the service.

The whole of the work is of the highest order, and the restored bells reflect very great credit on the Croydon firm.

OFF THE ACTIVE LIST.

Many members of the Exercise will learn with regret that the Gloucester and Bristol Association is to lose one of its old stalwarts, a past Master and vice-president, in the person of Mr. Frank K. Howell, of Thornbury.

Mr. Howell, who did so much spade work for the advancement of the Exercise in the early years of the Gloucester and Bristol Association when under the Mastership of Mr. John Drinkwater, and started the first change ringing at Thornbury in the seventies, has, owing to ill-health, been prevented from taking an active part in ringing for the past few years, but still maintained a keen interest in the affairs of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the Exercise in general.

He has left Thornbury and is at present in Ashley Grange Nursing Home, Ashley Down, Bristol, where he is staying for a short time before going to Bockleton to reside with his daughter.

He would be wonderfully cheered to receive a visit from any of his old friends of the ringing fraternity of Bristol or elsewhere.

'BELL TOWERS'

A lecture on 'BELL TOWERS' will be given by

E. H. LEWIS, ESQ., M.A.,

President of the Central Council,

At S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, following the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

All ringers are cordially invited. For other arrangements see Guildford Diocesan Guild notice.

**THE SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.**

The annual meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, members being present from Beeston, Bottesford, Cotgrave, Long Eaton and Nottingham, together with the officers.

The Master, Mr. A. Coppock, presided at the business meeting, when the balance sheet was presented and adopted.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Mr. A. Coppock, Master; Miss I. B. Thompson, hon. treasurer; Mr. A. R. Hickton, steward; on the proposition of Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. J. W. Kirtton.

Unfortunately, owing to indifferent health and other circumstances, Mr. F. Blood did not wish to stand again for re-election as secretary. No appointment was made, the election to this office being held over to another meeting, the hon. treasurer being asked to 'carry on' until a successor is elected.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Blood for his work as secretary to the society for the past eight years was proposed by Mr. A. Ward, who expressed the sympathy of the members with Mr. Blood.—Mr. W. E. White seconded and endorsed Mr. Ward's remarks.—The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

Mr. Blood, replying, expressed his regret at having to give up the work which, he said, had always been a pleasure to him.

One new member, Mr. Clark, of East Kirkby, was elected.

The society regretted to record the loss of two members by death—Mr. Alfred Archer, aged 85, and Mr. F. Johnson, both of Nottingham.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells concluded the business.

Ringings continued until nine o'clock, the usual standard methods being rung, several members being initiated (or was it intimidated?) into—to them—new methods.

RING OUT THE OLD. RING IN THE NEW.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on New Year's Day, for evening service, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, W. H. Hollier 2, E. R. Mackrell 3, C. E. Winney (conductor) 4, H. Haines 5, H. Cook 6, J. W. Driver 7, H. A. Folkard 8, A. Harding 9, G. F. Edwards 10.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, January 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples ('Thurstans'): G. Upshall 1, T. Upshall 2, G. Carter (first quarter in the method) 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, P. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

NOTICE.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Wickham Market on Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage Hut, 1/- each, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

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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.

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. Magnus' on the 26th; Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The first annual supper and social will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th. The towers of Norwood Green (6) and Heston (8) will be open from 3.30 p.m. Supper at 6.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 14th, Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. — C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — 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. 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.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. 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. — R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

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.,

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.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Service at 6 p.m. Ringing continuing after. Those requiring tea advise D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Melbourn on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Midsomer-Norton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business at 5 p.m. in the School.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter-de-Merton, Bedford, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please make an effort to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds..

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 1.30 p.m. Short service at 4.15 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 6d. each) in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. All members and intending members and friends are requested to attend.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting and election of officers. All ringers welcome, but please notify. — J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Washingborough (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 2 to 9 p.m.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10) on Saturday, January 14th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Southampton district will be held at Southampton on Jan. 14th. Bells at St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting follows.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held at Burton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry 4.30. Visitors welcomed. Please turn up and make a good start for the year.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice at Laverstoke, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells from 5.30.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Annual meeting at Dursley on Jan. 14th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. A splendid peal!!! All ringers welcome.—Oliver E. Hills, Hon. Sec., 5, Elm Terrace, Lightpill, Stroud.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.—Geo. Siddle, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A special practice meeting will be held at Gorton on Thursday night, Jan. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 7.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Special attention to Double Norwich. A practice meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Subscriptions due.—D. Brown, Branch Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Andrew's Church, Chippenham, at 3 p.m. St. Paul's (8 bells) will be available. Visitors will be welcomed. Notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (free) at 5 p.m. Business meeting and election of officers, followed by social.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS. — 12th Annual Dinner at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Commence 6 p.m. Bells available: St. Luke's (6) 1.30 to 2.30 p.m., Temple (8) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., St. Stephen's (10) by arrangement. Long distance visitors invited to motor coach tour to Wotton-under-Edge (8 bells) (limited). Coach leaves (near Temple Meads) at 2.30 p.m. All ticket holders invited to cup of tea and bun at St. Thomas' Church Room, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Full details posted later or exhibited in towers available for ringing. In the chair, Mr. U. W. Braven. Principal guest, Bishop of Malmesbury. Tickets, 5s. 6d., from hon. secretary.—Edgar Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, 2. Accommodation list sent if desired.

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.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Institute. Those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 18th. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Divine service in St. Paul's Church at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.45 to all who notify me by Jan. 17th. Members of branch 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements. — W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Halesowen Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m., with address by Canon C. H. A. Colville, Rural Dean. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 17th. Business meeting to follow.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided. Shoreditch tower will be open from 2 till 4 o'clock. Names for tea to be sent to me not later than Jan. 18th. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Darlaston on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rector (Rev. J. W. Augur). Tea (1s.) at Church Hall 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, Jan. 17th. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The new bells of St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, will be available for ringers on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 3 o'clock. Further particulars next week.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.45. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present and require tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 18th? This is most essential. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SATURDAY, JAN. 21st. WATFORD, HERTS. — Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30. Ringing after till 8.45. Any suggestions which may tend to advance the welfare of the association and ringing generally will be welcome at this meeting. Cheap tickets by rail or coach from all parts to Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before Wednesday, Jan. 18th? — Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service in Cathedral at 4.30. Tea at 5, in the Green Row Rooms. Business meeting to follow. All requiring tea please notify me not later than Jan. 19th. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Church House. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 18th. All outstanding subscriptions for 1932 should be paid at this meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting of the Farnham District will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Rogers' Tea Rooms, The Borough, 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to me by Tuesday, 17th. — C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Borough, S.E., on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in Vestry at 6 p.m. Important business. Visitors welcome.—Norman S. Bagworth, Veranda Lodge, Hyde Park, W.2.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The January quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided, business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. — D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Jan. 21st a meeting will be held at Ashwell. The bells (a 'grand' peal of 6) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. It is most important that members wishing to be present should notify me not later than Wednesday, the 18th. Just 'show a leg' this time and make it a record! — Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

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

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the local band and friends, to those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 24th. Subscription for 1933 are now due and should be paid as early as possible.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea, Church Room, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers who require tea must let me know on Wednesday, Jan. 25th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30, with business meeting to follow. St. Clement Danes' bells from 3 to 4.30. All requiring tea please advise me by Jan. 25th. Members and friends heartily welcomed. The District Committee will meet in the Vestry at 4 p.m. All concerned please note.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Waverley Hotel, followed by business meeting, including the election of district officers. All ringers are welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, the 25th inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 25th, if you require tea. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Guildford District, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at S. Nicolas' Hall, followed by lecture on 'Bell Towers' by E. H. Lewis, Esq., President of the Central Council. Please let me have numbers for tea by Jan. 24th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Burley on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available: Burley (8) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and St. Michael's, Headingley (8), 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. Matthias', Burley, at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. J. W. Scholefield, 43, Watlass Street, Burley, Leeds, by Tuesday, the 24th. General meeting afterwards. Guiseley, Horsforth and Haddon Place cars leave City Square, Leeds, at frequent intervals. Passengers to alight at Wolseley Road for Burley. Subscriptions now due.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Rev. H. Law James Memorial.—The two trebles at Surfleet will be dedicated on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Further particulars later.—R. Richardson.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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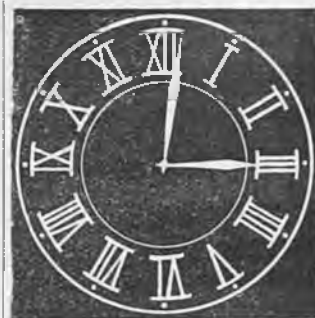
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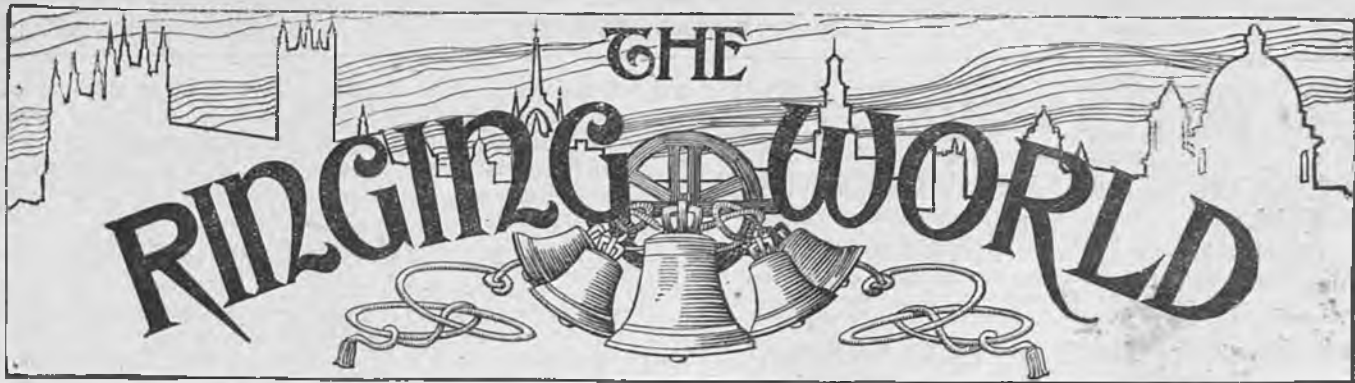
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Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

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On Thursday, January 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE LADD ... Treble	JOHN CURRY ... 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 7
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Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MISS C. I. CLARKE Treble	ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... 5
LEWIS WISEMAN 2	BERT COCKS 6
BERNARD W. PETITT 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 7
OLAVE E. BROYD 4	ROBERT H. YOUNG ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

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(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*H. ATWELL Treble	A. A. HILLIER 5
H. ROBBINS 2	V. WILLS 6
A. NASH 3	G. E. CAPEWELL 7
*J. C. GOULD 4	H. SHINER Tenor

Conducted by G. E. CAPEWELL.

* First peal.

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(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	† JESSE HARRISON 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7
*E. GEORGE SWIFT 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

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Composed by G. LINDOFF.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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3022 A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

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

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WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	RAYMOND OVERY 6
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CHARLES T. COLES 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... Treble	RICHARD A. GOFTON 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2	ADAM DEAS 6
*ROBERT T. CUMMINGS ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 4	WILLIAM L. GOFTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Triples as conductor.

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MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE TWENTY-PART, No. 7
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	WALTER WALLACE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

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

On Thursday, January 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	EDGAR G. SWIFT 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
JESSE HARRISON 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

The first peal in the method on the bells, and rung at the first attempt entirely by members of the local band. This peal was begun at the conclusion of the marriage ceremony of Lord Churston and Miss Betty Duc Fre, of Wilton Park, Beaconsfield, which took place at St. Mark's, North Audley Street.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK G.U.P.D.

On Thursday, January 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

Rung on the tenth anniversary of the conductor's first peal at the above church. First peal in the method as conductor.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

MANFIELD GINN... .. Treble	BERRY WAYMAN 5
A. WILLIAM T. GINN 2	ROBERT THODAY 6
CHARLES ROBINSON 3	ARTHUR J. GINN 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First Surprise Major peal by all except tenor ringer. First Surprise Major peal by resident members of Ely Archdeaconry, E.D.A. All the above were scholars in the National School attached to this church. Rung on the eve of Epiphany.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

*FREDERICK C. ROPER Treble	†ALBERT G. HARRISON 5
ERIC G. BENNETT 2	DAVID WHITING... .. 6
CLEMENT J. MORE 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
WILLIAM MUSK 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

* First peal and first attempt. † 102nd peal. Specially arranged and rung on the 100th anniversary of the 'opening' of this grand old peal. Great credit is due to the treble ringer for the way in which he rang throughout the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TWYNING, GLOS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TEWKESBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of Plain Bob, ten of Grandsire and 24 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*J. SALTER Treble	W. WILLIAMS 4
G. BOULTON 2	J. PENDRY 5
FRED HAWKES 3	*V. DALE Tenor

Conducted by F. HAWKES.

* First peal.

RIPPLE, WORCS.
THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

S. BAYLISS Treble	C. HAYTINGS 4
E. MAUND 2	*W. SPRAGUE 5
FRED HAWKES 3	J. HILL... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. HAYTINGS.

* First peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM HALFORD 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
CHARLES YOUNG 3	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

A. V. MIDDLEDITCH Treble	HERBERT SIEMMING 4
VICTOR E. WATERS 2	*ERNEST G. KIMM 5
WALTER LAYZELL 3	FRED J. LONG Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LONG.

* First peal in seven methods. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

CARTMEL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD RAINFORD Treble	GORDON WHITTHAM 4
NICHOLAS NEWBY 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 3	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

T. TOMPREINS... .. Treble	C. PAGE... .. 4
A. DILLEY 2	H. SHERMAN... .. 5
A. PRATT 3	L. BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by L. BYWATERS.

First peal as conductor.

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

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY CASSON Treble	ARTHUR STEDMAN 4
WILLIAM T. CLARK 2	JAMES E. BURLS 5
*J. ARTHUR BRIGGS 3	GEORGE SLATER Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BURLS.

* First peal. Rung to mark the passing of the year 1932.

BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings.

*JAMES SMART Treble	JESSE HALLETT 4
JOSEPH MOORE 2	HORACE D. TAYLOR 5
*MAURICE SMART 3	*FREDERICK COOMBS Tenor

Conducted by J. HALLETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CLIFTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 12 six-scores Plain Bob and 30 Grandsire, 14 callings.
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*ALBERT E. BRISTOW Treble	†FREDERICK W. HANCOCK 3
GEORGE H. HANCOCK 2	GEORGE A. HOLLOCK 4
ERNEST A. MARSH Tenor	

Conducted by G. A. HOLLOCK.

* First peal and first attempt. † First in two methods. First in two methods as conductor. Thanks are due to ringer of treble for kindly entertaining the band to tea afterwards. First peal on the bells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

CECIL N. AUSTIN Treble	FRANK HARPER 4
KITTY WILLERS 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by KITTY WILLERS.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with three different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*LEONARD TREVOR Treble	JOHN THOMPSON 4
*MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 2	ERNEST STONE 5
JOHN E. MORETON 3	*GORDON L. F. MELVILLE Tenor

Conducted by E. STONE.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble and tenor are only 15 years of age.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

W. C. JAINE Treble	W. E. BROOKES 4
*T. C. JAINE 2	S. G. COOKE 5
J. F. FOX 3	F. A. JAINE Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in Leominster district in which Treble Bob has been rung by a resident hand.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, London and Wells. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT MOLTON Treble	JOHN MOOLE 4
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 2	PHILIP H. AVEY 5
GEORGE DAWSON 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. AVEY.

First peal as conductor. Rung with bells half-muffled prior to the watchnight service

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents in 25 methods, viz.: (1) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh; (2) Trowel, Morning Star and Duke of Norfolk; (3) College Exercise and Norbury; (4) Poynton, Marple, Old Oxford, Bocking and Willesden; (5) Grove Delight, Braintree and Neasdon; (6) College Bob IV. and Wragby; (7) Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. Treble	†WILFRED STEVENSON 4
*JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	†JOHN WORTH 5
†JAMES ARTHUR MILNER 3	†ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First in 25 methods away from the treble. † First peal in 25 methods. This peal contains seven true and complete extents, starting from and ending with rounds.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of London, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*FRANK TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS COOPER 4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
ROGER W. DANIELS 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

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

NEWTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob (twelve callings) and 18 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINSON Treble	JOHN ALLEN 3
*JOHN W. LAKE 2	HARRY GIBBARD 4
	*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

* First peal of Doubles.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRINS Treble	FRED GARDNER 4
HUBERT G. SUMMERS 2	GEORGE GARDNER 5
JOHN W. TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Albert Harris, who had been sexton of the above church for 60 years.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Tuesday, December 27th, on the eight back bells, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 1 hour: G. R. Edwards 1, Mrs. L. Edwards 2, G. R. Newton (conductor) 3, T. W. Hammond 4, R. G. Edwards 5, J. Meldrum 6, E. C. Birkett 7, E. Counce 8.

AN ESSEX 'BAG.'

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*HERBERT E. REASON ... 1 treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... 6
WALTER ARNOLD ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.	Tenor 22 cwt. in E.
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 1 treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 5
ALBERT WIFFEN ... 2	FRANK CLAYDON ... 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 7
HERBERT E. REASON ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 1 treble	ERNEST MINGAY ... 5
*ALBERT BARTHOLOMEW ... 2	*STANLEY PYE ... 6
HENRY WARNE ... 3	PERCY GREEN ... 7
CHARLES W. BURTON ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

SAMUEL WARR ... 1 treble	HERBERT E. REASON ... 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
CHARLES W. BURTON ... 3	WALTER HAMMOND ... 7
BARNARD W. PETTIT ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung after meeting one short for Cambridge. There were '7 with and 1 without' in this peal.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 30, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ALBERT RAINBIRD ... 1 treble	BERTRAM C. HINES ... 5
HERBERT DEVENISH ... 2	FRANK G. RINGE ... 6
PERCY GREEN ... 3	ARTHUR HEAD ... 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

ERNEST MINGAY ... 1 treble	STANLEY PYE ... 5
CHARLES W. BURTON ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... 7
AMROSE MASON ... 4	CHARLES BUTTON ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 55th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Sauter's wedding day.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

BERTRAM C. HINES ... 1 treble	FRANK G. RINGE ... 5
*THOMAS STREET ... 2	ROBERT HEAZEL ... 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3	CHARLES E. PRYKE ... 7
†ALBERT PRYKE ... 4	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal. † First Surprise peal.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true extents: College Exercise, Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CHARLES BUTTON ... 1 treble	JOSEPH ELLIOTT ... 4
CHARLES W. BURTON ... 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 5
AMROSE MASON ... 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 18th birthday of E. W. Pye, a member of the local company, who was unable to stand in. All, with the exception of the conductor, are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT S. ESSEX HALL ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

WILLIAM CHALK ... 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5-6
GEORGE RASHBROOK ... 3-4	WILLIAM DENT ... 7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Longest length on handbells by all the band.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 1 treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 5
*PERCY GREEN ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
FRANK G. RINGE ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by the conductor for 23 years.

HANDBELL PEALS.BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1932 and Sunday, January 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Eighteen 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	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7-8

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

This peal was rung in two days, two weeks, two months and two years as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of 7-8, this being his 50th peal. Also as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Taylor, of Grimsby, a tower bell attempt having been lost earlier in the day.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At 21, VINCENT ROAD, HIGHAMS PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE	1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON... ..	5-6
WILLIAM PYE	3-4	*MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—C. T. COLES.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, January 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At 18, GLISSON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A sharp.

REV. F. B. SHEPPARD (Trin.)	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens')	5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ...	3-4	*REV. A. C. BLYTH (Christ and Selwyn)	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Major.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At THE ORCHARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ARTHUR J. BARILETT	1-2	MAURICE SMITHER	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3-4	*JOHN P. PELLOR	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal on handbells and first attempt. This peal was rung in the hall at the above address by kind permission of Miss Leuchar, whose kindness was very much appreciated by the ringers.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 14th. The towers represented were Badsworth, Barnsley, Cawthorne, Darfield, Darton, Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Friezland, Penistone, Royston, Sandal, Sheffield, Shelley, Wath and Wortley. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and a short service was held, at which the members were addressed by Canon Hone (Rector of Barnsley). Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. Hone, a fairly numerous company sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed Canon Hone presided.

The Treasurer (Mr. H. Chant) read the accounts, which showed a profit of 7s. 1d. on the year, and the statement was accepted unanimously.

The officers were elected as follows:—Mr. C. D. Potter, president; Mr. R. Thickett, vice-president; Mr. H. Chant, treasurer; Mr. A. Panther, secretary. Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. A. Bailey and Mr. J. Fleetwood, of Darton.

After a discussion on the selection of towers for monthly meetings, it was finally agreed to leave the matter in the hands of a sub-committee to be formed of the officers, who are to report at the next meeting, which is to be held at Wath-on-Deerne on Saturday, February 11th.

It was also agreed that any member applying for tea, and not attending, shall be held responsible for the cost, if there is any deficiency.

Mr. Mellor moved, and Mr. Maren seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (Canon Hone) for presiding, for his address and for the use of the bells; also to Mrs. Hone for providing tea, and the local company for the arrangements made.

Mr. C. D. Potter then sprang a surprise on Canon Hone by presenting him with a large, framed photograph of the group at the garden party, held in the Rectory grounds on Saturday, July 30th, 1932, under the patronage of the Yorkshire Association. This was given by the Barnsley and District Association.

The Rector suitably acknowledged the gift. He referred to the background of shrubs in the picture, which, in some future time, would have to be removed for street widening, and said how pleasing it would be to look back and show the younger generation what the place looked like before the alterations.

Afterwards some of the ringers made their way home, the weather being very cold, and others returned to the tower to take part in more ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We often hear of peals rung by 'local' bands, but there can have been few more truly local than that at Over, Cambridgeshire, on January 5th, when, after several attempts, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. All the band were once scholars in the National School attached to the church.

'Bell Towers' is to be the subject of a lecture to be given by the president of the Central Council at Guildford on Saturday week. This lecture will be open to all ringers and others interested, and visitors will be welcomed by the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The subject is an important one, and those who attend can rely upon an interesting and instructive evening.

A handsome challenge cup has been presented to the London County Association by Mr. F. E. Dawe to encourage change ringing on handbells. It will be competed for annually, and the first competition is to take place on February 11th at the annual meeting of the association.

ADVICE ON BELL RESTORATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of January 13th I must say I do not agree with several points.

For instance, a blacksmith or carpenter in some cases has been known to do a few repairs to church bells and proved himself very useful. I have also known blacksmiths and carpenters who have become very capable journeymen bell hangers, and several firms can prove this. Church authorities can always obtain the best and free advice from a practical bell hanger or bell founder. Ringing associations may give advice and speak with real authority, but, in my opinion, this should only be done by a practical man in the trade or an architect. If a blacksmith or carpenter should not be employed to carry out repairs to church bells, then why ask the advice of a clergyman, lawyer, doctor, bootmaker or baker, simply because they are ringers?

The usual way is probably the best—that is, through an architect and bell hanger who, after making an inspection, talk the matter over and then submit a plan of the work to the authorities.

I do sincerely hope a technical adviser will never be appointed from the ringing Exercise, as it would do away with competition and probably do much harm to the trade, especially to smaller firms. It seems a pity the ringing associations should ever be asked to give advice on such matters. We have architects who are quite good and capable of doing this and giving the most reliable independent advice, and free from ringing associations or trades unions. It should be understood there are several small firms in this country of bell hangers and bell founders, and may they continue to exist.

In conclusion I would suggest that the advice of an architect and the bell founder is quite sufficient for the carrying out of any work in connection with a peal of church bells, and I should strongly oppose, if possible, any other suggestion.

THOMAS BOND.

Bell Founder.

Burford, Oxon.

ROMSEY ABBEY BELLS RESTORED.

THREE BELLS RECAST.

The restoration of the bells at Romsey Abbey has been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the work has been carried out in a most efficient manner. The third, fifth and seventh bells have been recast, and the remainder tuned. A great improvement has been effected, and the mellow tones that have always been associated with Romsey bells have been developed.

The work was made possible by the bequest of a local lady to Romsey Abbey.

The new bells were dedicated, and the peal reopened on December 23rd.

The Rector of Romsey held a short service in the tower, after which the bells were opened by the local band. Following this they were rung in various methods by ringers who were present from Bishopstoke, North Stoneham, King's Somborne and Winchester. A very welcome visitor was Miss P. Holloway, of Reading. Mr. Alan Macdonald and Mr. J. Tyler represented the bell hangers.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was somewhat surprised to read Mr. Albert Walker's letter in your issue of the 6th inst. regarding the footnote to the peal rung at Erdington on December 19th last. Whilst this peal was the 1,000th by the Guild, as a Guild, I am quite aware and in entire agreement that the Guild has had a continuous existence under its various titles since 1755, and, of course, as such, has rung considerably more than 1,000 peals.

Erdington.

GEO. F. SWANN.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE PUBLIC AND CHURCH BELLS.

Central Council's President's Advice.

The third annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday.

The dinner was presided over by the Bishop of Guildford (Dr. J. H. Greig), who was supported by the Very Rev. Provost E. C. Kirwan, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president), Major J. H. B. Hesso (Master), Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon S. M. Jones (Vicar of Haslemere), Canon R. H. Stuart (Vicar of Bagshot), the Rev. E. G. Ireland (Vicar of Grayshott), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mrs. C. E. O'Leary (Croydon), Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. A. W. Francis (Bagshot), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guild) and Mrs. Corbett, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. H. C. Renshaw (Woking) and Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker (Edmonton). Among the visitors were Mr. C. H. Kippin, Biddington (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. F. W. Rogers, Portsmouth (hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth District secretary) and Miss Blencowe (Reading). The company of about 100 included members from Guildford, Dorking, Grayshott, Seale, Otter-shaw, Farnham, Shalford, Aldershot, Haslemere, Cranleigh, Farnham, Leatherhead, West Clendon, Bagshot, Puttenham and Witley. After dinner the loyal toast was first honoured.

In submitting the health of 'The President,' the Very Rev. the Provost expressed their great pleasure in the presence of the Bishop. They trusted he would be long spared to shepherd them in the diocese. It had been said that bellringers were a curious folk, and that they stood rather apart from the rest of the human race. Their language—'Single Bob,' 'Grandsire Triples,' 'Stedman,' 'Major Bob'—to the uninitiated sounded almost like the reveries of a gibbering idiot (laughter). But there was no more delightful body of churchworkers in the diocese than their ringers, and they valued exceedingly the presence of their Bishop.

BISHOP FINDS A CONTRAST.

Replying, the Bishop said he was sincerely glad to have that opportunity of meeting the bellringers of the diocese. There was no more ubiquitous body than the ringers; wherever he went—with certain obscure exceptions—there was a belfry and ringers. And there was not merely quantity but also quality. His mind went back to his experience of bellringers in the early days soon after his ordination and the contrast between the ringers of those days—there were many exceptions—and the present time was largely in favour of the present. Wherever he went he found the bellringers real adjuncts to the life of the parish and a very important part of it. He was enjoying his change of residence, and one of the things he enjoyed especially at Farnham was that every day the sound of the bells came floating up from the Parish Church below, while he never heard the sound of the bells in all the five years he was at Cobham, although that was his own fault for living so far outside the town. It was difficult to imagine what a difference that made, that wonderful sound. There was a quality in bellringing which seemed to belong to it more than to anything else. In that wonderful travel book of Kinglake's 'Eothen' he wrote how, in the middle of an Asian desert, he distinctly heard the bells of his parish belfry just at the time when they would be ringing in his home parish. There was, continued his Lordship, something about the music of the bells one could always hear if one wanted to. It came with its own beauty and melody, and was not tied down to time and space. It had some sort of mysterious spiritual or psychic force, and he thought it was really a great power, especially as in these days, as far as his experience and knowledge went, bellringers rang with a spiritual purpose. They did not ring—as some ringers used to do—as something which they had got to do; they did it to the greater glory of God and to set going in the parish a new idea and conception of a beauty which did not altogether belong to this world. That seemed to be the important and most characteristic side of the work of the belfry. It did touch upon something which, though it might start here, seemed to have its roots in something very deep, and to step upwards and onwards into the heavenly places. If they looked on their work as ringers from something of that angle they would understand why it was that the Bishop of the diocese felt he owed a great debt of gratitude to the ringers and was very glad to meet them. What they were doing was very worth while, and was part of the Divine influence which lifted a man from too great an imprisonment in mundane ideas and life here and gave him a foretaste of that which would be his hereafter.

FEWER PAID RINGERS.

The toast of 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild' was proposed by Canon G. F. Coleridge, who said the Guild was a young one as guilds went, but it had a life and vitality in it which was not possessed by some other guilds. There were three reasons for that. First, they were blessed with a most excellent Master (applause); then there was their excellent secretary, and an enthusiastic committee. No association or guild in England had a more energetic secretary, one who saw an ideal and put his back into accomplishing it for the good of ringing generally. Those three things together en-

abled them to accomplish great work, and they were there to say how pleased they were to know that things were progressing well. He did not know how the Guild was increasing in numbers, but so far as statistics went in England the number of ringers the year before last was 74 less than the year before. That was not very surprising, as an analysis showed the greatest loss was among ringers who were paid for their services; the number of voluntary ringers had gone up. That was another indication that they did not want to do things for mere pay, but for the greater glory of God. It was not surprising that the numbers were falling down because of the tremendous attractions there were all round for young men and women nowadays, greater attractions than the tower, perhaps, but if anyone once got well bitten and appreciated what ringing really was, nothing was likely to draw them away from it.

In conclusion, he referred to the death of Admiral Walker, late treasurer of the Guild, who they missed very much.

THE VALUE OF PEAL RINGING.

In replying, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith paid a tribute to the work of the district officers, and, speaking of the past year, he also referred to the death of Admiral Walker, which was a very great loss to them. There was going to be a memorial to him, and they were hoping the Guild would have a large hand in erecting it. The formation of a library during the year marked a distinct step forward in their work, and it formed a centre through which any member would be able to enlarge his knowledge of the art of ringing, and it would form a resting-place for a good many books and documents which might otherwise be lost. He could not say the exact number of peals rung during the year, but there was a distinct falling off. He congratulated the Shalford band on ringing the first local peal, while a peal of Ashted Surprise rung by the Leatherhead District was the first in the method. He also congratulated the Farnham band on ringing their first peal of Stedman Triples.

Speaking of the falling-off in the number of peals, Mr. Goldsmith said there was a definite reason for that, which was the growing difficulty they had in getting towers for peal ringing. There had been occasions when there had been local complaints with regard to the ringing of bells—one just recently. They had, of course, got to consider public opinion, and it was possible in practically every church to modulate the sound of the bells so that the public should not be unduly worried by it, but there were some people who, however little the bells sounded in the street or round about, would be sure to grumble. They were a small minority, but noisy and insistent. The majority of people did like to hear bells rung when rung well, and the bells had actually a legal place in the rites of the Church, and were established by old custom, and any incumbent was justified in permitting ringing and even peal ringing in moderation. There were many causes which objectors raised, but usually they were found to be people who came to the village hundreds of years after the bells were put there. If they liked to come and put themselves within sound of the bells that was their affair. Ringers rendered a great service to the Church, and if they were to give of their best, practice was essential, and there was none better than peal ringing, because it demanded a far higher standard of efficiency, generated greater keenness and created aspirations which were reflected in the service ringing. He urged incumbents wherever they got complaints not to be unduly disturbed at what was said and the bricks that were thrown, but to give the ringers opportunities of practice and allow peals within reason, because they were the highest form of practice.

Mr. Walter Harrison submitted the health of 'The Visitors,' and remarked on the spirit of good fellowship which existed between tower and tower in the Guild. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Lewis, and mentioned that he had promised to lecture to them on 'Bell Towers' at the annual meeting of the Guildford District on January 28th.

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS AND THE REMEDY.

Mr. Lewis, responding on behalf of the visitors, said he was not sure it was not the sound of Godalming bells 30 to 35 years ago which first gave him an interest in change ringing. Referring to the proposed Guildford Cathedral, Mr. Lewis said a few months ago the secretary of the Guild wrote to him drawing attention to the fact that there did not appear to be provision for bells. On looking closer into the plans one could see that in the central tower a peal of bells was provided for, and it was just possible to have ringers underneath them. He wanted to call attention to the fact that the bells would be hung so that they would be well above the bottom of the windows, out of which the sound was supposed to come. The question had been raised, and it was explained that it would be possible to close up the windows to a height above the bells behind the louvres. They, as ringers, were very insistent on what they called truth in their ringing, and he thought the architects should go in for architectural truth. It was entirely wrong, in his opinion, to make windows which looked as if they were supposed to let the sound out and have a built-up wall inside covered by louvres, which was a sham. He thought they should consult someone who knew something about bells in order to place the openings in the proper position in relation to the bells, so that the sound went upwards and spread over the country, and not downwards to annoy the public.

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LEEDS PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

THE DEDICATION.

Great interest was manifested in Leeds when the completed work of restoration of the bells was dedicated by the Bishop of Ripon. The service was held in the afternoon of New Year's Eve, and the bells were heard, for the first time, after the dedicatory prayers.

In the course of the ceremony the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar of Leeds (Canon W. Thompson Elliott), the Precentor (the Rev. C. R. Hall), the president of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) and seven of the churchwardens, ascended the bell tower, and after greeting the ringers the Bishop consecrated the bells and handed the ropes to the Vicar of Leeds, who accepted the bells as a sacred trust. As the procession left the belfry the twelve privileged ringers, who were assembled in readiness, carried out their part of the programme, when the bells were rung in rounds, and their glorious tones boomed out over the city, to the great delight of many ringers and citizens alike, who had gathered in the precincts of the church to hear them.

In his address the Bishop of Ripon made the first public announcement that he had appointed the Rev. C. C. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, to an honorary canonry in Ripon Cathedral. Its peculiar happiness lay in the fact that the new Canon had just completed 21 years' tenure of the presidency of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.



LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.

Further rounds were rung immediately after the ceremony, and then, by kind courtesy of the Vicar of Leeds, the churchwardens and local company, the bells were available for visiting ringers. As may be expected, the belfry was almost immediately inundated, but with Mr. L. W. G. Morris officiating as master of ceremonies, the needs of all were duly catered for. The first change ringing on the bells was three courses of Stedman Cinques rung by the following: Wm. Woodhead (Leeds) 1, J. A. Teale (Holbeck) 2, J. P. Fidler (Loughborough) 3, P. Johnson (Headingley) 4, W. Barton (Pudsey) 5, T. W. Strangeway (Rothwell) 6, E. Jenkins (Bradford) 7, S. Briggs (Rotherham) 8, L. W. G. Morris (Arncliffe) 9, H. Walker (Doncaster) 10, W. E. H. Ash (Leeds) (conductor) 11, H. Smith (Leeds) 12. Much ringing followed, and among the many visitors present during the afternoon and evening were Messrs. J. Oldham and J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Messrs. J. Holman (Sheffield), J. H. Riding (Crewel), W. Horan (hon. treasurer of the Lancashire Association), W. H. Shuter (joint hon. secretary, Lancs Association), B. Budd (Grimsby), A. H. Ward (Derby), H. C. Walters (Pontefract), J. Marshall (Edinburgh), representing the Scottish Association, A. J. Hughes (Bradford), H. Dransfield (Earlshaton), W. E. Dransfield (Huddersfield), W. H. Senior and H. Marsden (Batley), and these much respected and indefatigable 'youngsters,' Arthur Knights (Chesterfield) and 'Uncle' Joe Broadley (Bradford).

News was received with much regret that Mr. C. E. Lawson, of Leeds, who had taken an active interest in the pre-arrangements, could not be present on account of illness.

More than 2,000 people filled the great church for the watchnight service, and thousands more listened for the bells to ring in the new year, the first time since the beginning of the century that it had been thus heralded from the tower of Leeds Parish Church.

A remarkable scene, said the 'Yorkshire Post,' was witnessed at the conclusion of the service. Despite the oncoming of rain hundreds of people, of all ages and classes, were assembled in the vicinity of the church, and people clustered at the open windows of neighbouring houses, listening to the bells which, it seemed, had been so long silent, and watching the windows of the bell chamber, where moving hands and ropes could be dimly seen.

PRESIDENT'S PRAISE OF THE BELLS.

The president of the Yorkshire Association (Canon C. C. Marshall) was the preacher at the morning service at Leeds Parish Church on New Year's Day, and spoke in warm admiration of the recast bells.

He could speak, he said, for the great majority of the bellringers in Yorkshire in saying how much they welcomed the completion of this great work. He wished to congratulate the Leeds Parish Church on the fine results achieved: the purity of tone, the way all the little bells could be distinctly heard, and the ease of manipulation. The ring of 12 bells in Leeds Parish Church was installed in 1841, he added, and it was a very wonderful fact that these bells remained untouched, so far as any repairs or improvements were concerned, for over 90 years. Before the end of that time it had become an act of real physical labour to ring them, and the greatest credit was due to the ringers who in later years had kept the bells going. Speaking of the value of the modern tuning, as exemplified in the bells, Canon Marshall said experiments had been tried at sea as to the distance which the sound of bells would carry, and it had been found that a bell tuned on the modern principle, in tune with itself, would carry considerably further than one not so tuned. Under the new system the different notes of the bells were all placed in tune, with the result that the vibrations of the bell were all reinforcing each other and sending out a pure and fuller tone.

As briefly recorded in 'The Ringing World' of December 30th, when the details of the new bells were published, it would appear from the history of the Parish Church by John Rusby and J. G. Simpson that in the early part of the eighteenth century the church had six bells. These were increased to eight in 1746, and to ten in 1738, and when the new church was built in 1841 a new ring of 13 bells was cast to the design of one 'William Gawkruger of Leeds,' 'being,' according to the inscription on the old sharp 2nd bell, 'the first peal of thirteen bells ever cast in this kingdom,' and according to information supplied by Lieut.-Col. E. Kitson Clark these bells, cast by Mears, arriving in Leeds from London, were the first to travel on a railway.

The whole thirteen bells have now been recast into a heavier and nobler ring, and hung with the most modern type of fittings in a massive iron and steel framework, which accommodates the thirteen bells on one level. The new twelve are built to a tenor bell of 42½ cwt. in C natural. A flat 6th has been provided, which gives a musical light ring of eight in the key of F, the tenor of this ring being No. 9 bell of the ring of 12, and weighing 17 cwt. 4 lb. A most delightful effect has been produced (when listening to the bells outside the tower) by treating the tracery immediately beneath the louvred window openings with sound deadening material. Provision has also been made on five of the bells for sounding the Westminster quarters and hours, and each bell has been fitted with two additional striking hammers, operated by a carillon playing machine (completely restored by Messrs. Potts, of Leeds). This is automatically set in operation at appointed hours by a connection with the clock movement. An Ellacombe chiming apparatus has also been installed, rendering it possible to operate the thirteen bells by one person.

The general consensus of opinion reveals nothing but praise and commendation for this latest Loughborough triumph, and it will be appreciated that to successfully hang a heavy ring of thirteen bells, all in one tier, in a tower of mediocre strength, and only 18ft. 6in. square, is a feat that could only be carried to a successful issue by a combination of expert technical knowledge, long experience, sound engineering principles, and skilled workmanship, and the new ring of bells at Leeds Parish Church are a standing testimony to the unparalleled and unique resources ever at the command of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who are to be heartily congratulated upon having produced a literal 'masterpiece.'

There still remain a few minor adjustments regarding the sound in the belfry, which, on account of the removal of the old wooden spiral staircase, communicating with the clock chamber, is slightly too powerful. When, in a few weeks' time, these adjustments have been made, conclusions already arrived at and views expressed point to an overwhelming unanimity of opinion that the bells of Leeds Parish Church—the twelfth entirely new ring of twelve to come from the world-famous Loughborough Foundry within the last sixty years—another unparalleled and unprecedented record that speaks for itself—will in every respect rank among the foremost rings of twelve in existence.

L. W. G. M.

DOVER, KENT.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, on New Year's Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Whithead 1, R. T. Clark 2, J. Eagles 3, H. J. Saunders 4, E. J. Walker (first in the method) 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, E. T. Ellender 8. Arranged for Mr. C. R. Walker, who was on a visit from Newton Abbot, Devon.

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PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My answer to Mr. Hunt's first question is, 'I did this six years ago,' and imagined that the question had been settled in the manner so concisely and correctly stated by Mr. Dyke in his letter. I did not say Mr. Dexter was years behind. I do not claim anything, beyond the fact that the original peal was obtained by Mr. Washbrook. I did say that Mr. Hunt was six years behind, because the peal was published in the form given by Mr. Hunt about that time. Will Mr. Hunt tell us why he persists in wrongly crediting the peal to Mr. Dexter?

I must admit I did not, as Mr. Dyke says, examine carefully the paragraph at the foot of the letter, and for this reason, the peal is set out in the old-fashioned way, and if called as set out the treble takes the place of the 6th, and I thought that was intended; I did not for one moment imagine that Mr. Hunt was taking us back to the days of 1847, when Thurstans transposed a peal for a Bristol light-bell ringer to call from the second. And from this arises another question. We usually place a man who conducts a peal of Stedman Triples from a non-observation bell on a higher plane than one who rings the 7th and calls. Should not the fact that the treble was the fixed bell and not the 7th be mentioned?

Is it too much to ask that, in future, Mr. Hunt adopts the proper heading for Stedman Triples, as approved by the Central Council, of which he is a member, viz., vi. SH L v. vi. Q v. P. In my ignorance I took 3 4 5 6 to be 3 4 5 6. I see now it is 5 6 7 8. And again, I took 12 13 to be 12 13, whereas it is, of course, 6 7.

If there are any other ringers who would like to take us back to 1847 and make the 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th to take the place of the 7th, it is quite easily done with any composition. As easily, in fact, as it was to adopt the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' idea of singles at 9 and 11 instead of 14 and 2 to Mr. Washbrook's peal.

I have had a little conversation lately with a campanological educator on the subject of observation bells, and he was of the opinion that the old style of hunts was the best. So that in a peal like Thurstans' we should have the 7th as the whole-hunt, the 6th as the half-hunt, and the 5th as the quarter-hunt. But what will be done when one of the light bells takes the place of the 7th? I think we had better call it the 'Jim Hunt.'

Mr. Hunt says he has not as yet sent a false peal for publication. Is this a boast? Perhaps he has always submitted the false ones to a friend for his perusal first. I know this is true in at least one case. I don't think there is much danger of his submitting a false peal of Stedman Triples.

W. A. CAVE.

WHOSE VARIATION?

Dear Sir,—Please let me thank Mr. Dyke for his very lucid letter. I beg to say I am not qualified to discuss it. It is not the author of the original that concerns me, but whose variation—Dexter's or Cave's? That is my point.

Taunton.

J. HUNT.

CHARMINSTER'S ANCIENT BELLS.

A RESTORATION PROJECT.

An effort is being made to raise funds for the restoration of the bells at Charminster Church, Dorset. There are five bells, the treble, 2nd and 4th dating from 1663, 1631 and 1661 respectively. The 3rd was recast in 1867, but the tenor, which is undated, is believed to be pre-Reformation. The tenor, although cracked, is not to be recast, but is to be preserved as an object of historic value.

In aid of the restoration fund, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, gave a lecture on bells and bell ringing to a crowded audience in Charminster Parish Hall, when a collection was taken on behalf of the bells fund.

The lecture was illustrated with photographs and handbell ringing in which six children took part. Handbells were also rung by a party of Peole ringers, under the direction of the Rev. C. A. Phillips, of Bournemouth. Carols were sung by the choir, and thanks were accorded to the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rev. C. A. Phillips, the choir and the organiser of the event, the hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

BIG MEETING AT PUDSEY.

Despite the cold and foggy weather experienced in and around Leeds on Saturday last a very good attendance was recorded at the Pudsey meeting of the Leeds and District Society. Pudsey stands on a hill, and the many members who were present were rewarded by the clearer atmosphere. The bells were rung up about 3 p.m., and kept going in many of the Major methods until tea-time, when, as is usual at Pudsey, the tea was a real ringers' tea, one to which words fail to do justice, although the ringers did not fail in this respect. Pudsey is always an attractive meeting and brings together ringers not often seen at other meetings throughout the year. The President (Mr. W. H. Senior) presided over the business meeting, which was attended by over 60 members from Almondbury, Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Dewsbury, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Northowram, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Rotherham, Shipley, Earlsheaton and the local company.

Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. E. Hurdus, of Armley, and Frank Scholefield, of Burley.

The Secretary, in proposing votes of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company, said he could not find words adequately to express the appreciation of the society to the Pudsey Company for their continued generosity in providing, year after year, the tea and other refreshments for all comers.—The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. F. Renton.

Mr. W. Barton replied on behalf of the Pudsey company. Ringing, both on handbells and in tower, was afterwards continued until 8 p.m., when the tower bells were lowered owing to illness near the church.

The next meeting is due to be held at Liversedge on February 25th.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S RECORD MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild, which was held on Saturday, January 7th, was an extremely enjoyable and successful event. The bells of St. Dunstan-in-the-East were available during the afternoon, and various methods were rung. A move was then made to St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, where the bells have a bad reputation, which is perhaps rather 'harsh.' However, touches in methods from Grandsire Triples to a very well-struck service touch of London Surprise Major were rung until 5.30 p.m., when a short service was held by the district's very good friend, the Rev. J. O. Mayo, Rector of Whitechapel.

Owing to the very large number that had unexpectedly arrived, tea, which as usual was generously provided by Mr. Mayo, had to be served in two relays, the waiting half beguiling the time with handbell ringing.

Mr. Mayo said later that he had a shock when he saw the large company, but it was fully agreed that he and his helpers successfully dealt with the situation.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Mr. J. Waugh, Master; Mr. J. Prior, secretary; Mr. E. Holman, treasurer; Mr. R. Cousins, treasurer; and Messrs. E. Smith and C. Hughes, committee members.

Bethnal Green was chosen for the next meeting, with St. Magnus-the-Martyr as an alternative.

The Master then proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. O. Mayo for his splendid welcome, and to the ladies who waited at tea. In responding, Mr. Mayo said that he had looked forward to the meeting and was glad that such a large number was present. He spoke in very feeling terms of the late Mr. E. Wallage, who for a period of over fifty years was steepkeeper at Whitechapel. As a mark of respect the company stood in silence for a few moments.

The meeting then closed, and while some stayed in the Church Hall for handbell ringing, others, more energetically inclined, reascended the tower for further ringing until 9 p.m.

Over 50 members and friends were present during the day, this easily constituting a record for the district.

Spliced Surprise Major in four methods was rung for the first time at a London County Association meeting, and other methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

WEDDING BELLS IN NORFOLK.

On December 31st, at the Parish Church of Dersingham, the wedding of a ringer was celebrated. The bridegroom was Mr. Sidney Fenn and the bride Miss Lily Day. After the service the bells were rung. The reception was held at the Vicarage, where the bride had been a valued maid. Mr. Fenn was the recipient of a clock, suitably inscribed, from his fellow ringers.

'BELL TOWERS.'

A lecture on 'BELL TOWERS' will be given by

E. H. LEWIS, ESQ., M.A.,

President of the Central Council,

At S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, following the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

All ringers are cordially invited. For other arrangements see Guildford Diocesan Guild notice.

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Referring to the complaints against ringing, he mentioned two cases of which he had recently heard. In one, certain ringers had taken the 'huff' and said they would not ring at all, because residents near the church had asked them slightly to soften the sound of the bells. He thought the ringers were wrong to adopt that attitude. They should continue to ring, and through their Church Council ask for money to modify the sound of the bells. There was no question that the bells in a great many of our towers were too loud for the immediate neighbourhood, but they could be modified at comparatively small expense. In another case, residents blew motor horns outside a church, while service was in progress, as a protest against the ringing of the bells on New Year's Eve. So far as he understood, the ringing had not been excessive, but the point was that the residents had come to live within the sound of the bells six months before making complaints, and if they had any sense whatever they would know that the church would be likely to contain bells, which would be rung, and they had as much reason to complain as a person who bought a house on a railway embankment and complained of the noise of the trains.

'It seems to me,' said Mr. Lewis, 'that the public has reason to complain at times, and they have certainly reason to complain when there is bad striking, and I am sorry to say in many districts the art of ringing methods has rather run away from the art of good striking.' That was partly due to learners being pushed on too fast, and in many districts it was due to the fact that ringers did not know how to hold the ropes. They had to insist on a basis of good striking, and that was the only way to get right with the public.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes, and took the opportunity of emphasising the need for good striking, which, he said, was the essence of change ringing. He asked the members of the Guild, particularly when they did not raise their bells in peal, to raise them singly, from treble to tenor, and not in discords, such as second and tenor together. If they must pull up more than one at a time let it be done in musical pairs. Speaking of complaints, he asked his Rector if he had had any complaints after the last peal rung at Haslemere, and was informed that there had been only one grouse, and that was from a man who was tuning up the engine of his motor-car, and because of the noise of the bells he could not hear if it was ticking over properly (laughter).

The Hon. Secretary stated that apologies had been received from, among others, Bishop Golding-Bird, Lord Daryngton, Rev. C. W. O. Jonkyn, Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the College Youths), Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council) and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Fletcher being down with influenza. Greetings were also received from Mr. Albert Walker, Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

An excellent entertainment was provided by Miss Joan Moulding (elocutionist), Mrs. Frank Moulding and Master Leslie Kimbell (songs), and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, whose handbell solos were a feature of the evening. A course of Stedman Caters and a touch of Stedman Triples were rung by members of the Guild, and Mr. T. A. Stroud (organist of Frensham) was at the piano.

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NOTICES.

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. Magnus' on the 26th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Andrew's Church, Chippenham, at 3 p.m. St. Paul's (8 bells) will be available. Visitors will be welcomed. Notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

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 (4s. 6d. per head) at Warner's Café, Market Place, 5 p.m. General meeting follows.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Institute. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Divine service in St. Paul's Church at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.45. Members of branch 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided. Shoreditch tower will be open from 2 till 4 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Darlaston on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rector (Rev. J. W. Augur). Tea (1s.) at Church Hall 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The January quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided, business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service in Cathedral at 4.30. Tea at 5, in the Green Row Rooms. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting at Sunderland on Saturday, Jan. 21st, when the recently recast peal of St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, will be available to members after 3 o'clock. Tea in North of England Café, Fawcett Street (not in Church Hall, as stated in belfry notices) at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. each).—George S. Taylor, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Church House. All outstanding subscriptions for 1932 should be paid at this meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.45. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting of the Farnham District will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Rogers' Tea Rooms, The Borough, 5 p.m.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Borough, S.E., on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in Vestry at 6 p.m. Important business. Visitors welcome.—Norman S. Bagworth, Veranda Lodge, Hyde Park, W.2.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Jan. 21st a meeting will be held at Ashwell. The bells (a 'grand' peal of 6) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. Just 'show a leg' this time and make it a record! — Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Marlborough. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—Arthur W. Deane, Hon. Sec., Blowhorn Street, Marlborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The bells of Haddenham will be reopened, after rechanging, on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 3.30 p.m. Ringers welcome. Tea 6d.—B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Sec.

HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Leominster District will be held at the Priory Church, Leominster, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, with meeting, to follow at the Church Institute 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.

TAKE A SMALL PORTION of journey by rail or coach, a good portion of change ringing, a generous portion of each of tea, social gossip and good fellowship well mixed; that's Watford, that is. Saturday, Jan. 21st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30, etc., etc.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25th, at the Parish Church, Harlow. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea free to those who advise me of their attendance.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due and should be paid as early as possible.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea, Church Room, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers who require tea must let me know on Wednesday, Jan. 25th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Waverley Hotel, followed by business meeting, including the election of district officers. All ringers are welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, the 25th inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 25th, if you require tea. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Guildford District, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at S. Nicolas' Hall, followed by lecture on 'Bell Towers' by E. H. Lewis, Esq., President of the Central Council. Please let me have numbers for tea by Jan. 24th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Burley on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available: Burley (8) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and St. Michael's, Headingley (8), 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. Matthias', Burley, at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. J. W. Scholefield, 43, Watlass Street, Burley, Leeds, by Tuesday, the 24th. General meeting afterwards. Guiseley, Horsforth and Haddon Place cars leave City Square, Leeds, at frequent intervals. Passengers to alight at Woiseley Road for Burley. Subscriptions now due.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham. **A presentation will be made to Mr. P. J. Johnson at this meeting, and it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present for this event.**

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Will all members try to attend.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual business meeting will be held at St. Nicholas (City) on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Cadena Café, Wine Street. Kindly let me know for tea not later than the 25th inst. — Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, it is important that as many as possible will attend. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 24th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting at Bakewell, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify me not later than 26th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. for election of local officers and nomination of general officers. Will all Peak district ringers endeavour to be present?—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec. pro. tem., Moneyash Road, Bakewell.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, 41, High Street, Bloomsbury, at 5.30, 1s. each to those who advise me by Jan. 25th. St. Clement Danes' bells from 3 to 4.30. Members and friends heartily welcomed. The District Committee will meet in the St. Giles' Vestry at 4 p.m. All concerned, please note.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 24th.—Major J. G. Stilwell, Yateley, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — The branch annual committee meeting will be held at the address below on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 3 p.m., one representative from each tower attending, if possible. The bells at Stoke Poges will be available for all ringers at 6 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Twer-ton-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance of members is requested. — Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) ready 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Church Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Jan. 25th certain? A good attendance is hoped for. Subscriptions are now due.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service at 5.15. Tea (1s. per head) at 6 o'clock, followed by meeting. All requiring tea must notify Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, before the 24th.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Gamston on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. R. Askforth, Gamston, Retford, by Jan. 26th. Please make effort to attend, as there is special business to discuss.—W. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open 3. It is important that those requiring tea should notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 25th.—J. W. Clarke, Circular Drive, Chester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cropredy on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service in church 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Subscriptions for 1933 are due. Please notify attendance for tea.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Somerset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Please let me know not later than previous Tuesday how many will require tea. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Watermoor bells open at 3 p.m. Tea, 4.45, at Viner's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. Service, 6 o'clock, at Parish Church. Bells open for ringing after service. Will those requiring tea please let me know by the 24th inst.? All ringers welcome.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester, Glos.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follows. For tea advise E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham and Pevensey on Saturday, Jan. 28th. West Ham tower will be open from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business will be held at the Royal Oak, Pevensey, at 5.15 p.m. (1s. 3d. per head). Pevensey bells available from 6 o'clock. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1s. 6d.). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Wisbech (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. — E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Annual meeting at Sleaford, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting. All ringers welcome.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing at Fulham, All Saints', 3 to 5 only. Tea for first 16 names at 'Fielders,' High Street, 5.15. Business and further ringing at St. Paul's, Hammer-smith, 6.30. Late applicants may obtain tea at Lyons, Queen Street, Hammersmith. A welcome for all. — J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Meeting in Clergy House at 6. Members make own arrangements for tea. Cafés near church. A good attendance at this meeting is requested. — E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Wickham Market on Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage Hut, 1/- each, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The memorial to the Rev. H. Law James, in the form of two trebles added to the peal of 10 at Surlleet, will be dedicated by Canon G. W. Jeudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln and President of the Guild, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Dedication and memorial service at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers will receive a hearty welcome. The 10 bells available all day, the 12 open after service. Tea provided, only for those applying not later than Tuesday, Jan. 31st. — R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surlleet, Spalding.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—First meeting of the newly-formed Central (South) Division will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, 5.15, followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) in the Church House after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 31st. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Honiton on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8) Tea and meeting, 5 p.m., Carlton Café. Service, St. Paul's Church, 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church

on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Service at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Great Handbell Competition.**—On Saturday, Feb. 11th, at annual general meeting and annually on such occasions, a competition will take place on handbells. Local towers are invited to send a band of L.C.A. members, who may compete by ringing a course of Triples of any method they themselves prefer. A splendid challenge cup will be presented, by the kindness of F. E. Dawe, Esq., and it is expected that a very happy, if exciting, gathering will result. All members wishing to compete may receive further particulars from Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 15, Camden Grove, Peckham, S.E.15.

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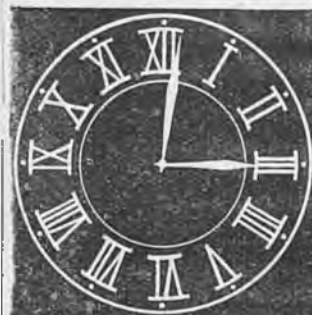
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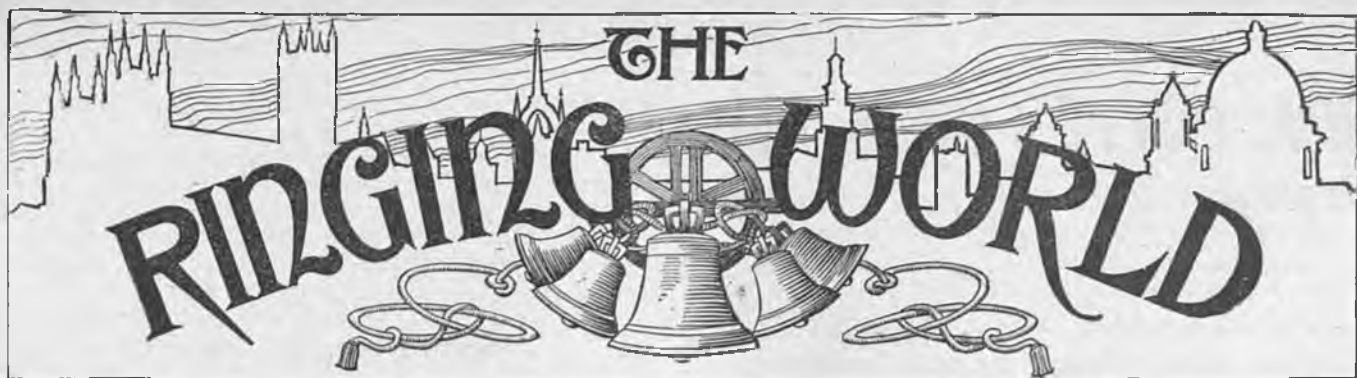
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THE DAVIES MEMORIAL SCHEME.

A somewhat unexpected development was revealed by the hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on Saturday with regard to the proposed memorial at Tewkesbury Abbey to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. This memorial is to be on national lines, for the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' work for the art of ringing was so wide that it embraced the interests of the whole Exercise, which, one way and another, he served for nearly two generations. The appeal for funds has been widely responded to, and it was hoped that the scheme, which includes the addition of two treble bells to make a ring of twelve and the provision of a ringers' chapel, would soon be put in hand. Since the promotion of the project, however, the question of tuning the original eight bells has been raised, it having been suggested that unless this were done the existing bells would hardly be worthy of the additional trebles. All those who know Tewkesbury bells appear to be unanimous that they could be considerably improved, but we understand that the statements made have resulted in the holding up of subscriptions which might otherwise have been given. If this is the case it is unfortunate, and some doubt seems to have been created as to whether the Gloucester and Bristol Association should proceed with the scheme as originally proposed.

We believe that the Gloucester and Bristol Association's committee would be well advised to adopt a bold policy in this matter. They ought to go on with their scheme as originally outlined—having received about eighty per cent. of the money asked for for specific purposes, it would be most difficult to go back on it—and at the same time make a further appeal for the money needed for the improvement of the other bells. This, we think, would solve the problem before the committee and induce those who may be holding back to give their support to the project, thus making the whole scheme a still more worthy memorial. But even if the additional undertaking of tuning the old bells were not found possible at the moment, it hardly seems necessary that this should lead to a breakdown of the plans to make the bells into a ring of twelve. It is only natural that ringers should desire a high standard of quality in any peal of bells which they are helping to augment, but where, as in this case, the demand for improvement in the existing ring is supplementary to the original scheme, it is not always possible to get exactly the whole of what might be wished for. After all, many good trebles have been added to indifferent rings, which have later on been improved, and the same thing might happen at Tewkesbury.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	JOHN HALL 8
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MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 10
FREDERICK G. MERDEN ... 5	CHARLES CAMM 11
DENNIS MORRIS 6	CYRIL TANSSELL 12

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal on 12 bells.

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On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Four Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES 2	*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 7
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
RICHARD F. DEAL 6	REUBEN SANDERS 12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. LAWRENCE, THANET.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt

CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 6
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 2	*ALBERT E. JARMAN ... 7
GEORGE G. JENKINS 3	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 8
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ARTHUR BRAINES 2	ALBERT H. WARD 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE 2	FREDERICK J. MILNER ... 7
WALTER WALLACE 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 8
WILLIAM S. HART 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
JOHN FLINT 5	COLIN HARRISON 10

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Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

TONY PRICE Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 5
FRANK JENNINGS 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER 7
H. BERNARD WELLS 4	FRANK E. DAREY Tenor

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Hallows,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY C. INGRAM Treble	JOHN H. FOSTER 5
GEORGE MARIES 2	EDWARD IDDON 6
LAWRENCE GREEN 3	PETER CROOK, JUN. 7
CHARLES SHARPLES 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. Tenor

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

* ROBERT GREEN Treble	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG 5
FRANCIS E. MAY 2	WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal of Stedman.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

LEONARD J. JOYCE Treble	EDGAR HUMPHREY 5
ALBERT D. COLLUM 2	HARRY W. SMITH 6
MISS PAT HOLLOWAY 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
CHARLES PULLEN 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM HIBBERT.

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On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

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On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN MALVAN Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYR 2	WALTER AYRE 6
MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

RALPH TAYLOR Treble	* JOHN RADCLIFFE 5
HAROLD TAYLOR 2	JOHN CLAYTON 6
FRANK WELHAM 3	ERNEST GARSIDE 7
HARRY PICKLES 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal. This composition is the reduced form of the 6,400 rung at Handsworth, and is now rung for the first time. Rung in celebration of the jubilee of the consecration of the church and as a birthday compliment to Mr. John H. Nield.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT FOSDIKE Treble	GEORGE RAWLINGS 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	THOMAS A. EASTERBY 6
CHARLES ELLIOTT 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	ARCH. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by F. W. RICHARDSON.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. E. B. Crowder, wife of one of the local ringers, who was interred earlier in the day.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S IRREGULAR TWENTY-PART, No 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	JACK BAILEY 7
CHARLES ALLSOP 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

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ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 11, 1933, 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.

WILLIAM PARKINSON Treble	WILFRED HALLIWELL 5
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 2	EVEREST FORD 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	NORMAN HEAPS 7
THOMAS JONES 4	JOSEPH STIMSON Tenor

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A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 5
KEITH HART... .. 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

EDMUND C. CHASTY Treble	SAMUEL PINDER 5
*WILLIAM THORNLEY... .. 2	WILLIAM P. SILLAND 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	HENRY HARRISON 7
FREDERICK BROWN 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

* 50th peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	CHARLES LOOME 5
STANLEY W. COPLING... .. 2	FREDERICK ROOPE 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
WILLIAM FLATT 4	ERNEST WHITING... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

WRAYSBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

FRANK BOCKLAND Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

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

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED TARBUN Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH 5
HENRY W. KIRTON 2	JOHN WOOD 6
THOMAS LINCOLN... .. 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
FREDERICK G. RADLEY 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*ALBERT T. WOOLOFF Treble	JOSEPH A. HOBSON 5
HAROLD N. PITSTOW... .. 2	THOMAS NORMAN... .. 6
*NORMAN HOBDEN 3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 7
WILLIAM HOBDEN 4	EDWIN T. WOOLOFF Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

* First peal, and elected members of the above Guild before starting the peal. All the ringers belong to the local band.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD Treble	JOSEPH HALL 5
*PERCY RUSHTON... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6
NORMAN HEAPS 3	EDWARD F. MAWBY 7
TOM JONES 4	CHARLES OLLIER Tenor

Composed by J. NICOLL.

Conducted by E. F. MAWBY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal as conductor and first attempt. He had never previously called a bob in the method. Rung as a 67th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Mawby, father of the conductor.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MRS. E. H. KING Treble	EDWARD H. KING 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	WALTER J. BOWDEN 6
†GILBERT PLATER 3	HARRY MILLER 7
WILLIAM J. NORTON 4	H. W. H. STRICKLAND Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on a bob bell. † First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the 34th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. Denton Jones, M.A.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SERLEY Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
*STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
JOHN G. NASH 3	MAURICE F. R. HIEBERT 7
*FREDERICK W. BRINCELOW 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in four spliced methods. The above consists of 2,944 & London, 608 of Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative. the Cambridge and Superlative being rung in alternate courses.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM P. DEANE Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 5
WILLIAM RIGBY 2	WALTER LONGMAN 6
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JOHN WORTH 7
THOMAS HURD 4	*FRANK KENT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal. This peal was rung after meeting short for London owing to two members of the band being down with the flu, the 2nd and tenor ringers taking a rope at the last moment.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

P. F. PLUMMER Treble	ERNEST HERBERT 5
ALBERT FLEET 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 6
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS 3	HORACE H. SMITH 7
DOUGLAS HARRIS... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

The conductor takes this opportunity of thanking Messrs. E. J. Hobbs, E. Herbert, G. Herbert and D. Harris for their many kindnesses.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
MISS E. DORICE TURNER ... 2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
JOSEPH MARKS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 6th.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

D. REES JAMES Treble	FRANK ROWSELL 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	CHARLES H. PERRY 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
JOHN PHILLIPS 4	EDWIN M. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Rung as a birthday peal for Miss Stitch, sister of the ringer of the 2nd. 100th peal for the association by the ringer of the 6th.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	HARRY A. HOVERD 5
JAMES E. DAVIS 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
MISS E. DORICE TURNER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. D. Turner.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS COLLINS Treble	* ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	† WALTER D. JOLLY 6
WILLIAM C. PARKER 3	† CECIL W. PIPE 7
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* 50th peal on tower bells. † First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

R. THOMAS NEWMAN Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
EVERARD J. WALSON 2	ERNEST W. BRETT 6
PERCY E. CLARK 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 4	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES RAMFLEY Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 4	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 5, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Benedict,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

HARRY CHAMBERS Treble	AMOS SMART 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's Kent.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

FRANK WARRINGTON Treble	MANSFIELD GINN 4
MRS. E. WAKELING 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
ARTHUR J. ABRAMS 3	ERNEST WAKELING Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal on the bells.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

* RICHARD BASSETT Treble	WALTER MARSHALL 4
THOMAS FULLER 2	JAMES WAGHORN 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	† ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal. † First on a working bell. Arranged for R. Bassett, who left Lamberhurst on the 10th to join the Royal Air Force.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

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

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

* First of Minor. First of Minor on the bells. A birthday compliment to C. Tribe and the daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

DOUGLAS C. JENNINGS ... Treble	HAROLD TOWNSEND 4
WALTER SMITH 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND 5
ARTHUR SMITH 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

First peal by the treble ringer, who is 14 years old. First 720 of Double Court by the 3rd and 4th ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 6th.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Dunstan, Canterbury Pleasure and April Day and four 720's of Grand sire. Tenor 9 cwt.

* ARTHUR MILES Treble	* REGINALD MORRIS 3
G. JAMES R. PRICE 2	EDMUND MORRIS 4
JAMES P. HYETT 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in four methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Morris.

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

On Monday, January 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Lancashire, Wells, Durham, Stamford and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by A. NASH.

* 150th peal. † 100th peal for the association. A birthday compliment to W. Green (January 8th).

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two different callings, with extremes. Tenor 11 cwt.

E. REVETT Treble	REG. ARRON 3
WALTER HOLLOWAY 2	GORDON LEECH 4
CECIL ALDOUS 3	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Conducted by C. ALDOUS.

First peal by all, who are Sunday service ringers. First peal by entirely service band. Rung as a mark of appreciation for gift by G. Morfe, Esq., of a new treble bell to make six.

SUTCOMBE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEORGE VINCOMBE Treble	FREDERICK SANGWIN 4
CHARLES SANGWIN 2	JOHN W. SANGWIN 5
WILLIAM J. SHEARS 3	FREDERICK PROUSE Tenor

Conducted by F. SANGWIN.

First peal on the bells, recently augmented by the Loughborough Foundry.

PUBLW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

SIDNEY G. RICHES Treble	*JACK CARMAN 4
EDWARD J. WATTS 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER 5
CÆSAR DAVIS 3	F. CECIL MOGFORD Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal of Doubles. Six towers were represented, viz., St. Werburgh, Publow, Blagdon, All Saints', Clutton and St. Stephen.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's, ten 240's of Pitman's, and six of Morris'. Tenor 15 cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 5
*BERNARD H. DAVIES 2	SIDNEY A. PRICE 6
DAVID H. BENNETT 3	*JOHN C. HARPER 7
EDMUND MORRIS 4	JOHN JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the christening of a grandson to Lord and Lady Hereford.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, January 5, 1933, in One Hour and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT HARLESDOWN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 1-2 | C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ... 5-6

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First seven-method peal 'in hand.' This is the first seven-method peal 'in hand' by the Guild.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 20 in E.

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

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE TOWN HALL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS R. BUTLER 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, and was his first attempt for a peal of Triples on handbells.

LONDON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT FRODINGHAM, 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERRERT LANGDON 1-2	ALFRED H. POLLING 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire—JOSEPH S. HAWKINS.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1-2	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5-6
*ROBERT RICHARDSON 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* 100th peal of Bob Major.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*WALTER AYRE 1-2	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3-4	FRANCIS KIRK 7-8

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witnesses: Mrs. R. Richardson, Mrs. Ayre and Mrs. Kirk.

* 100th peal for this association.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Dunstan's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Hammond 1, E. Bishop, jun., 2, A. Lewery 3, A. Holder 4, E. Bishop, sen., 5, C. Brazier (conductor) 6, W. Kitchenside 7, C. R. Pennegon (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells.

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On Wednesday, January 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALBERT E. NORMAN 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	*WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	*FRANK E. HAYNES 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee—GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Cinques on handbells and rung at first attempt.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, January 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY, WHITECHAPEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

W. ROUGHTON 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON 5-6
E. H. LEWIS 3-4	H. LANGDON 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Umpire—A. A. Hughes.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

MR. JOHN BASS' BEREAVEMENT.

Many members of the Exercise will hear with feelings of deep regret of the loss sustained by Mr. John Bass in the death of his wife, Mrs. Kate Bass, at the age of 45, the sad event taking place on Sunday, January 15th. Mrs. Bass was taken ill on Friday, December 30th, and the end came rather suddenly.

The deceased was interred in St. James' Churchyard, Wollaston, on Tuesday, January 17th, the Vicar (Rev. H. C. Wanstall) conducting the service, and four ringing friends (Messrs. F. W. Gibbs, A. Fryer, H. V. Cooper and C. W. Cooper) officiated as bearers.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, with the bells half-muffled, was rung as a last mark of respect by P. Richards, H. V. Cooper, Harry Perrins, Robert Matthews (conductor), Sam Thompson, and F. W. Gibbs.

'FIRST PEAL BY ALL.'

RUNG TO CELEBRATE GIFT OF A BELL.

There is nothing more gratifying than to record a 'first peal by all.' On January 14th, at St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich, a peal of Grandsire Doubles—with 42 callings at that!—was rung by the service band.

For fourteen years there has been a struggle at this five-bell tower to maintain a company, and it has been done, although it has meant the teaching of many new ringers.

A new treble to augment the ring has been talked of from time to time since the bells were rehung in a frame for six in 1903. Hopes are now to materialise, for Mr. G. Morley has promised to give the bell, and the peal was rung to commemorate the gift. Patience has been rewarded, and it is hoped that good use will be made of the enlarged ring, with a peal of Minor soon to follow.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Thursday, January 12th, at the Parish Church, Cirencester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen., 1, J. E. Waters 2, W. G. Cook 3, H. S. Parsons 4, F. J. Lewis, jun., 5, H. C. Bond 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung on the minor eight (tenor 21 cwt. in E minor), with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. F. W. Bond, whose husband has been for a great many years a ringer at Cirencester.

On Sunday, January 15th, the ringers of Church Kirk rang 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major with bells muffled at backstroke as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Harry Hayes, who died on Saturday, January 7th, aged 78 years. Mr. Hayes was a member of the band who rang on the original peal of six at Church Kirk in 1878. Ringers taking part: A. Chadwick 1, J. Parr 2, J. Riley 3, F. Cockshott 4, A. Ingham 5, W. Aaron 6, A. Brunton 7, L. J. Williams (conductor) 8.

On Saturday, January 14th, at Crosthwaite Church, an attempt was made for a muffled peal of 5,040 Stedman Triples in memory of the late Dr. Stuart, Dean of Carlisle, who died on Thursday, January 12th. After ringing for 2½ hours two bells changed course and brought what might have been a perfect peal to an untimely end. The following ringers took part: James Tebay (Bowness) 1, Thomas Jefferson (Bowness) 2, Tyson Hogarth (Crosthwaite) 3, A. W. Brighton (London) 4, Fred Hewitson (Ambleside) 5, Thomas Newton (Ambleside) 6, William Robinson (Ambleside) (conductor) 7, Frank Barnes (Crosthwaite) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The number of 720's rung at Little Munden, Herts, during 1932 was 120 in 17 methods. Again, as for many years, the bells were rung for the two services every Sunday throughout the year.

A peal of Grandsire Triples had to be substituted for an attempt for London Surprise Major at Lawton, Cheshire, on January 14th, owing to two members of the band going down under the prevalent epidemic of flu. The treble and tenor ringers were called on at the last moment to take a rope, and the tenorman thus scored his first peal.

Mr. J. W. Jones, the popular hon. secretary of Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, has changed his address, although he still lives in the same house. No, he didn't fold up his 'tent' like the Arabs and silently steal away. The Corporation altered the name of the road, and in future his address will be 'Cartref,' Allern View, Newport, Mon.

The order has now been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the two new treble bells which are to be added to the octave at Newbury. It is hoped to hold the dedication service on Sunday, April 2nd. A sum of £28 is still required to complete the work, and contributions will be gratefully received by Mr. H. W. Curtis, hon. secretary, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

Mr. Uriah Braven, this year's chairman of Bristol United Guilds, has rung over a hundred peals, all of them on the tenor.

The peal rung at Caythorpe, Lincs., on Saturday, Dec. 31st, was Grandsire Triples, and not Stedman, as published in our last issue.

The annual meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild which was to have been held on February 4th, has been postponed, and will probably be held at Ottershaw on Feb. 25th.

GOOD STRIKING.

COMPETITIONS WOULD RAISE THE STANDARD.

A ringer, brought up in Devon in a stronghold of 'stoneys,' writes: 'I think that your leader of last Friday should be printed on stiff cardboard and hung in every belfry in the country.' He adds that until he left Devon a few years ago he held change ringing in utter contempt, not because he was ignorant of the art (for he could write out a six-score and call it in single changes), but because the few touches of change ringing that he had heard rung had all been so very badly struck. Since living in other parts of the country, where ringing is typical of that which obtains in the provinces, he has progressed as far as Surprise ringing.

'Often have I heard the remark,' he says, 'after a touch has been brought round, "That was a bit of good striking," and equally as often have I thought to myself what a scathing judgment I should have passed on that same striking in the old call-change days. It is only when I go home to North Devon that I realise that my ears now accept without protest what would once have set my every nerve on edge, and my old ringing friends accept with sorrow my apologies for the way in which my own striking has deteriorated since I took to "scientific."

How can the very moderate standard which change ringers set themselves be more generally attained, and how can that standard be raised?

Firstly, as you so rightly point out in your article, by giving beginners a long apprenticeship in rounds and call changes. "Listen before you look," should be their motto, and when they do begin to hunt the treble they should be told to listen, listen, listen all the time. Then, when they begin to ring Grandsire on a working bell, they should be told to dodge when they hear the treble leave the lead. If, after a fair trial, any beginner states that he cannot hear the treble leading, he should be turned out of the belfry. A poor listener can never hope to become a good striker. In this way, once a man has acquired the listening habit, he will never lose it, and he will have an invaluable aid when he comes to learn on the higher methods.

Secondly, good striking can be encouraged in no better way than by holding competitions. I know that change ringers in general look down with disfavour on the idea of competitions, but they are frequently held at home, the reward merely taking the form of certificates, and I have never heard of any bad feeling being engendered.

If competitions became more general, "crack" bands would arise all over the country, a definite standard of striking would thus be set up, and the general public, instead of tolerating ringing as an unavoidable nuisance, would adopt a far more friendly and appreciative attitude.'

AN ESSEX RESTORATION.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

A scheme has been promoted for rehanging the six bells at Thorington, Essex, and it is hoped to increase the number to eight. The cost of the restoration of the existing bells, and putting them into an iron frame, will be £200, and £77 more is required for the two other bells.

An appeal is made for funds to enable the scheme to be carried out, and donations should be sent to Mr. G. A. Andrews, Thorington, near Colchester; or to Mr. W. J. Nevard, Myrtle Cottage, Great Bentley, near Colchester, Essex.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.BISHOP OF MALMESBURY AND UNDUE INTERFERENCE
WITH RINGING.**POSITION OF DAVIES MEMORIAL SCHEME.**

The twelfth annual dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, held at Bristol on Saturday, was again a great attraction. Ringers gathered in large numbers, not only from the counties of Gloucester and Somerset, but from many other parts of England, and the weekend was made a thoroughly enjoyable one for all the visitors through the hospitality of the Guilds and the enthusiastic efforts of the officials, particularly of Mr. Edgar Guise, the hon. secretary, who laboured with characteristic energy to ensure the complete success of the whole proceedings. In the afternoon, not only were the bells of various Bristol churches open for ringing, but a motor coach excursion to Wotton-under-Edge was organised, in which many took part, and opportunity was taken to unveil a peal board, which had been erected to record a peal rung there during the August 'charabanc week' to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, who were now present to take part in the unveiling ceremony.



THE CHAIRMAN OF BRISTOL
UNITED GUILDS.

At St. Thomas' Church Room, later in the afternoon, there were many meetings of old friends over a 'cup of tea and a bun,' and in the evening a company of about 180 assembled at the Grand Hotel for dinner. Over this function, the chairman of the United Guilds, Mr. Uriah W. Braven, one of Bristol's oldest and most respected ringers, presided, and was supported by, among others, the Bishop of Malmesbury (Dr. Ronald Ramsey), the Rector of St. Mary Redcliffe, the Rev. M. Paterson (Vicar of St. Thomas'), the Rev. E. J. Phillips (Coalpit Heath), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. J. Gould (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. Stephen H. Wood, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, etc. Among the visitors were Messrs. J. S. Hawkins and A. A. Hughes (representing the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. A. King (Vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association), Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, Miss M. Fearn, Miss O. M. Sanders, Messrs. G. F. Swann, G. E. Fearn, H. Fearn, C. H. Stanley, V. Heunis and R. Peel (Birmingham), S. F. Palmer and F. Ward (Sheffield Cathedral Society), Mr. W. H. Shaker (hon. sec. Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shaker, Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. sec., Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. sec., Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Mr. E. Stitch (Swansea and Brecon Guild), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. R. Post (Oxford), Mr. C. W. Heginbotham (chairman of Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild), Mr. J. Dart (London) and ringers from Bath, Weston-super-Mare, Cleve, Mere, Kingston Seymour, Wrington, Ubley, Gloucester, Bruton, Castle Cary, etc., as well as from all the towers associated with the United Guilds.

During dinner instrumental music was discoursed by Miss B. Plummer, Miss J. Brown and Miss E. Hawkins, and afterwards the loyal toast was honoured.

The Chairman, in submitting the toast of 'The Church,' said the whole world was suffering to-day from critical financial and economic depression, which was having its reaction on the physical, moral, and mental well-being of the people. In spite of the revived interest in religion and the renewed vitality of Church life, they who belonged to the Church felt supremely conscious of their own weakness and incapacity to deal with the situation, and there was at the moment, he ventured to say, something needful which was sorely lacking, that was the quality of joy, which was so characteristic of the early Christians. For several years past St. Mary Redcliffe tower had been in 'splints' undergoing restoration at the hands of the builders. As soon as the work was commenced the architect gave orders that the bells were not to be rung as the tower was not strong enough to stand the vibration. So one of the things which they had missed most, especially at festivals, was the merry and joyful pealing of the

bells, the bells which were the symbols of Christian joy. Here, then, was the message he would have them take away with them. Bell ringers themselves needed continual mending, renovation and restoration; the will to build up and develop their own characters in the best and highest of schools, the Church; to gather strength for their real work, for without a strong foundation and basis their bell-ringing could have no spiritual or abiding value. Let them make their contribution to the life and witness for the Church for the betterment of the world by being men full of the spirit of joy—so might the message of the bells which they rang go forth from their very hearts to give a new hope, a new spirit of joy and peace to a depressed world.

The Rev. M. Paterson, Vicar of St. Thomas' Church, supplemented the toast, and paid a tribute to the energy and devotion with which the Bishop of Malmesbury served the Church in the Diocese. They were very much indebted to him for, and heartily appreciated, his presence there among them that evening.

ATTITUDE OF DIOCESAN AUTHORITIES.

The Bishop of Malmesbury, responding to the toast, had a cordial reception. He referred to the restoration work which has been carried out to St. Mary Redcliffe tower, and remarked that, viewed from the north court of the church, it was revealing itself, to his mind, as the most beautiful thing in Bristol. Proceeding, he said he had the greatest admiration for the work of the ringers in the belfry. He did not think the Church would ever give up the privilege and duty of having its bells rung. The Bishop of the Diocese would have liked to be present with them that night as one of his last few public functions before retiring, but it was not possible. He had, he said, heard him dictate recently some of the strongest letters he had ever heard dictated as a guidance to a certain parson when someone had objected to the bells being rung (hear, hear). He (the speaker) did want them to understand that

so far as that diocese was concerned the full power, influence and authority of the Bishop and Diocesan Board of Finance would be behind the bellringers in preventing any undue or wrong interference with the rights and privileges which they have to ring the bells of the churches according to ancient custom

(applause). They need have no fear that in any case where the bellringers were interrupted or objection taken the matter would be allowed to go by default so far as the diocesan authorities were concerned. It was definitely the duty of the parson that he should enuse the bell to be tolled or rung, and he had no doubt ringing was included in that. If they had any doubt as to what the attitude of the authorities in that diocese would be, he hoped that what he had said would assure them. They would not allow undue interference with the proper ringing of the bells, which he believed was appreciated by practically all people, whether they lived in the villages or the towns (applause).

Continuing, the Bishop said he appreciated tremendously what the ringers were doing, and he believed they were doing it because of the message which lay behind the bells. They were a call to the Church, they were a call to the clergy, and when the clergy heard them what was going to be their answer to the call? It should bring home to them that it was not right to call the people to church unless they had something very real and very true to give them. In these perplexing days he felt it was the duty of the Church to give the people a message of hope, and until Christ's teaching became the basis of all their actions there could be no hope for the world. There was only one standard of life for Christianity, and that was the life of faithful witness, and this standard the ringers should show in their own lives as well as in the devoted work they did for the church.

A UNITED FAMILY.

In submitting the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' Mr. E. H. Lewis referred with pleasure to the fact that the association had recently returned to the fold of the Central Council. He was very glad indeed that they did return; he thought it was a great pity that they ever went out, and he thought possibly they would not have gone out if there had not been some slight and, perhaps, unnecessary misunderstanding. They found ringers got very keen on their subject. He did not know why it was, but people who got very keen on their subject were sometimes apt to take rather a one-sided view of things, which caused a certain amount of misunderstanding. He could not help feeling sometimes that if they had a little bit more of the spirit of Christian fellowship in their more personal matters they might avoid some misunderstandings and a certain amount of personality. He was not referring to the Gloucester and Bristol Association in that respect, but to ringers generally. One could not help feeling, after reading recent issues of 'The Ringing World,' that it was a great pity that so much personality crept into ringing correspondence. No doubt some people got very keen on their own theories, but he did wish they would keep their personalities out of the ringing Press, and he wished they could get rid of the thoughts which were behind the personalities. After he had spoken at the ringers' gathering at Croydon last year, the Bishop of Norwich said he was very glad he had 'gone for' the ringers, because those functions sometimes became rather too much of a sort of mutual patting on the back. He hoped, therefore, they would forgive him if he had spoken rather plainly on the subject of ringers

and their personal quarrels. He did feel, however, very happy that the Central Council was once more a united family, and that they had the Gloucester and Bristol Association back with them again (applause).

CENTRAL COUNCIL WHAT RINGERS MAKE IT.

There were complaints from time to time about the Central Council, but it should be remembered that the Council was what the ringers made it. It could only be what the various associations made it by their choice of the members they sent to attend the Council, so that when anybody complained of the Central Council they were really complaining of themselves, and it was up to them to see that they sent the right people. If they did that they would get the right things done in the Council. He did not want to say anything about the Minor controversy except this, that he hoped a final decision would be made next Whitsuntide, and that they would know once for all what ringers wanted for a true peal of Minor. Continuing, Mr. Lewis said he wanted to thank them for that opportunity of visiting Bristol. It was the first time he had done any ringing in the City of Bristol, and he very much regretted his business engagements did not enable him to get there in time to join the tour, but he had had a very interesting afternoon. He had rung in three towers, one which resembled Pisa or Surfleet (where one of the ringers stood in the west doorway because the rope came down so close to the wall, although in the bell chamber the bell was between the rope and the wall). He had also rung in a tower where the bells seemed to go automatically to Stedman, but when they came to Major he heard some real West Country leads, although, unfortunately, some of them were at backstroke (laughter). Then he went to another tower where they evidently accompanied the bells on a harmonium (laughter). He had never before seen a belfry furnished with a harmonium to accompany the ringing (laughter). The Bishop of Malmesbury had made a reference in his speech to youngsters of 57. One thing that had struck him, said Mr. Lewis, was that he had seen a lot of youngsters, many of them were 57 or getting on that way, but he had not seen as many between 15 and 25 as he would have liked to see. He understood they had a great many bells in Bristol, but not all of them were rung. Might he make an appeal to them to try to put in more work on the very young lads so that Bristol might be a city of bells that are rung, and not a city of bells that are not rung.

THE DAVIES MEMORIAL SCHEME.

Mr. Edgar Guise responded to the toast instead of Mr. J. Gould, Master of the Association, who, although present, did not feel well enough to speak. Mr. Guise said he would like to take the opportunity of paying a tribute to Mr. Gould, who had been for fifty years a ringer at Henbury, chairman of the Bristol Branch of the Association, vice-president of the association, chairman of Bristol United Guilds, and now occupied the high position of Master of the Association. There was no ringer who had worked so hard in the cause of the association as Mr. Joe Gould (applause). Proceeding, Mr. Guise referred to the Davies Memorial Scheme. They had had, he said, a great and gratifying response from ringers all over the country, and the fund was nearing £200. That was a tremendous sum in these days of trade depression, and when there were two other important memorial schemes being run at the same time. With regard to the raising of the remaining £50, he did not think they would have much difficulty. There was a special sub-committee appointed to deal with the matter, which comprised some of the best-known men in Gloucester and Bristol area, but it came as a revelation to him when they were well launched into the scheme to be told that something should be done to the existing bells at Tewkesbury Abbey. He did not know the bells very well, but they had other members on the committee who might have made reference to it when they were considering what was the best form the memorial should take. There was one thing that there could be no doubt about, and that was that the memorial must be bells. They had had to promise £75 towards the Ringers' Chapel, but now it was suggested that before they added the new bells the old ones should be tuned. That had placed them in a difficulty which he hoped those present would appreciate. They could not go to the authorities at Tewkesbury and say, 'These bells will have to be tuned'—they might reply that they did not want to have them tuned. Were they to put the two bells in front of the ten, or must they hold on until they had further advice? It had been suggested that if there was any difficulty in raising the necessary additional money they might merely tune the bells, and with the balance put a sanctus bell in the chapel. He had raised the matter, said Mr. Guise, because it was of more than local importance. The special committee had already decided on their scheme, which had been approved by the association, and they had received very nearly £200 towards it. They were in a difficult position. They could not turn back very well, but at present they had not got enough money to have the bells tuned and add the new bells as well. If anyone had any other suggestion to make he would be pleased to receive it and place it before the special committee.

Referring to Mr. Lewis' remarks as to the absence of young ringers, Mr. Guise said in some measure their absence that night was due to the fact that young ringers could not afford to attend that gathering. During the last twelve months, however, they had done in Bristol what he thought was unique. On the occasion of the last dinner some of them visited Emmanuel Church to ring in

the afternoon. They found the bells in a deplorable condition. The Vicar had just come there from Huddersfield, and he watched the bells being rung. The bells had now been put in order, and a band of 15 was made up from men engaged at the Zoological Gardens. They began to learn on May 14th, on July 1st they rang the whole eight bells for morning service. After that they were 'stuck up,' and they had never been lowered since, but had been rung regularly for morning and evening service every Sunday. If they could get one further peal a year rung in the same way they would be lucky, but they hoped to do more than that (applause).

Mr. F. Skidmore (vice-chairman) proposed 'Kindred Societies and our Visitors,' and extended a hearty welcome to all their visitors. It was very encouraging to the Bristol United Guilds to see so many kindred societies represented. There were, he said, eleven members of the Central Council present. He regretted that the Vicar of Emmanuel Church had been prevented by influenza from coming among them. It was the first time Emmanuel Church had been represented at that dinner, the Guild having only been formed in 1932. They welcomed the members of the Guild most heartily. Mr. Skidmore added the best thanks of those present were due to Mr. Edgar Guise, the hon. secretary. The success of the gathering, he said, was largely due to his untiring efforts and splendid organisation (applause).

Mr. J. P. Fidler, who first responded, reciprocated the greetings extended to the visitors, and remarked that the development of the social side of ringing gave a stimulus to the welfare of the art, because it gave them the opportunity to exchange views. Mr. Fidler, referring to the six-bell controversy, said Minor was the foundation of ringing, and he did not like to see it belittled as some people belittled it. He was sorry to see such a controversy going on about six-bell peals, and hoped the Central Council would tackle and settle the question. He deprecated every Tom, Dick and Harry trying to push their particular views down other people's throats.

Mr. Harry Ford, of Emmanuel Guild, who was called upon to respond in place of his absent Vicar, said he was almost the youngest member of Bristol United Guilds, but he had been a member long enough to see the marvellous fellow-feeling that existed in his own and other towers. He took the opportunity of thanking other Bristol ringers for the kindness they had shown in coming to Emmanuel tower to help the new band there, and especially Mr. Guise for the help he had given.

The Rev. E. J. Phillips, in a breezy speech about ringers and ringing, proposed 'The Ringing World,' to which Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded. The latter said he did not think Mr. Fidler need be sorry over the Minor controversy, for it was out of the controversies of the past that the standards of the present had been set up.

Mr. W. Thomas thanked the artistes for their enjoyable entertainment, and especially Mr. Emery and Mr. Charles Read for all they had done in organising the programme.—Mr. Read responded.

The musical programme provided was up to the customary high standard of the United Guilds' gatherings. The handbell selections of the St. Thomas' ringers were encores, and some delightful songs were sung by Madam D. Curnock and Mr. Herbert Spikes, of Emmanuel Church Choir. Mr. W. B. Steele's sketches, including Dickens' studies, were very much appreciated, and Mr. H. Poole gave a clever conjuring exhibition. The accompanist was Mr. Charles Read. A course of Stedman Caters was rung by Messrs. E. H. Lewis, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, J. Burford and S. F. Palmer.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A REPORT FOR 1931 AND 1932 TO BE ISSUED.

There was a good muster of members at the Bedworth meeting of the Warwickshire Guild on Saturday, January 21st, Allesley, Arley, Chilvers Coton, Higham, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke, Warwick and Wolvey, together with the local band, being the towers represented. The eight bells were made good use of during the afternoon. Tea was served in the school adjoining. The cost of this was kindly defrayed by one of the local ringers, who wished to remain anonymous.

The business meeting followed, Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master) taking the chair. The following meeting places were fixed: Shilton for February and Allesley for March. The election of three new members (two of them 15 years of age) prior to a peal was ratified.

The question arose as to whether a report for the years 1931-32 should be issued. The Hon. Secretary mentioned the financial position and two or three members voiced their opinions. On being put to the meeting, all were in favour of a report for the past two years being issued, and the hon. secretary was instructed to proceed with the same.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector, to those who had prepared the tea and to the generous donor.

The majority then returned to the tower, while a few handbell enthusiasts remained in the tea room, among them being: Messrs. J. H. White, F. W. Perrens, W. H. J. Hooton, D. H. Argyle, T. W. Chapman, W. Stoke and A. H. Beamish. Ringing on the tower bells continued until about 8 o'clock, when a broken rope put an end to any further ringing.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.

There was only a fair attendance at the Farnham District's annual meeting held at Farnham on Saturday. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and at 4 o'clock the Rector of Farnham (Canon E. M. Girling) dedicated a board in the ringing chamber recording two peals—one of Kent Treble Bob and one of Stedman Triples—rung in the tower during the year by local ringers. Both peals were conducted by Mr. R. Hasted. Afterwards the service was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Dance, the Rector preaching. The singing was led by the choir boys, and Mr. G. C. Macklin was at the organ.

Canon Girling presided over the tea and business meeting at Messrs. Rogers' Cafe, The Borough, and was supported by Mr. R. Hasted (District Ringing Master), Mr. J. Corbett (Guild hon. treasurer), Mr. C. W. Doneyer (district hon. secretary), Mr. P. L. Eldridge (hon. auditor), Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford District secretary), and Mr. A. J. Stedman (churchwarden). Towers represented were Seale, Aldershot, Farnham, Bagshot, Alton, Yorktown, Llanstephan (Wales), S. Nicolas, Guildford, and West Clandon, the number present being 42.

The Secretary said apologies for absence had been received from Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (general secretary of the Guild), who had to go to Bristol, Mr. G. Andrews, of Ash, and Canon W. H. Stuart, of Bagshot.

The district officers were re-elected, and Mr. F. Nye and Mr. T. Upshall were elected as ringing representatives on the executive committee. Mr. L. A. N. Muddell was elected honorary members' representative.

The Ringing Master reported progress in most towers, but he urged the members to encourage the younger ringers in their towers to take greater interest in change ringing. Six peals had been rung in the district—three at Farnham, one at Aldershot, one at Seale (fully muffled, in remembrance of the late Guild treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker), and one at Bagshot by members of the Surrey Association.

The Secretary reported an increase in the number of ringing members from 108 to 128, but a decrease of hon. members from 32 to 27. The average attendance at the six district meetings which had been held was 34. The district regretted the loss through death of one hon. member, Mr. A. Grange, of Farnham, and one ringing member, Mr. Mark Downes, of Aldershot. Mr. Downes, who was only 26 years of age, died as the result of a motor-cycling accident in December. The district had also lost by removal one of its officers Lieut.-Col. H. M. Gale, M.C., who was appointed to a post in Egypt. Col. Gale was a ringing representative on the executive committee. Thanks were accorded Mr. T. A. Stroud for his continued services as organist at the meetings. A feature of the year was the increased membership of the Bentley band, subscriptions having been received from ten ringing members (applause).

The balance sheet showed an increased balance in hand from £13 15s. 8d. to £15 9s. 2d. The Chairman congratulated the district on its financial position in these difficult times.

It was resolved to hold meetings during 1933 at Seale, Aldershot, Ash, Hawley and Crondall, the dates to be arranged, and the annual meeting at Farnham on January 20th, 1934. The general officers of the Guild were renominated en bloc, the members expressing satisfaction at the spirit in which the Guild officers carried out their work.

One new hon. member, Mrs. T. Upshall, Farnham, was elected.

Mr. G. L. Grover explained the proposal to erect a memorial to the late Admiral Walker. Support was needed, he said, from all parts of the diocese, and he hoped the Farnham District would make a grant of, say, £3 3s. from its balance in hand.—It was finally decided to subscribe not less than £3 3s., and not more than £5 5s. from the funds, the actual amount being left to the district committee to decide if the scheme for the improvement of Woking bells goes forward.

Mr. P. L. Edridge proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist and choir, Mr. Hasted and the local ringers, and also welcomed Mr. Stedman (hon. member) and Mr. Hardiman (of Alton).—Mr. Ewens seconded, and the motion was carried.

The tower was revisited at the close of the business, and good practice put in in the standard methods.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

The following are the figures of the peal rung at Bispham, Lancs, on January 7th. The composer's name is unknown. Can any ringer supply the information?

23456 3rd W. 5th H.

35642	S	S
43652	—	3
46532	—	2
43562	—	3*
64532	—	3
36542	—	3
34562	—	3*

Four times repeated. The last of the three calls 3* is a single.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHERN BRANCH AND BELFRY REPAIRS FUND.

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Grantham on Saturday, when ringers were present from Surfleet, including Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Guild), Bourne, Rippingale, Hough-on-the-Hill, Barkston, Sutton-on-Trent, Orston, Bottesford, Folkingham and Grantham. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and a short service was held, at which the members were addressed by Canon Markham (Rector of Grantham). Tea was served in the Church House, 26 sitting down.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Rector of Orston, presided.

Two new vice-presidents were elected, the Rev. C. D. Moore, Rector of Hough, and the Rev. C. Mahon, Rector of Colsterworth, and the officers (Ringing Master, Mr. H. M. Day, treasurer, Mr. A. I. Holmes, secretary, Mr. C. T. H. Bradley) were re-elected, together with the committee. Mr. J. Royce, of Grantham, was elected a performing member.

After a discussion Edenham was selected for the May meeting.

Mr. F. French proposed, and Mr. W. G. Thorpe seconded, that at all future meetings a collection be made in aid of Belfry Repairs Funds.—This proposal was unanimously accepted and will in future be adopted.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Markham for the use of bells and the service. The meeting then concluded, and further ringing was indulged in.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICERS REAPPOINTED.

The annual district meeting was held at Leatherhead on Saturday, members attending from Ashted, Banstead, Beckenham, Beddington, Benhilton, Carshalton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Epsom (Christ Church), Ewell, Guildford, Leatherhead and Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul's and Christ Church).

Ringing commenced about four o'clock and continued until 5 p.m., when the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, conducted a short service. Tea was arranged at the Institute, where 30 sat down to the usual substantial Leatherhead meal.

The business meeting followed immediately after tea, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge presiding. Ten new members were elected, and it was a great pleasure to welcome Carshalton tower back to the association again.

The annual report and balance sheet were passed without comment.

Places for meetings for the coming year were decided on as follows: Easter Monday, St. Peter's, Croydon; May 27th, Egham; joint meeting with the Guildford Guild on July 29th at Ranmore Common; September 30th, Carshalton; November 25th, Ashted; and the annual district meeting on January 27th, 1934, at Clapham Park.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: District Master, Mr. A. W. Clark; treasurer, Mr. F. G. Woodiss; secretary, Mr. D. Cooper; and auditor, Mr. A. Gower. The three representatives on the committee were elected as follows: Mr. W. C. Smith, of Benhilton; Mr. J. Beams, of Ewell, and Mr. A. Dean, of Leatherhead.

The Secretary said he hoped to start the combined practices in February, and urged all members to attend as many as possible, and so ensure that they are a success. A full list of the practices will be sent to each tower in due course.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the services and presiding at the meeting, to the organist for playing at the service, and to Mr. A. Dean for making all necessary arrangements. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the officers for their services during the past year. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued in a variety of methods.

DEATH OF SUFFOLK VETERAN.

An old Suffolk ringer has passed away, after a short illness, in the person of Mr. George W. Mee, of Sproughton, Ipswich. He was elected a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association in the year 1879, and took part in several of the early Surprise peals, including the first of Cambridge, New Cambridge and London in Suffolk and Norfolk. He had rung upwards of 80 peals for the association, and was also a member of the Suffolk Guild. He had conducted peals on five, six and eight bells, and took part in a peal at Helmingham rung by eight Georges. His brother is another well-known Sproughton ringer, Mr. Charles Mee.

The funeral took place on Jan. 17th, when he was laid to rest in the churchyard at All Saints', Sproughton, in the presence of a large congregation, including many of his fellow ringers. At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Percy May 1-2, Frank Rolfe 3-4, Edgar Rivers 5-6 and Robert H. Brundle (the Ipswich veteran) 7-8.

On Sunday the bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob by S. C. Moss 1, R. H. Brundle 2, F. Rolfe 3, H. J. Mee 4, E. Rivers 5, C. Mee (conductor) 6.

'BELL TOWERS.'

A lecture on 'BELL TOWERS' will be given by

E. H. LEWIS, ESQ., M.A.,

President of the Central Council,

At S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, following the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

All ringers are cordially invited. For other arrangements see Guildford Diocesan Guild notice.

UNRUNG BELLS OF LLANSTEPHAN
RINGERS NOT ALLOWED TO RING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—A peal of eight bells was given to Llanstephan Parish Church and the donor desired them to be rung regularly every Sunday. He brought down from London a band of College Youths to open the bells. They rang the old year of 1870 out and the new year (1871) in, and then on New Year's Day rang a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples. Those were great days for this pretty little seaside village, they say. To ensure the bells being rung as they were in his lifetime, his sister left a sum of money for the payment of the ringers.

The terms of the will were carried out to the letter until the churchyard wall was taken down for some reason, which was considered a sacrilege at that time. The ringers went on strike over that, and the bells were idle for two years, when the trustee compelled them to ring the bells once more. The local band then took up change ringing and succeeded in ringing a peal of 5,040 changes which, of course, was published in your paper.

Now we have a Vicar who does not like bells rung, as he said they were 'nothing but rowdiness.' The local ringers rang for his induction, and that is the way he thanks them. We raised the eight bells in peal, then rang Grandsire, then lowered them in peal, and the raising and falling was done almost perfectly. It was a credit to the captain and the ringers.

It was the captain who coached the local band in the art of change ringing, and it is hard on us all that we are not allowed to ring these bells at all. The bells are now being only chimed for services.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will sympathise with bellringers who are not allowed to ring. I hope that a few bands will come down and ring our beautiful bells.

EDMUND J. MORRIS.

Llanstephan.

THE BEQUEST.

The will of the late Anne Parnall, of Llanstephan, dated November 26th, 1891, contained the following:—

'I give and bequeath the sum of £400 to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being of the parish of Llanstephan aforesaid upon trust to invest the same upon Government securities of the United Kingdom, and apply the interest thereof at their discretion amongst such eight persons to be sober and respectable men as shall be employed by the said Vicar and Churchwardens as bellringers to ring the bells of the parish church of Llanstephan aforesaid, in such proportions and at such times as the Vicar and Churchwardens and their successors or the majority of them in case of difference may in their discretion think proper and expedient. And I declare that such last-mentioned bequest of £400 is made on condition that the aforesaid bells be rung in the usual course regularly on every Sunday, and in default thereof I give the said last-mentioned sum of £400 to the treasurer, for the time being, of the Carmarthen County Infirmary for the general purposes of the Infirmary.'

According to a letter which has appeared in a local newspaper it is stated that the bells have not been rung since September 2nd, 1928. Since that time the captain of the ringers has received £2 19s. 2d. for one year and 8s. 3d. for the following year, which he handed over to the Carmarthen Infirmary. As for the four years, £39 12s. has been received from the trust, the question is asked, What has become of the money every year, and, if the condition of the will is not fulfilled, why the money had not been handed over to the Infirmary?

NOTICE.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 4.30.—D. Clarke, Dis. Sec.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due and should be paid as early as possible.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea, Church Room, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horeley, Surrey.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Guildford District, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at S. Nicolas' Hall, followed by lecture on 'Bell Towers' by E. H. Lewis, Esq., President of the Central Council.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clendon, near Guildford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Burley on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available: Burley (8) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and St. Michael's, Headingley (8), 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. Matthias', Burley, at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. General meeting afterwards. Guiseley, Horsforth and Haddon Place cars leave City Square, Leeds, at frequent intervals. Passengers to alight at Wolseley Road for Burley. Subscriptions now due.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham. A presentation will be made to Mr. P. J. Johnson at this meeting, and it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present for this event.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, 41, High Street, Bloomsbury, at 5.30. St. Clement Danes' bells from 3 to 4.30. Members and friends heartily welcomed. The District Committee will meet in the St. Giles' Vestry at 4 p.m. All concerned, please note.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Will all members try to attend.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, it is important that as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting at Bakewell, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. for election of local officers and nomination of general officers. Will all Peak district ringers endeavour to be present?—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec. pro. tem., Moneyash Road, Bakewell.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—Major J. G. Stilwell, Yateley, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The branch annual committee meeting will be held at the address below on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 3 p.m., one representative from each tower attending, if possible. The bells at Stoke Poges will be available for all ringers at 6 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Gamston on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Please make effort to attend, as there is special business to discuss.—W. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance of members is requested. — Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cropredy on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service in church 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Subscriptions for 1933 are due. Please notify attendance for tea.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham and Pevensey on Saturday, Jan. 28th. West Ham tower will be open from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business will be held at the Royal Oak, Pevensey, at 5.15 p.m. (1s. 3d. per head). Pevensey bells available from 6 o'clock. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1s. 6d.). —A. C. Pankhurst, Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follows. For tea advise E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service at 5.15. Tea (1s. per head) at 6 o'clock, followed by meeting. All requiring tea must notify Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Wisbech (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. — E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Annual meeting at Sleaford, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting. All ringers welcome.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing at Fulham, All Saints', 3 to 5 only. Tea for first 16 names at 'Fielders,' High Street, 5.15. Business and further ringing at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, 6.30. Late applicants may obtain tea at Lyons, Queen Street, Hammersmith. A welcome for all. — J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Meeting in Clergy House at 6. Members make own arrangements for tea. Cafés near church. A good attendance at this meeting is requested. — E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Wickham Market on Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage Hut, 1/- each, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Pulham Market tomorrow at 5.15 p.m. Bells from 3 o'clock.—Nolan Golden, Hon. Branch Sec., 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The sum of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on February 2nd (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, *The Coffee Pot on the 21st (8 p.m.), the others at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The memorial to the Rev. H. Law James, in the form of two trebles added to the peal of 10 at Surfleet, will be dedicated by Canon G. W. Jeudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln and President of the Guild, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Dedication and memorial service at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers will receive a hearty welcome. The 10 bells available all day, the 12 open after service. Tea provided, only for those applying not later than Tuesday, Jan. 31st. — R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—First meeting of the newly-formed Central (South) Division will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, 5.15, followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) in the Church House after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 31st. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Honiton on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8) Tea and meeting, 5 p.m., Carlton Café. Service, St. Paul's Church, 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, February 1st, number attending requiring tea.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, February 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. All subscriptions are due.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 at the King's Head Hotel, followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify the undersigned? All ringers welcome.—George Case, Hon. Sec., 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing from 3 till 5, and 6.30 till 8. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5 p.m. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1933 (1s. 6d.) are now due. A good meeting is hoped for.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at five. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempstord Road, Sandy.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday, February 4th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by the meeting. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting at Whitechurch, Saturday, February 4th. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Business meeting follows. Notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitechurch, for tea by February 1st.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown, Newbury.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, February 4th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton (6) on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting to follow. Holt (6) available during the evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at St. Peter's Church, Hindley. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. Wm. Blackledge, 37, Platt Lane, Hindley, not later than Wednesday, February 1st. Meeting at 6 p.m.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on February 4th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea and business after. I hope we may have a nice number attending, old friends and new.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please notify Mr. H. Jackson, 81, Beech Road, Stockport, by Tuesday, January 31st.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m., kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each to those who notify Mr. J. H. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, near Sheffield, not later than February 2nd. A welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ide, February 11th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by February 5th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Service at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me. — H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Great Handbell Competition.**—On Saturday, Feb. 11th, at annual general meeting and annually on such occasions, a competition will take place on handbells. Local towers are invited to send a band of L.C.A. members, who may compete by ringing a course of Triples of any method they themselves prefer. A splendid challenge cup will be presented, by the kindness of F. E. Dawe, Esq., and it is expected that a very happy, if exciting, gathering will result. All members wishing to compete may receive further particulars from Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 15, Camden Grove, Peckham, S.E.15.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Lincolnshire District) and the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d. per head at Sun Hotel, 5 p.m. Visitors kindly advise H. Morgan, 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough, by the Wednesday previous. — Mrs. R. Richardson and H. Morgan, Dis. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The district annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, about 6 p.m., in the Church Hall, 1s. each. If possible, notify me accordingly before February 7th. Subscriptions thankfully received.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 11th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and the usual business meeting at the Institute. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, early in the week? — A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Tey on February 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Frequent bus service Colchester and Braintree. Route within one mile of church. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than February 8th.—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present kindly send word to Mr. W. E. Clarke, 70a, Norfolk Street, Boston, not later than February 8th?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By permission of Rev. J. Hilton-Spratt, the spring meeting will be held at Chilham on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members' subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 45th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the

Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 25th, at 6 o'clock prompt, 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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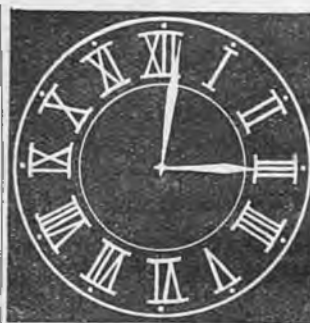
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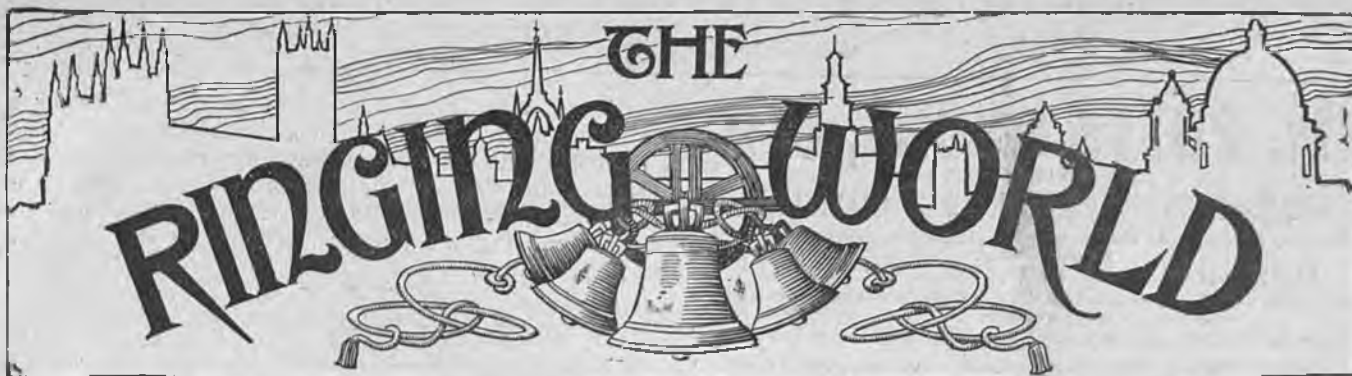
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IS IT WORTH IT?

Last year, according to the records published in 'The Ringing World,' 2,181 peals were rung. This is not a record number, but it is the highest total since the war. The peak year for peals was 1913, when 2,358 were rung, and we are creeping on again towards this stupendous level. Peals rung in such large numbers indicate, on the surface, a certain advance in the art of ringing, but examined more closely it may be—we cannot say definitely because comparative figures are not available—but it may be that actual progress has not been as real as the totals indicate. It is recognised that peal ringing is one of the best means of promoting efficiency in the art, but in these ever growing figures is there an equivalent increase in the number of ringers who take part in the peals, or is it that more men, already peal ringers, are ringing more peals? If in a ten per cent. increase in the total peals rung there has been a ten per cent. increase in the number of peal ringers we should at least be holding our own in seeking by this means to raise the efficiency of the Exercise in the mass, but unless this ratio is maintained we should fall short of that which, in the main, should be the object of peal ringing, and which is its chief justification.

Again, the increased amount of peal ringing *demands* an increased standard of striking as well as of method ringing, and in this connection it may once more be well to pause and ask, in the recent words of the President of the Central Council, whether, in many instances, in the desire to score peals, 'the art of ringing methods has rather run away from the art of good striking'? One good peal is worth twenty bad ones and we always admire the man who, when he finds bad ringing apparently incapable of improvement, has the courage to set up his bell. It ought not in these days to be peals at any price; there is little credit to the band who ring a bad peal and they can get little satisfaction from seeing their names attached to it.

It is quite certain that the majority of change-ringers are not as particular over their striking as are the men who, in the West Country, think so proudly—and justifiably, too—of their rising, falling, and round ringing. Some change ringers are wont to despise the doings of these men, but even allowing for the extra difficulty of accurately placing a bell in method ringing, we are convinced that the general standard of striking is well below that of these 'set-change' ringers—a point which, incidentally, was brought out in a communication which we printed last week. The number of peals rung may be an indication of increased or sustained interest in the higher form of the art of ringing, but quality is more essential than quantity. We know that as long as

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there is not a definite break-up in the ringing, there is a great temptation to keep going, despite indifferent striking. In the hope that the ringing may improve, but, when one considers it in cold blood, is it worth it when the ringing is poor, let alone bad? Unless peal ringing has the definite aim of improving the standard of striking it loses more than half its value.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW, E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

RALPH R. MACKRILL ... Treble	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JACK WAUGH ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	WILLIAM ESSERY ... 8
*RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 4	HARRY MANCE ... 9
JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal on ten bells. Rung by officers and committee of the above association.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Treble	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 6
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 2	CHARLES S. BORDEN ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 8
PERCY E. CLARK ... 4	ERNEST BRETT ... 9
FRANCIS C. SHORTER ... 5	WILLIAM K. NORTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WHITECHAPEL, E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN ... Treble	JOSEPH MARKS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 7
ERNEST FURBANK ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells, and rung at the first attempt by this band. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. D. Smith.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF S. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*BASIL ROLLINSON ... Treble	†VICTOR GLASS ... 5
†WILLIAM BUTLER ... 2	†JOHN REDGEWELL ... 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3	†WILLIAM S. BUTLER ... 7
WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS ... 4	CHARLES BUTTON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now 'circled' this tower, which makes ten in which he has done this. He is the first ringer to reach double figures. Rung as a farewell to the late Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Campbell), who is shortly taking up the living of St. John's, Colchester.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

*ERNEST PERCIVAL Treble	BERTIE WEBB 5
HERBERT WEBB 2	*GEORGE EVANS 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	JOSEPH DYER 7
*HARRY GARROD 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal. The conductor has now 'circled' this tower, making 11 in all.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARCHIE MITCHELL Treble	HARRY MORTEMORE 3
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 2	FRANK PICKERING 6
F. CLIFFORD WILSON 3	GEORGE LUKE 7
ALBERT FIRTH 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 2nd and tenor.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES R. GOODBOURN ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
*FRANK WALKER 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First Surprise peal, at first attempt.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON 5
MRS. BAKER 2	WILLIAM TICKNER 6
ROBERT EDWARDS 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN 7
HARRY BAKER 4	THOMAS G. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

Rung especially as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pattenden.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ROBERT THOMAS Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON 5
G. WILFRED SLACK 2	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 6
LEONARD DRAKE 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7
HAROLD WALKER 4	JOHN MARSHALL Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung in honour of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorks Association, having been made an honorary canon of Ripon, and also in honour of the completion by the president of twenty-one years in that position.

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On Thursday, January 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DAVENTRY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT 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 G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

This peal was rung to replace the false one, rung on December 12th, 1932. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Walter Whiting, mother of the ringers of 2nd and 6th, who attained her 83rd birthday on January 17th.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM H. JOINERS Treble	PERCY E. JONES 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	EDGAR HANCOX 6
HERBERT LANGDON 3	FRANK CORKE 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD 4	JAMES H. LUCAS Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
FREDERICK J. STEELE 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung in honour of the happy event of the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams, of Chester, son-in-law and daughter of the ringers of the 3rd, who belongs to Manchester. Also a birthday peal for S. Jones.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
KEITH HART 2	Cecil NICE 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 4.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST COX Treble	GLYN SHAW 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	JOHN J. WEBB 6
ALFRED T. POULTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
ARTHUR ALFORD 4	EDWIN H. FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY TAYLOR Treble	PHILIP S. THOMPSON 5
GEORGE LAMBERT 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
RICHARD D. DIVALL 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
H. DENNIS FORD 4	ALEC RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALEC RICHARDSON.

* First peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*JAMES T. STEVENS Treble	LIONEL J. COLLUM 5
JOHN WHEADON 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 6
JOHN S. MORTON 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by LIONEL J. COLLUM.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the opening of the new Parish Hall, the ceremony taking place while the peal was in progress.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

DAVID C. R. WARDELL Treble	ROWLAND FENN 5
HENRY E. PARKER 2	EDWIN G. MOORE 6
SIDNEY J. HOLGATE 3	GEORGE W. FAULKNER 7
CALEB FENN 4	ERNEST G. COTTIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CALIB FENN.

First peal and first attempt by the treble. First in the method by 3rd and 6th. Rung as a birthday compliment to churchwarden H. E. Parker, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. The band were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Parker at their residence.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK LAWTON Treble	STEPHEN L. PARRY 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	*ARTHUR F. TAYLOR 6
*JAMES LEES 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
†JOSEPH OGDEN 4	ALFRED WAITES Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in method. † First peal in method for 20 years.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	*WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
EDWARD S. T. FARR 3	RONALD H. BULLEN 7
*WILLIAM WELLING 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method in the county of Middlesex, and by the association. A birthday compliment to Miss Davis.

HADDENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First Surprise peal on the bells, a complete ring of eight, cast by Briant, Hertford, in 1809. Thanks are expressed to Mr. Chapman, towerkeeper, and the Rector, for their welcome to the band.

NEWHEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

STEPHEN L. PARRY Treble	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 5
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR 2	HAROLD HAMER 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
*GEORGE BARLOW 4	*HARRY MELLOR Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*ROBERT T. CUMMINGS Treble	JOHN ANDERSON 5
*EDWIN JENNINGS 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 6
KENNETH A. NICHOLSON 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
*CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITTSLOW. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. Jennings, of Kendal.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*AMBROSE MASON Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
*ALFRED G. G. THURLOW 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
FRANK G. RINGE 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
PERCY GREEN 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung as the monthly peal for the division.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

KRITH HART Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH, St. GILES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

AMBROSE W. OSBORNE Treble	ARTHUR BAILEY 5
*WILFRED OSBORNE 2	PERCY DYKE 6
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 3	LEONARD T. OSBORNE 7
EDGAR HUMFREY 4	ALFRED JEFFERY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ARTHUR BAILEY.

* First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor. This peal was rung to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. J. C. Gillmor. Also a birthday peal to the ringer of the tenor.

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WENDOVER, HUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH-BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. BOLTON ... Treble	ERNEST G. STEVENS ... 4
EDWARD C. AYRES ... 2	WILFRED EDWARDS ... 5
EDGAR G. SWIFT ... 3	WILLIAM E. REDRUP ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. REDRUP.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. This peal contained no 6.5's at backstroke.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. WOODCOCK ... Treble	PERCY SINDEN ... 4
ARTHUR WENBAN ... 2	FREDERICK WOOLWAY ... 5
JOHN P. COX ... 3	ROBERT COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the treble ringer, who kindly entertained the band to tea at the conclusion of the peal.

WEST DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, London, York, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM NEAL ... Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4
*WILLIAM V. BENNETT ... 2	ROGER W. DANIELS ... 5
HORACE M. DAY ... 3	†JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First Surprise peal. † First seven-method Surprise peal. Rung at the second attempt.

WHITTINGTON-IN-LONSDALE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

ERNEST SWAIN ... Treble	GEORGE H. GRAYSTON ... 4
RICHARD RAINFORD ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 5
*ERNEST GRAYSTON ... 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal on 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor and first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. J. Hodgkin) for his hospitality after the peal.

NORTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twelve different callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 4
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 2	*JACK ROY ... 5
WALTER H. POOLE ... 3	†WALTER E. PRIDDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal. First of Stedman Doubles as conductor.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNACE AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

KENNETH HOLMES ... Treble	FRANK WILSON ... 4
JIM TEHAY ... 2	THOMAS JEFFERSON ... 5
*HECTOR T. WOODBURN ... 3	HUBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by T. JEFFERSON.

* First peal of Bob Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. All are service ringers at Windermere Parish Church.

EASTWELL PARK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's, being two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*CLIVE GORE ... Treble	WILLIAM J. HENNIKER ... 4
*VICTOR G. RICHARDS ... 2	JOSEPH T. PACK ... 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

* First peal. First peal in three methods by all.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*ARTHUR K. BOLTON ... Treble	FREDERICK W. DAVIES ... 4
SMITH WOOD ... 2	JAMES F. SMITH ... 5
MRS. G. R. EDWARDS ... 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all. The compositions contain all the 5.6's, 112 4.6's, 96 3.6's, and 96 2.6's at backstroke. There were 202 bobs and 18 singles.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*NORL K. FOAKES ... Treble	WILLIAM STIFF ... 4
GEORGE W. MOSS ... 2	CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... 5
WALTER HONEYWOOD ... 3	STANLEY G. MOSS ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY G. MOSS.

* First peal.

SUTTON BONNINGTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Stedman, 12 Plain Bob, 20 Grandsire.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

PERCY J. SUTTON ... Treble	JOHN W. BOOTH ... 3
JOHN SADDINGTON ... 2	FELIX J. SUTTON ... 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which have been five since 1849. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Robert A. G. Tilney, son of Col. and Mrs. Arthur Tilney, of Sutton Bonnington Hall, to Miss Frances Moore Barclay, of New York, which took place during the week at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Mr. Tilney is a godson of the Queen.

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

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob.

DENNIS R. MORRIS	... .. Treble	FRED HAWKES	... .. 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS	... .. 2	CYRIL TANSSELL	... .. 5
FRANK LAWRENCE	... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM	... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. RASHBROOKE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

GEORGE RASHBROOKE	... .. 1-2	WILLIAM CHALK	... .. 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE	... .. 3-4	WILLIAM DENT	... .. 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by all the band except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

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The Rev. A. W. Markby said that all the credit was due to the ladies; the members of the branch were always welcome at St. Peter's.

The quarterly meetings were fixed to be held at Buckland Newton, Wyke Regis, and Frampton, and the annual meeting at Dorchester: by-meetings will be arranged at Bere Regis (by the kind invitation of Mr. W. Bedford) and Charminster. It was left to the secretary to fix suitable dates.

New members were elected as follows: Ringing members, Messrs. Groombridge and Lock (Dorchester St. Peter's), H. Runyard and A. Dorey (Wool), H. Townsend (Frampton), W. A. Smith and F. Ellory (Bradford Peverell); associate members, Mrs. D. Barrett and Mrs. A. Gifford (Sydling), Mr. and Mrs. Dawes (Wyke Regis).

The Rev. A. S. Bryant said there were four bells at Preston, and it was hoped to get a fifth, and the four members would like to join the branch; probably this number would be made up to eight.

It was unanimously resolved to admit them as members, and the Hon. Secretary said that Preston would be a new tower in the branch list.

HERVEY BEAMS MEMORIAL.

The Rev. E. S. Tarrant was re-elected chairman; Mr. G. T. White (Dorchester) and Mr. G. R. Runyard (Bradford Peverell) was re-elected as Ringing Master and Deputy Ringing Master respectively.

The members unanimously re-elected Mr. C. H. Jennings as hon. secretary.

The Chairman said that the branch owed more to Mr. Jennings than to anyone else. There were two words that summed up his work—enthusiasm and efficiency (applause).—Mr. Jennings made a suitable acknowledgment.

The Chairman tendered sincere thanks to the Rector of St. Peter's for taking the service and allowing the use of the bells, to the organist, choir boys, and organ blower, to the ladies of St. Peter's for their excellent arrangements for the tea, and to Messrs. J. T. Godwin and J. Smith for helping. He also welcomed visitors from North Dorset, Evershot, Bournemouth and Poole.

It was resolved to make a donation of 10s. towards the fund for repairing Charminster Church bells, for which the Rural Dean expressed grateful thanks; and an honorarium of £2 2s. was voted to Mr. Jennings in appreciation of his services.

The Rev. R. H. Gundry congratulated the branch on having the Rev. E. S. Tarrant as chairman, also on the progress that had been made, and on the fact that the finances were in a sound condition. They could look forward to the ensuing year with a great deal of confidence, and he wished them every success and happiness. The reverend gentleman also mentioned that the Hervey Beams memorial had taken the form of an oak choir stall in Bradpole Church, with a suitable inscription, and he had been asked to dedicate it on Saturday, February 25th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH COMES OF AGE.

This year sees the coming-of-age of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and a specially large gathering was present at the annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 14th. In the afternoon good use was made of the bells of St. Peter's and Fordington St. George Churches prior to a service at the former church. It was conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby), who preached an appropriate sermon.

After the service tea was partaken of at St. Peter's Institute, the arrangements being ably carried out by a band of ladies connected with that church.

The annual meeting followed under the chairmanship of the Rev. E. S. Tarrant (Rector of Wool and chairman of the branch), who was supported by Mr. R. N. Dawes (Mayor of Dorchester and a former chairman of the branch), Revs. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Salisbury Guild), D. F. Slembeck, R.D. (Charminster), A. Wilkinson Markby, A. S. Bryant (Upwey), J. Wynne Werninck (Sydling), and A. F. Godley (Bradford Peverell and Stratton), and Mr. C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis, hon. secretary).

The Chairman said it was the 21st birthday of the Dorchester Branch, and it was keeping up its reputation, for the past year had been a record both as regards meetings and membership. The branch desired to convey sincere congratulations to the former chairman, Mr. R. N. Dawes, on the great honour that had been conferred upon him by his election as Mayor of Dorchester, and his presence at this annual meeting was very welcome (applause). On that the 21st anniversary of the branch he would ask them to stand in silence in memory of past members, especially those who died in the Great War.

Following an impressive silence, the Chairman said that on behalf of his brethren he took the opportunity of reminding themselves of the fact that bellringing was a very important bit of work to the service of God and His Holy Church upon earth, and on behalf of the clergy he wanted to express their deep and sincere appreciation for the regular ringing that went on in the parishes throughout the course of the year. Very often this bit of church work was taken for granted, but if the bells did not happen to ring on a particular Sunday he expected that a good many questions would be asked in our parishes. The work that was done by the ringers was very much valued.

One unfortunate thing, he continued, about which there had been a little bit of criticism was as to the ringing of bells. While it was all very sad, they did not want, of course, to cause any annoyance. Recently there had been two cases where people had objected to the ringing of the church bells. All things might be lawful, but they might not always be expedient, and so for their own sakes as well as for other people let them exercise consideration and moderation in that connection.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

The Hon. Secretary, in his annual report, said: 'This year completes the coming of age of the branch. A review of the work during the past year shows that it is still progressing. The interest and attendance and good fellowship at the meetings have been well maintained. We have held the largest number of meetings in the history of the branch, and besides these meetings practically every tower was represented at the jubilee festival of the whole Guild at Salisbury. We also visited every tower in the branch. Our membership shows an increase of 18, with the record total of 144. We are pleased to say that at Charminster the bells are being overhauled, and hope that sufficient funds will be forthcoming to add another bell to this beautiful church. Change ringing is progressing slowly, but special mention must be made of the fine progress at Buckland Newton and Sydling. A new feature took place during the year. While the members were on their way to Buckland Newton a halt was made at Puddletrenthide, where the church was visited and the old bells inspected, and the Vicar (Rev. R. L. Beyer) kindly read a paper on the church and bells, which was greatly appreciated. The bells at almost every church in the branch were rung for the anniversary of the jubilee festival. We heartily congratulate our late chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes) on being elected as Mayor of Dorchester, and we extend to him our best wishes for a happy year of office.' After referring with regret to the departure of the Rev. C. D. Job (Vicar of West Lulworth), an old member and also a ringer, who took the greatest interest in the Guild, and the death of Captain J. E. Acland, who was a keen student of change ringing, a past Master and a vice-president of the Guild, the Secretary thanked those who had hospitably entertained the branch, and the various incumbents for their readiness in granting permission for the use of their bells. He added his own thanks for the personal help given him by Mr. J. W. Smith (St. Peter's, Dorchester), Mr. W. Shute, who was greatly assisted in instructing some of the members in change ringing, and the Rev. A. S. Bryant for auditing the accounts.

The financial statement showed total receipts of £38 18s. 10d., including a balance brought forward from the previous year of £9 13s. 7d. The expenditure totalled £26 2s., so that the present balance in hand is £12 16s. 10d.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. W. Markby for the excellent arrangements for the service that afternoon, and also for welcoming the members again in the Institute.

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THE DEVON GUILD. RINGERS WORK AT BRIXHAM.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Churston and Brixham on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Exeter, Brampford Speke, Clyst St. George, Dean Prior, Buckfastleigh, Paignton, and Brixham, etc. The bells of both churches were well utilised during the afternoon, some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung.

A hearty service was held at Brixham Church, conducted by the Rev. F. J. S. Morris (Vicar). During the singing of the second hymn the choir proceeded to the tower, where the recent improvements to the belfry, etc., were dedicated by the Rev. E. S. Powell, president of the Guild, who assisted in the service. The rev. gentleman afterwards gave the address, basing his remarks on the parable of the changing of water into wine.—At the conclusion of the service a collection was taken for the Branch Instruction Fund.

After the service a bountiful tea was served in the schoolroom, and this was followed by the usual business meeting, presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton, of Torquay (chairman). The annual report was presented and adopted. It showed that there had been a slight decrease in membership, and that they had lost by death a valued member in Mr. F. T. Gover, of Torquay. A tablet to his memory had been erected in Paignton Parish Church tower. Four members had taken part in a peal at Ashburton during the past year.

Messrs. F. J. Laxton and H. J. Hole were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, many tributes being paid to their past services. It was pointed out that with one exception Mr. Hole had remained in office longer than any other branch official.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Teignmouth on Saturday, May 13th, St. Michael's Church to be the headquarters.

Mr. A. L. Bennett (Buckfastleigh) reported that the South-West Branch had recommended that a joint meeting of the South-West and Mid-Devon Branches be held at Buckfastleigh and Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, March 18th, and he proposed that this be confirmed.—This was seconded by Mr. C. F. Austin, of Paignton, and carried.

The chairman extended a welcome to the visitors from other branches, to which the Rev. E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke) and Mr. W. Richardson (Exeter) suitably replied.

The Chairman also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Higher Brixham for the use of the bells and for the service, and to the organist and choir boys for their attendance. He also thanked the ladies for the excellent tea, and tributes were paid to Mr. A. Taylor, of Brixham, and his energetic band of ringers.—Mr. Taylor

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Portsmouth on Saturday, January 21st, when members attended from Alverstoke, Fareham, Gosport, Hambledon, Isle of Wight, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Swanmore, Fitchfield, Winchester, Wickham, and a visitor from St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London. The Guild's service was held in the Cathedral, at which the Rev. A. F. Smethurst, officiating in the absence of the Provost, was supported by the Rev. E. B. James.

After tea in the Church Hall, the business meeting was held, the Rev. A. F. Smethurst taking the chair. The secretary's report and the balance sheet for the year were duly passed by the members. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. E. B. James; secretary, Mr. A. T. Greenwood; Central Committee representatives, Messrs. R. J. Stone and F. S. Bayley; auditor, Mr. H. Reynolds.

The retiring chairman, Mr. R. J. Stone, and Central Committee representative, Mr. F. A. Burnett, were thanked for their past services.

Miss A. M. Eager (Cathedral) was elected a ringing member, and Mr. R. Rawlings (Beckenham) a compounding member.—Swanmore was selected as the next meeting place, the date to be April 22nd.

The Rev. E. B. James appealed to the members to support 'The Ringing World,' so that with an increased circulation the paper could be made larger and contain other items of interest.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Provost for the use of bells, Rev. A. F. Smethurst for his excellent address, the organist and the caterers.—The Rev. A. F. Smethurst suitably responded. The members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing, which consisted of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

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suitably responded, and gave a description of what had been carried out by the ringers at Brixham Church. He pointed out that they had been responsible for repainting the walls and ceiling in the belfry, and putting electric light in the steps as well as in the church. The lady ringers had also polished the floors and provided mats. It was also mentioned that they had erected an oak screen at the west end of the church, and had erected the altar steps. They had given their labour, and had also raised £40. The cost to the Church Council had only been £10. This was considered highly complimentary, and Brixham can now boast of one of the best belfries in the county.

Further ringing took place at Brixham in the evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Woodbridge, Suffolk, have been removed from the tower after long service, and are now to be recast and rebung. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

All eight were cast in 1779 by Thomas Osborne, of Downham, Norfolk, in place of a ring of six cast in the previous century, three by Miles Grey and three by John Darbie.

The bells will be rebung in a metal frame carried on steel girders, and will be 17ft. lower in the tower than previously.

In addition to the restoration of the bells, at the expense of a generous donor, the clock mechanism is to be put into order so that tunes will be played every three hours.

We are informed that all who see the photograph of the gathering at the Bristol United Guilds' dinner, published in the 'Bristol Evening World,' will be able to solve the problem as to why a noted West Country ringer has such a fine record for being first out of the tower after a peal.

Will all those attending the Henry Johnson Dinner at Birmingham on the 25th inst., who intend staying the night, kindly note that arrangements have been made with the management of the Woolpack Hotel, Moor Street, to provide bed and breakfast for 6s. 6d. each person? Early application should be made, as owing to the British Industries Fair being held at that time hotel accommodation is very limited.

Mr. William Keeble, the Essex enthusiast, has now rung each bell to a peal in eleven towers. He holds the record in this respect. During the Christmas and new year period he rang 16 peals in three weeks, with 51 ringers. Is this another record?

Mr. J. Phillips, of Butterwick (hon. secretary, Eastern Branch, Lincoln Diocesan Guild), desires to convey his great appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Messrs. Chester, Freeman and Walden, members of the Cathedral band, for frequent visits paid during his stay in the Bromhead Nursing Home at Lincoln.

Pressure on our space has compelled us to hold over several reports and letters to the Editor.

YORKSHIRE VILLAGE BELLS.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

The present eight bells at the Parish Church at Campsall, near Doncaster, have now been out of use for nearly three years, as a sum of £350 is required to put these in a safe and satisfactory condition. Campsall is only a small village in South Yorkshire, but the parishioners have been successful in raising £159 18s. 9d. to date with the object of restoring their bells. At present money is coming in very slowly, no doubt due to the prevailing economic conditions in agricultural districts, and therefore an effort is being made to solicit outside help. If there are any readers of this appeal who would like to help this ancient Parish Church (more than seven hundred years old) donations will be gratefully received by the treasurer, Mr. J. H. Smith, 71, Craithie Road, Town Moor, Doncaster, and will be personally acknowledged.

A VANCOUVER BROADCAST.

The bells of the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, were broadcast at midnight on New Year's Eve through Station C.Y.O.R., Vancouver, B.C. It was practically the first meeting of the ringers for two years, and it was decided not to attempt too much. Before midnight they were content with a number of good rounds with the clappers half-muffled, those taking part being Arthur King 1, George W. Foster (conductor) 2, Andy Lomas 3, Fred W. Hird 4, George Roberts 5, Matthew Bennett 6, William Sampson 7, R. Tapper 8, whilst Mr. A. C. Limpus, discharging the duties of steepkeeper to cast off the muffles just before the hour of the new year struck, was up among the bells. To herald the new year, a perfect course of Grandsire Triples was rung, and it was thought best to do no other change ringing for the broadcast. Afterwards, however, some good touches were rung. Mr. Davis and Mr. Bailey were also in the tower.

GRANDSIRE OR ST. DUNSTAN'S?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the current issue of 'The Ringing World' is recorded a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Ipswich, Suffolk, being 42 different callings, with extremes. Also a peal of Doubles rung at Whinney-on-Wye, which included 720 of St. Dunstan's.

As it is the practice in some parts of the country to describe 120's with extremes as St. Dunstan's Doubles, I shall be glad if, among the many readers of your valuable paper, an answer will be given to my query—Grandsire or St. Dunstan's?

A. LEARNER.

[While it is true that a plain lead of St. Dunstan's is an 'Extreme' in Grandsire, extents of the latter cannot be described as St. Dunstan's, if any bobs or plain leads are used. The ordinary Grandsire single is the bob in St. Dunstan's, so that it is possible to ring an extent of Grandsire, by using singles and extremes only, in which the changes would occur in the same order as in an extent of St. Dunstan's.—Ed. 'R.W.']

THE LAW JAMES MEMORIAL. BELLS TO BE DEDICATED AT SURFLEET TO-MORROW.

The two treble bells which have been placed in the tower at Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Rev. H. Law James, are to be dedicated to-morrow afternoon, when a large gathering of ringers is expected. The ceremony will be performed by Canon G. W. Jeudwine, president of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The bells have been installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who cast the four trebles of the existing ten. The bells were in two tiers, the two trebles being in the upper framework. Additional framework in the upper tier has been installed, and in this section now hang the two trebles of the twelve and the 4th and 5th of the twelve.

Surfleet now possesses the lightest ringing twelve in the country, the tenor being only 12 cwt. 9 lb.



SURFLEET CHURCH AND ITS LEANING TOWER.

The new bells have been cast in the medieval style, in like manner to the four trebles of the ten installed in 1913, and the lettering is of the same kind. Each bears the inscription:—

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF
HENRY LAW JAMES, M.A.,
1932.

A memorial tablet, cast in bell metal by Messrs. Taylor and Co., has been placed in the belfry, and will be unveiled during the service. It bears the inscription:—

THE RING OF TEN BELLS HANGING IN THIS TOWER
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FRIENDS OF THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD OF
CHURCH BELL RINGERS IN AFFECTIONATE REMEM-
BRANCE OF THE REV. HENRY LAW JAMES, SOME-
TIME MASTER, AND IN APPRECIATION OF HIS WORK
FOR THE GUILD AND FOR THE ART OF RINGING. 1933.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO MR. P. J. JOHNSON.

At the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Burley, on Saturday, when about one hundred members and friends were present, and the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, was re-elected for a further term of three years, Mr. P. J. Johnson, who has recently retired from the office of hon. secretary, was presented with a clock in recognition of his devoted services to the association for sixteen years.

A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT'S HEALTHY FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday last, was favoured with exceptionally fine weather, and in consequence was a very pleasant event. The bells were kept going from 2.30 onwards to the best advantage, and the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) took his usual great care that everybody had a 'pull,' whether they aspired to the dizzy heights of Spliced Surprise or were content with the more simple pleasures of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Mr. William Pye took charge at St. Clement Danes in the afternoon, and Stedman and Grandsire Cateters were the favourite methods on this fine peal of ten.

The service was well attended, and the Rector (Rev. A. H. Lloyd), after welcoming the association to St. Giles', preached a very interesting sermon. An excellently served high tea was partaken of at the Express Dairy close by, and afterwards the business meeting was held. Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) took the chair, and included in the large company were Mr. W. Pye (Association Master), Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president, South and West District), Mr. W. H. Oram (treasurer), Mr. A. W. Coles (District Master), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), and many well-known ringers.

The balance sheet was submitted by the treasurer, who drew attention to one or two special items, and congratulated the members that in a year of heavy expenditure there was a balance of £1 13s. 7d. on the right side on the year's working, whilst the total assets of the district amounted to £108 10s. 4d. The Hon. Secretary drew attention to the transfer of £3 to the Central Fund in connection with the association's donation to the Stedman memorial, and also the district's own contribution of £1 1s., these items being non-recurring, and stated that it showed a healthy state of affairs that the district could afford these sums without showing a loss. Members were, however, reminded that the War Stock would carry a lower rate of interest in future.—The balance sheet was adopted.

Eight new members were elected, and the whole of the retiring officers were re-elected, being proposed by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. H. Kilby.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hornsey in March, and the next annual meeting at Edmonton.

The Hon. Secretary stated that a special practice had been arranged at St. James', Clerkenwell, at 7.30 on Friday, February 10th, to which all members were invited. He also drew the attention of members to several interesting publications at present 'on the market.' There was 'The Ringer's Handbook,' by the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, in two editions; 'Cambridge Surprise,' by W. A. Cave; 'Cambridge Minor and Major,' by K. Quick; 'Grandsire Doubles and Triples' and 'Bob Minor and Major,' both by I. H. Roe and M. Broome. The Secretary recommended all these publications, and said he would be glad to obtain copies for any member requiring them. Mr. Coles also urged greater support for 'The Ringing World,' without which ringing generally would suffer, and the work of secretaries made much harder.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Giles' (Rev. A. H. Lloyd) for his address and for the use of the bells; to the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (St. Clement Danes) for the bells at that church; to the towerkeepers and to others who had contributed to the success of the meeting. This was carried unanimously.

Upwards of 70 ringers attended this meeting, and, although not a record, this fine attendance is a great encouragement. It is hoped that it will be repeated at all district meetings. The ringing generally was very good, all the standard methods from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise being rung, with a couple of well-struck touches of Spliced Surprise Major, which it is sincerely hoped will be an inspiration to many to persevere in.

A WEST DORSET ACHIEVEMENT.

At Lyme Regis, Dorset, on January 25th, at St. Michael's Church for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstaun's) in 48 mins.: S. J. Philbrick 1, C. W. H. Powell 2, J. E. Philbrick 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, F. Price 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, W. G. Sartin 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and by the ringers of 1, 3, 7 and 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman ever rung by a local band in West Dorset. Rung also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Goldhanger, Essex, in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. B. Gardner (son of the Rector) and Miss W. J. Nelson, on January 19th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent and 180 Plain Bob, was rung: W. J. White 1, A. Appleton 2, E. J. Shynn 3, F. W. Shynn 4, C. J. Mann 5, B. C. Mann (conductor) 6. The wedding took place at All Saints', Ennismore Gardens, London. The bridegroom has been ringing at Goldhanger for several years. As he is now removing from the village, he will be greatly missed in the tower, especially for service ringing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY ACTIVITIES.

The annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 21st, and was, as usual, largely attended. During the afternoon and evening ringing took place at All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches, the service being held at St. Paul's, where the Rector delivered an appropriate address, based on the words, 'Hearing a voice but seeing no man' (Acts ix. 7). During the service, at which the Rector officiated, the three deceased members of the branch were remembered. These were Messrs. W. Elsley, Wargrave; H. Watts, Sandhurst; and S. C. Adams, Wokingham, St. Paul's.

A collection for the Branch Restoration Fund amounted to £1 2s. 8d. Tea was then partaken of in St. Paul's Parish Room, where an efficient staff of the parishioners had provided a substantial repast. The assembly was waited upon by an efficient body of helpers, which included the churchwardens, Mr. A. H. Newberry and Mr. A. E. Priest (the Mayor of Wokingham). Amongst those present were the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), Canon G. F. Coleridge (branch chairman) the Revs. T. W. Sergeant, Canon B. Long (Rural Dean), A. P. Carr (St. Sebastian's), R. D. Weller (Finchampstead), L. R. Majendie (Sandhurst), K. St. C. Thomas, Messrs. F. Dentry, A. G. Wright, J. Moth, F. Nye and W. J. Paice (hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch), etc.

The meal over, the Chairman, Canon G. F. Coleridge, for 'one and all' thanked the helpers for their kindness, which he assured them the ringers fully appreciated.—Mr. W. J. Paice thanked the two local Rectors for the use of their bells, the Rev. T. W. Sergeant for his sermon, also Mr. A. Andrews, jun., the organist, and included the organ blower. He specially thanked the Rector of St. Paul's for so kindly continuing the tradition of that church to the ringers (applause). He further thanked Mr. Owen Goddard, the hon. auditor.

IMPROVED FINANCES.

Canon Coleridge then presided over the branch annual general meeting. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. J. C. F. Wimberley, Canon and Miss Norris, Mr. Rance (illness) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (the Guild secretary), also laid aside by illness, who sent congratulations and best wishes, saying he would be with them 'in spirit.' A message of sympathy and cheer was sent to Mr. Hibbert and Mr. Rance.

Mr. Paice presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £7 4s. 8d., an increase of £1 15s. 1d. upon last year. The expenditure included £8 9s. paid to the Guild general funds. The deposit account of the Branch Restoration Fund was stated to contain £3 9s. 4d.. The membership of the branch was three life members, 24 hon. members and 146 ringing members—total 173—a slight decrease. The branch regretted the loss by death of three of its members—Mr. W. Elsley (of Wargrave), Mr. H. Watts (Sandhurst) and Mr. S. C. Adams (St. Paul's, Wokingham). The chairman spoke with sympathy and feeling as to these, and noted also the loss by removal of the Rev. and Mrs. Acworth, of Sunningdale.

The Secretary reported that two peals had been rung. The Wednesday evening combined practices had been very encouraging, attended as they were by many young ringers. Hurst tenor bell had a slight fault attended to. He congratulated Waltham St. Lawrence band upon their improvement. He regretted that the custom of ringing at midnight on December 31st was not more kept up, as parishioners looked for it. He thanked all for their help and support (applause).

The report and balance sheet were adopted, the chairman voicing the gratitude of the branch to Mr. Paice.

On the proposition of the Rev. L. R. Majendie, seconded by Mr. Dentry, Canon Coleridge was re-elected chairman by acclamation.

Proposed by Mr. Dentry, and seconded by Mr. Moth, Mr. W. J. Paice was similarly re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. He thanked the branch for their confidence.

The foremen of the towers were then elected to form the branch committee. Branch representatives to the Guild Committee were chosen as follow: Messrs. Dentry, Moth, Rance and White.

A recommendation from the Branch Committee that quarterly meetings be held one on Wednesday and two on Saturday, apart from the April meeting, was carried. A proposition that a combined practice committee be formed was left to the foremen of the towers, who would be allowed to send a deputy if unable to attend.

It was also decided to hold combined practices, six on Wednesdays and the remainder on Saturdays throughout the year.

It was agreed to send one guinea donation to the Stedman Memorial Fund from the branch.

DECREASE IN PAID RINGERS.

The Chairman said he had been interested in the branch ever since he had been in the deanery, 38 years, out of his 48 years in the diocese. He was still able to do a certain amount of work. He stated that there were 45,872 ringers in England. Although paid ringers had decreased by 298, voluntary ringers had increased, so that the deficiency was made up, all but 72. They must not be downhearted (applause).

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held on Saturday, January 28th, at St. Nicholas', Bristol. The bells, a peal of ten, were only available for one hour owing to the proximity of the market and other business premises.

The usual ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. M. D. Stancomb), and Mr. Rowland Shiles presided at the organ. In his address, the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the association, especially thanking those who have kept the bells ringing from time to time. He also referred to the ancient custom of ringing the curfew, which is carried on still at St. Nicholas' every night at 9 p.m., paying tribute to the steeplekeeper, Mr. James Richmond, who has rung the curfew there for 48 years, and hoped to be spared to complete the 50 years. This is a record to be proud of.

After the service a move was made to the Cadena Cafe for tea and meeting, 34 members being present. The chair was taken by Mr. W. H. Thomas (branch chairman), supported by Mr. J. Gould (Master of the association). The secretary presented his report and balance sheet, the latter showing a balance in hand of £8 9s. 4d., the receipts showing an increase of 15s., and the expenses a decrease of £2 3s. 9d. The report dealt with the year's work. There had been an increase in performing members owing to the fact that Stapleton, Emmanuel and Pucklechurch had joined as bands. There had been 12 meetings arranged, the average attendance being 31. Special mention was made to the lack of support given to the local officials by Bristol ringers, and he hoped there would be an improvement during the coming year.—Mr. F. Jewell moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. This was seconded by Mr. H. Burt and carried with applause.

Mr. W. H. Thomas, chairman, in reviewing the year's work, corroborated what the secretary had said, and appealed to the members to give their best support to the officials.

Mr. Gould (Master) thanked the officers for their work during the past year, which had been very successful, as the balance sheet showed.—The officers then retired, leaving the Master in the chair.

Mr. W. H. Thomas was proposed and seconded for re-election to the chair, but would not allow his name to go to the meeting, explaining that business necessitated his being away from Bristol, and he was unable to give the support he would like. Mr. John G. Jeffries was thereupon proposed, and this popular choice, on being put to the meeting, was carried with applause.

Mr. F. Skidmore was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. F. Leaker was elected as representative on the Management Committee.

Four new members were elected, and the places for quarterly and annual meetings are as follows: Coalpit Heath, March; Thornbury (combined with Wotton-under-Edge Branch), June; Mangotsfield, September; St. Ambrose (annual), January, 1934.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist was proposed by Mr. W. H. Thomas, seconded by Mr. H. Burt, and carried with applause.

There being no further business, the Master declared the meeting closed, and a move was made to St. James', where ringing was indulged in until about 9 p.m.

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A sum of two guineas was voted to Mr. W. J. Paice, hon. secretary and treasurer, as an honorarium.

The Master expressed his pleasure at being with them, and congratulated the branch upon its excellent chairman and hon. secretary. He referred to the ringers' paper, 'The Ringing World,' for which he asked a larger support. He hoped no tower in the Sonning Deanery would be without it, and he urged individual ringers to take it in. The Master also referred to the peal of 16,271 Grandsire Caters rung at Appletton on December 27th by a diocesan band, and praised the high standard of the ringing which he heard. The bells at Appletton, hung in 1818, were made of good stuff, the workmen had put in good work, and good care had been taken of the bells, which showed the value of the three points he had named (applause).

Mr. A. J. Wright, the Guild treasurer, congratulated the branch, which had the credit, through Mr. Paice, of sending him the first money he, as Guild treasurer, received this year, and which came very opportunely. Their deanery was one of the best branches in the whole Guild. He wished them continued prosperity.

The Chairman urged careful instruction of the young ringers in holding the rope so as to obtain correct striking, and intimated that the Central Council pamphlet, to come out soon, would include photographs in which their friend, Mr. Tom Hibbert (Guild secretary) would appear in the right and the wrong positions of the ringers' hands on the rope. After a feeling reference to the three departed members, Canon Coleridge mentioned Mrs. Houlton, of St. Paul's, who was critically ill. She had for a long time been present on these occasions, and done all she could for their comfort, and a message of sympathy was sent from the meeting to show they did not forget an old friend in time of adversity.

Mr. Dentry proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and this concluded the meeting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT MELTON MOWBRAY.

Melton Mowbray is one of the few unspoiled villages of Leicestershire, and is a well-known centre of hunting circles frequently visited by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and other notabilities. The Parish Church of St. Mary is the most cathedral-like of any church in the diocese, and both within and without its glorious proportions cannot fail to arouse one's admiration. It is a delight to architects, archaeologists and historians alike, while its glorious central tower, with its fine old ring of ten bells, delight campanologists. A good muster of the latter met on Saturday, January 21st, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association, from Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham districts. The committee met in the ancient church vestry at 3.15 p.m., and carried out their routine and other duties. The latter included a grant to Billesdon Bell Augmentation Fund and launching an appeal for the recasting of a bell at Duffield to the memory of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., president of the M.C.A. for many years and founder of the Central Council.

The annual report is to be printed in due course, and special features included to commemorate the jubilee of the association's formation.

It was regrettable that the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, could not attend owing to illness, but the chair at both committee and general meetings was taken by Mr. W. E. White, the hon. treasurer, supported by Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., the general hon. secretary. Tea was served at 5 p.m. in Warner's Cafe to a good company, and the general meeting followed. The Vicar of Melton, Rev. Canon P. Robson, M.A., was present at tea, but had to leave immediately after. He welcomed the visitors to Melton, and trusted all had enjoyed their bells. He spoke of the respect and admiration he held for their local team, especially the leader, Mr. R. H. Bartram, from whom he had learned many 'hidden facts' about bells, ringing and ringers.

The Chairman read the president's remarks on the past quarter's work, upon which he highly congratulated all concerned. He made special note of the peals rung—52 from Stedman Caters to Doubles—a very good record. The outstanding feature is the continued success of the 'Wednesday' band and their talented conductor, Maurice Swinfield, to whom all praise is due on completing 100 different Twin-bob compositions. There was also the specially arranged peal of 5,050 Stedman Caters at Derby, conducted by the gen. hon. secretary to commemorate the jubilee, and, later, the lantern lecture by the same gentleman. He remembered, too, the passing of an esteemed member, Mr. Henry W. Wilde.

The secretary read the names of new members submitted since the last meeting, viz., 17 ringing, six who rejoined, four life, and six honorary, and these were duly ratified.

Two auditors, Messrs. Colin Harrison and J. H. Dean, were elected to check the accounts.

A note from the president was read respecting the article of Mr. Reeve in 'The Ringing World' on 'Bells on the Wireless,' and stressed the need for educating the public by good striking. He also stated that there is to be a 'Leicestershire week' broadcast (February 27th to March 4th), and during that time probably on Wednesday evening, March 1st, from 6.30 to 7.15, the president will give a talk on bells, illustrated by bell sounds and noises incidental to the casting of bells.

Mr. J. H. Swinfield spoke on the ringers' only paper, 'The Ringing World,' and urged all present to take it regularly and to try and push the sales in their various belfries. Votes of thanks to the local committee for the splendid arrangements made were passed and concluded the meeting. Further ringing and 'convivings' completed a very successful afternoon. E. M.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR

The figures of the peal of Little Bob Major rung at Bispham and published in our last issue are a composition by Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), who informs us that it was first rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild at Runcorn on September 19th, 1911. Mr. Lewis points out that, by a printer's error, a bob at H is omitted in the first course in the peal as printed.

Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, sends similar information, and adds that it was the second peal rung in the method.

Mr. W. Barton, peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association, also writes that the peal is by Mr. Edwin H. Lewis. The composition was first rung by the Yorkshire Association at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, January 13th, 1912, conducted by Clement Glenn. Incidentally, he points out, the calling of the first course should be:—

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Mr. Peter Crook, who called the peal at Bispham, says that Mr. Ernest Morris called the peal as his own composition at Earl Shilton on May 26th, 1928.

'STRIKING.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was interested to read in your issue of January 13th of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Luton on December 31st, 1932. The 5,056 changes were rung in 2 hours 57 mins., with a tenor of 19½ cwt., and a footnote to the report stated, 'Quickest peal of Major on the bells.'

Now I hope the Luton men will not think that I am attacking their 'striking.' From the point of view taken by the average ringer, it was undoubtedly excellent, and, once the pace had been set, the rhythm maintained throughout; but I do suggest that the attempts that are made to ring peals in the quickest time is a retrograde step towards cultivating public sympathy in respect of bell-ringing.

When you come to think about it, quick striking means that the space of time allowed for each bell to 'speak' is reduced. I maintain that this is unnatural, for the time occupied by the voice of a bell after it is struck is fixed. In consequence of this any acceleration of the blows must of necessity mean that (in rounds) the second trespasses on that time that should be occupied by the treble's voice, the third on that of the second, and so on, so that by continually 'nibbling' off these allotted spaces of time we reduce the eight blows to a 'howl' devoid of any distinct notes. Further reduction still can take place until we land at 'firing.'

A little while ago there was a complaint in the local papers against a certain peal of bells. I defended the bells and ringers in the Press, at the same time enlightening the public on a little of our activities which are so obscure to them. The defence I put up was, I believe, in a measure successful, but when a little later I approached the tower in question whilst ringing was in progress I felt that there was some case against the bells. A friend, a non-ringer, remarked that they sounded like a lot of cats yowling, and, indeed, there was cause for the simile. They were being rung too 'close' altogether, the natural ring of the one blow completely drowning the following blow. This brings me to another point.

The howl of a bell can be very distressing to ringers as well as the listening public. Personally when ringing in some towers I always feel very self-conscious when an appeal to 'listen to 'em' comes from the conductor, for, you see, I am one of these 'unfortunate people' who can hear the 'harmonics' of a note very distinctly.

Whether the peal is a noted 'howler' or not, I am conscious of the presence of the harmonics, and after half an hour's ringing in some towers I find myself straining to hear my own bell amidst the din caused by this phenomenon in my ears. For a time I kept this to myself, but one day, after hearing the tenor pulled up by itself in my own tower, I could hear the note itself (E) the octave above it, the third above that—i.e., the sixth an octave higher, and also the tenor note again still an octave higher. Had anyone asked me to sound with my voice the tenor note I could not have done it. This led me to speak to the choir-master and organist on the matter, and to my delight I found him sympathetic.

A few experiments on the piano more or less solved the mystery of my hearing 'things' in the tower, and re-established my confidence in my hearing; further to this, I discovered that for this reason an organist has to be very careful in sounding a reciting note for his precentors, for although a perfectly good 'G' may be given to the officiating cleric it would be quite possible for him to start on, say, 'B' or some other relative note if he is sensitive to the harmonics.

Apparently this 'super sensitiveness' to sound is a mixed blessing, and I am wondering if the Exercise contains many such sufferers. Were they in the majority I am sure of one thing: quick peals would be 'taboo,' and one would be hearing of some 'slowest peal on the bells' performances.

'PHIL HARMONIC.'

Bournemouth.

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BISHOPWEARMOUTH BELL RESTORATION. GREAT IMPROVEMENT EFFECTED.

On the invitation of the Rector, the Rev. Preb. A. B. Wynne Williams, a special meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Sunderland on Saturday, January 21st, to give the members an opportunity to try the recently recast peal of bells at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth.

The church is being rebuilt, and the ringers had to thread their way through a sad scene of desolation to the tower. Arriving there, however, they found all in order, and some excellent touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise were brought round, and it was agreed that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had completed a first-class job and effected a great improvement.

An excellent tea had been provided at the North of England Cafe, and afterwards a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells and their contribution to the expenses. This was proposed by Mr. J. W. Parker, Sunderland, and seconded by Mr. T. Metcalf, the secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. These gentlemen both gave interesting reminiscences of the late Mr. Thomas Hudson, of St. Michael's, and secretary of the association between 30 and 40 years ago.

Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president for the Eastern District, pointed out that three of the members present, Messrs. J. W. Parker, G. S. Taylor and himself, first learnt to ring a bell in this belfry 35 years ago, Mr. Hudson and the late Major Hudson being their instructors.

Mr. J. Pickering and Mr. R. Langton replied on behalf of the Rector and wardens, and in the course of a few remarks the President, Mr. J. Anderson, urged the members to endeavour to improve their striking in Sunday service ringing especially, so that the outside public would have no grounds for complaint about 'noisy bells.'

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. DIFFICULT TIMES AND DIMINISHING BALANCE.

The annual meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at headquarters, Doncaster, on Saturday, about twenty members being present, representing the towers of Arksey, Doncaster, Eastwood and Thorne. A short service was held, at which the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Brook, gave his usual helpful address.

At the business meeting after tea, the Rev. R. Machon presided. The officers elected were Mr. G. Clark, Ringing Master for three years, and Mr. E. Cooper, hon. secretary for two years, and two auditors, Messrs. H. Wagstaffe and W. Lloyd.

The balance sheet was read and accepted without comment. The result of the Walker Cup competition was Doncaster first with 571 attendances, and Arksey second with 534 attendances.

It was decided to ask the Vicar of Doncaster to present the cup at the annual parochial meeting on Thursday, March 16th, and the secretary was asked to represent the society at the presentation.

It was decided that the secretary be asked to write to all towers to be visited to ask them if they could provide a cheap plain tea at a cost of about 9d. per head, as it is feared the cost of tea on top of bus fares keeps many away who otherwise would be present, but through unemployment and trade depression can only afford a small expenditure.

The wish was expressed that all members will pay up their subscriptions and that secretaries of towers will collect and forward them to the secretary, as only about one-third of the total have paid during the last two years, and the balance of the society has been steadily diminishing in the effort to keep things going.

After the usual votes of thanks had been passed to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, the members again ascended the tower and kept the bells going to various methods till half-past eight, when they were lowered in peal.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH RECORD AT HALESOWEN.

A glorious day for the time of year brought together a record gathering of ringers for the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association at Halesowen on Saturday, January 21st. Every tower in the division was represented, over 120 members being present.

As usual, the meeting began with a service in the beautiful old Parish Church, and was conducted by the Rector, Canon H. C. A. Colville, M.A., Rural Dean. The choir boys and the organist assisted in the singing. The Rector in his address referred to the loss the association had sustained by the death of Mr. A. E. Parsons. He said it was a remark made by Mr. Parsons that had been in his mind when thinking out his address. Mr. Parsons had said that the clergy would talk about bells and ringing, but most of them knew little about the subject. The Rector then took as the title of his subject, 'An outsider comments on the bells,' and right well he did it, giving an interesting address. Following the service the ringers gathered in the schoolroom for tea, admirably catered for by Mrs. A. E. Davis, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Hackett, Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. Greenhall, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Lloyd, who were assisted by other young lady helpers.

The business meeting followed. The Rector presided and was supported by Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary), Mr. W. Short and Mr. W. B. Cartwright (representatives on the Central Committee), Mr. H. G. Bird (Central Council representative), Mr. W. Cooper (librarian), Mr. W. Webb (Ringing Master of Halesowen band). Apologies were received from Mr. H. T. Martin, Bromsgrove, Ringing Master of the branch, who was unwell, Mr. S. Hughes, Smethwick, and Mr. C. Skidmore.

The Secretary referred to the heavy losses to the association during the past year by the death of several of its oldest members. Mr. Salter, of Kidderminster, was a very prominent member; and then a greater shock came when the news of the death of Mr. A. E. Parsons was announced—a gentleman who gave of his best to the association and all that it stood for. Then, only that day, another very old member of the Bromsgrove company and the association was being buried, who made the fourth from Bromsgrove within a few months. The Secretary then read the following letter to the members which he had received from Mrs. Parsons: 'Dear Mr. Skelding,—Will you please convey to the meeting on Saturday next my sincere thanks for the many kind enquiries during my dear husband's illness and also for other expressions of sympathy since his death. The knowledge that he was held in such high esteem by the members of the different branches of the ringing association has been a great consolation to me, and has done much to lessen my grief at his loss.' The secretary also extended to Mr. J. Bass their sincere sympathy in the loss of his wife during the week. In conclusion he asked the members to stand for a moment in silence.

A letter was received was Mr. J. B. Newman, the general secretary of the association, with reference to having an annual dinner, and asking the meeting to elect a representative for the committee for that purpose.—After discussion, it was recommended that Messrs. W. Short and W. B. Cartwright be chosen to serve on that committee.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting at Kinver by the kind willingness of the Vicar and officials to welcome the branch. Mr. H. G. Bird proposed that the quarterly peal be rung at Halesowen, and that the arrangements be left in the hands of Mr. W. Webb, Ringing Master of Halesowen, the local company to ring the peal. This met with the general approval, and the Rector promised to fall in with any suggestions to assist in the arrangements.

Mr. H. Hart proposed ten young members of the Lye company, and Mr. W. B. Cartwright proposed seven new members from Selly Oak and other new members from Kinver and Smethwick.—Mr. H. Mason and the secretary gave them a most hearty welcome into the association.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright moved a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Rector for his able address and also for arranging the service and the use of the bells, to the churchwardens, choir and organist, and all who had contributed towards making the association's visit to Halesowen so welcome.—Mr. H. G. Bird seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

The Secretary stated that any who wished to go in for belfry reform should visit Halesowen, where they would find plenty worthy of emulation.

The Rector briefly thanked the meeting, and hoped they would make good use of the remaining time left to ring. Let them come when they would, they would never have a better meeting.

Mr. A. E. Davies moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who had laid such an acceptable tea before them so graciously.—A hearty round of applause was accorded the ladies, and closed a remarkable gathering of ringers in North Worcestershire.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Monday, January 16th, 720 Bob Minor: G. L. Palmer (13½) 1, W. Megennis (15) 2, W. Theobald 3, G. L. Joyce 4, J. Moule 5, E. D. Smith 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Megennis and C. A. Hughes, the rest as before. First 720's by G. L. Palmer and W. Megennis. First of Cambridge Minor by C. A. Hughes. Conducted by E. D. Smith.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The sum of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Feb. 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, *The Coffee Pot on the 21st (8 p.m.), the others at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—First meeting of the newly-formed Central (South) Division will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, 5.15, followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) in the Church House after service, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary,—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Honiton on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8) Tea and meeting, 5 p.m., Carlton Café. Service, St. Paul's Church, 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, February 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. All subscriptions are due.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing from 3 till 5, and 6.30 till 8. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5 p.m. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1933 (1s. 6d.) are now due. A good meeting is hoped for.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, February 4th. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Business meeting follows.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown, Newbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at St. Peter's Church, Hindley. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at five. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday, February 4th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by the meeting. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on February 4th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea and business after. I hope we may have a nice number attending, old friends and new.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. —The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m., kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. A welcome to all. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting of the above will be held at Melling on February 4th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1/.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH, YORKS.—The recast ring of 12 bells will be available for 10 and 12 bell practice the first Saturday in each month, until further notice, commencing Saturday, February 4th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Frank Renton, Hon. Sec.

BROOKFIELD CHURCH, GORTON, MANCHESTER.—Will visitors please note: On and from Wednesday, February 8th, the weekly practice will again take place on Wednesday evenings, commencing 8 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Service at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me. — H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, February 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kidsgrove on Saturday, February 11th. Tea 5 p.m., for all who notify Mr. J. A. Cook, 32, Third Avenue, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than February 8th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, February 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Tey on February 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Frequent bus service Colchester and Braintree. Route within one mile of church. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than February 8th.—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify the Secretary not later than February 8th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The district annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, about 6 p.m., in the Church Hall, 1s. each. If possible, notify me accordingly before February 7th. Subscriptions thankfully received. The committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7th, and not as advertised.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 11th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and the usual business meeting at the Institute. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, early in the week?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stinchcombe (6 bells) on Saturday, February 11th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Hope to have a good attendance. Subscriptions now due.—H. W. Fussell, Branch Chairman, Fort Fields, Dursley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Liss on Saturday, February 11th. Bells in St. Peter's Church available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, address by Rev. S. N. Sedgwick. Tea at 5, at The Spread Eagle. Business meeting for passing the accounts and election of officers follows. All requiring tea please notify by February 9th.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police again invite ringers, their wives and friends to the Athletic Club, Old Hall Street, Bolton, for a billiards match and free and easy social on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Please forward names to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, not later than February 8th. Also bring your music.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, February 11th. St. Oswald's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Oswald's Mission Hall and a post card from ringers who require same will help arrangements. All ringers and friends are assured of a hearty welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Colwall, Herefordshire, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—A. Jones, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwell, Malvern.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Lincolnshire District) and the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d. per head at Sun Hotel, 5 p.m. Visitors kindly advise H. Morgan, 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough, by the Wednesday previous.—Mrs. R. Richardson and H. Morgan, Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers are welcome. Please notify Mr. H. Smith, 22, High Street, Thatcham, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, February 8th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, 2.30 - 3.45. St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., 3.30-4.45. Service in St. Clement Danes at 4.45. Tea at Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, 5.30 (1/- each). Business meeting in Parish Hall at 6.30. Handbell competition after business meeting.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting February 11th, at Ashchurch. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Visitors please notify Secretary by Wednesday, February 8th.—H. G. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available 3-4 p.m. and 4.30-6.30 p.m. Service 4. Meeting 6.30. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. T. Egan, 35, Sutcliffe Street, Kensington, Liverpool.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Creton on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (5) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday, February 7th. The balance sheet and report for the past year will be presented at this meeting.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Polebrooke on Saturday, February 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1/- each) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 11th. The bells of St. Laurence's will be available from 3 to 4.30 p.m., St. Giles' and St. Mary's from 3 to 5 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Mary's at 5 p.m. Meat tea (1/- each) and business meeting to follow, at St. Mary's Church House. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, February 8th. All ringers welcome.—Miss M. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present kindly send word to Mr. W. E. Clarke, 70a, Norfolk Street, Boston, not later than February 8th?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By permission of Rev. J. Hilton-Spratt, the spring meeting will be held at Chilham on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members' subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, February 18th, Chertsey bells not being available. Further particulars next week.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than February 16th. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Subscriptions thankfully received.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Will all attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, February 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea and meeting in the schoolrooms after service. *Special business.* Will every member please make an effort to attend service, tea and meeting. Non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea 9d. each, to all who notify Mr. A. Lees, 142a, Great Clowes Street, Broughton, Manchester, not later than Wednesday, February 14th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD and SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting at Basford, Saturday, February 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. No. 3 tram from Victoria Statue to Church Street. Everybody welcome. Tea arranged for those who notify me by Thursday, February 16th.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde, Preston, Blackburn and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above four branches has been arranged, and will be held on Saturday, February 18th, at St. James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Preacher, Rev. J. Payne, M.A., Vicar of Ince Parish Church. Tea in school at 5.30. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan. Beautiful bells. Good company. So don't forget the date. Worsley Mesnes bus from station to the church, 2d. return.—Norman Brown, Wigan Branch Secretary.

BARNBY, NEWARK.—The ring of 4 bells, recast and augmented to 5 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 6.30 p.m.

GLOUCESTER and BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Swindon Village on Saturday, February 25th. Bells open 3 p.m.; Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 by invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. R. Pugh). Business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please let me know early in that week.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon Village, Cheltenham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 45th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 25th, at 6 o'clock prompt, 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.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, on Saturday, March 4th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing at Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10). Tickets 2s. 9d. each, to be applied for by Wednesday, March 1st, latest.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

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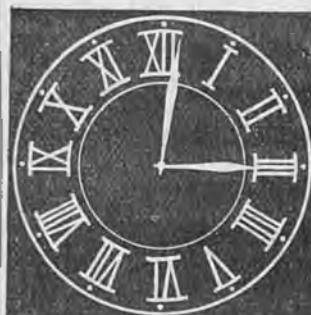
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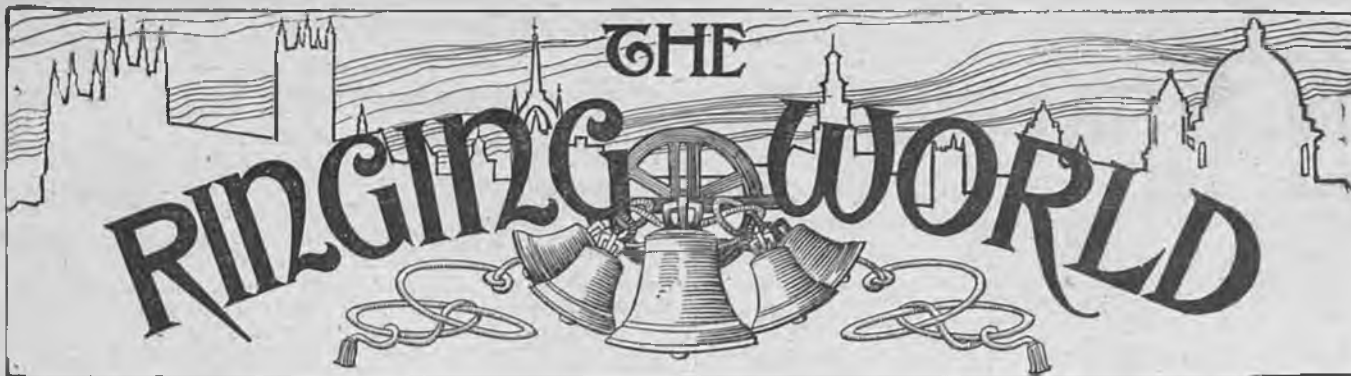
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There are some names which are imperishable in the history of ringing, names which have come down to us from the past and will be known for the future as long as the art survives. They are the names of men of vastly different types and position, but they have no distinction in the honourable place which they hold in the estimation of those who give thought to what the Exercise owes to them—the men who from the earliest beginnings have built up the art to what it is to-day. The name of Henry Law James has its place in this list, but unlike some of those whose services to ringing have only been fully appreciated long after they have gone from us, his work made a definite impression upon the science of ringing in his own lifetime, and it will not need the passage of years to reveal the value of his services. Already the Exercise knows something, at least, of what it owes to his brilliant genius and has been ready to join with the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, whose inception was largely due to his inspiration, in providing a lasting memorial to him.

The addition of two treble bells to the ring at Surfleet to make a ring of twelve was but the fulfilment of the designs of Mr. James, and the memorial could, therefore, hardly have taken a more fitting form. From the ringers' point of view it also holds a special interest, because the bells constitute the lightest ringing twelve in the country. There has been, and still is, a strong view held by many people that rings of twelve ought never to have a tenor of less than about twenty-five cwt., and that they should have as much more weight, within reason, as possible. One might almost call the Surfleet augmentation an experiment, it is at any rate an innovation, but Mr. Law James was never afraid of innovations; in fact, one of his chief claims to celebrity lay in his frequent introduction of new ideas. They have not always been readily accepted, but that does not alter the fact that Mr. James was a master of originality. His own assurance that a ring of twelve bells with so light a tenor as twelve cwt. would be a perfectly practicable proposition and a completely manageable ring is borne out by events. Those who like only heavy peals of twelve will be able to point with truth to a lack of that sonorousness and grandeur which they like to associate with these higher numbers, but modern casting and tuning has made it possible to turn out little bells exceedingly sweet in tone and modern hanging practice enables them to be controlled as easily as bells of double or treble the weight. We should not be surprised if, once again, Mr. James' ideas 'blaze the trail'; that others will now follow where he had no fear to tread, and will not hesitate to turn very light peals into rings of twelve.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*NORMAN H. SMITH Treble	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	†FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 9
†HERBERT T. PIPER 4	†GILBERT HARDING 10
ROBERT PICKERING 5	†BERT HORTON 11
JOHN C. ADAMS 6	†HARRY BOSWELL 7enor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOFF.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal on 12. † First peal of Maximus. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Edward F. Mitchell, for 20 years a member of St. Peter's company.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	†ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 7
*HAROLD S. HOBDEN 3	GEORGE W. STOKES 8
*PHILIP S. THOMPSON 4	KEITH HART 9
†BERNARD SAUNDERS 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method and of Royal. † First peal of Royal.
‡ First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

No. 3 version.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	ALFRED J. CLAVTON 6
TONY PRICE 2	FRANK JENNINGS 7
DANIEL COOPER 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 8
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	FRANK E. DARBY 9
EDWARD G. TALBOT 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal of London Surprise Royal in the county, by the association and by all the band. 150th peal together by Messrs. D. Cooper and C. H. Kippin.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM M. STONE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	GEORGE W. STREERE 8
JOHN BEAMS 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9
ALBERT HARMAN 5	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

Rung as a farewell to the curate, the Rev. C. D. Kirkham, who is leaving the parish on appointment to a living at Lambeth. Also a birthday peal for Mr. John Howes.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GREAT TEX, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

PERCY GREEN Treble	*ERNEST MINGAY... .. 5
*CHARLES W. BURTON ... 2	*STANLEY PYE 6
*AMBROSE MASON 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY Treble	BARNARD PAYMORE 5
EDWARD ROCHESTER ... 2	JOHN WELCH 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 7
SIDNEY CARTER 4	ALBERT LAWRENCE Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	THOMAS JONES 5
WILFRED J. MOSS 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
NORMAN HEAPS 3	CECIL RADDON 7
WILLIAM EDWARDS 4	*JOHN WOOD... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
JOSEPH MARKS 3	*ALAN R. PINK 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 31, 1933, 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.

WILFRED APPELEGATE ... Treble	*JOHN R. BREARLEY 5
FRED NEWTON 2	*JOHN A. BREARLEY 6
VICTOR APPELEGATE 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
HARRY BROWN 4	CHARLES BROWN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal in the method.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN HALL Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5
*J. WILLIAM HEATH 2	FRANK SADLER 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 7
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of New Cambridge by all except ringers of 3rd and tenor.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Sacred Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	NORMAN HEAPS 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	WILFRED J. MOSE 7
THOMAS JONES 4	FRANK STONELEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Alderman S. H. Lees, 39 years a member of Salford City Council and churchwarden of this church. Also to Mr. Albert Harry Ellison, late sidesman and well-known worker of St. John-the-Evangelist's, Miles Platting, who was buried the following day.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB FIVE-PART, No. 73.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD 5
MADRICE SWINFELD 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	WALTER WALLACE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	*CYRIL T. HAYNES Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

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

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE JORDAN Treble	JOHN W. WARD 5
GEORGE SPARROW 2	THOMAS WATTS 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

This composition is a reduced three-part with the bells reversed in 5-6, probably the first of its kind produced.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*REUBEN SIDENOTHAM ... Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	†JOHN T. DAVIES... .. 6
†WILLIAM T. EDGE 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER 4	ARTHUR E. REED Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Edward Harrison, M.C., M.A.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Treble	AMOS SMART 5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 2	CYRIL WILSON 6
*STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 3	HENRY STAPLETON 7
CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 4	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Major on the bells, which were installed by Taylor and Co. in November, 1930. Rung to celebrate the tenor ringer's 21st wedding anniversary.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On December 12th, at St. Faith's Church, 720 Bob Minor: W. J. Shipp 1, E. A. Shipp 2, Miss D. Sedgeley (first 720) 3, L. Fletcher 4, E. R. Grange 5, R. E. Greenacre (conductor) 6.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	JAMES S. NAPPER 5
STANLEY C. DAVIS 2	MISS PAI HOLLOWAY 6
HARRY W. SMITH 3	ALBERT D. CULLUM 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS 4	Cecil J. CULLUM Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT D. CULLUM.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

E. RALPH MACKRELL Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 2	HARRY KILBY 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	FRANK CORKE 7
WILFRED G. WILSON 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER
Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Harding.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

W. SOUTHGATE Treble	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 2	MAURICE J. LING 6
ERNEST DURRANT 3	HORACE A. WRIGHT 7
GEORGE A. ANDREWS 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.
Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Nevard. Quickest peal on the bells.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SYDNEY TAYLOR Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH 5
HENRY W. KIRTON 2	A. G. G. THURLOW 6
LESLIE J. CLARK 3	JOHN WOOD 7
THOMAS LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
HECTOR G. BIRD 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT
First peal of London Surprise on the bells since they were recast.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLY. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN
P. J. Cullum's 200th peal.

GREAT TEE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
FRANK G. RINGE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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

The only previous peal of London on these bells was rung on April 14th, 1903, and it is worthy of note that the ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 6th and tenor took part in it.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*THOMAS J. FOWLER Treble	†WILLIAM E. REDROP ... 5
*MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 2	*ROBERT G. CHAPPEL ... 6
*ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	*FRANK WEST 7
*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Spliced Major. † First peal on eight bells. This peal has only 4, 5 and 6 in sixth's at course-ends, and is rung without bobs.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine 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	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
JONATHAN PRESTON 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
FRED PRICE 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS 4	GEORGE F. GARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. S. Swindell, M.A., Vicar of Erdington.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY Treble	ALBERT WORMALD 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	HAROLD L. JONES 6
HARRY WARD 3	PERCY MASSAM 7
*JOSHUA WORMALD 4	HARRY HOMER Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

NEWHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	†JOHN J. YATES 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL 2	†THOMAS GRIMSHAW 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3	†HAROLD WALMSLEY 7
TITUS BARLOW 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.
First peal. † First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER and MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 5
SHELFORD SPARROW 2	*WILLIAM STANNARD 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAWLEY. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 5
MISS MARGARET PACK ... 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	OLIVER SIPPITS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	NELSON ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by N. ELLIOTT.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, three of Kent and three Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN SEWELL Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 4
JIM TEBAY 2	THOMAS B. NEWTON 5
THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Redmayne, of Brathay Hall, Lancs, grandson of the donor of the above church and bells.

DARWEN, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of the HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*THOMAS STONES Treble	†ALBERT YATES 4
†RICHARD AHERTON 2	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 5
†ARTHUR HUTCHISON ... 3	†FRED READ Tenor

Conducted by FRED READ.

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method. First peal on the bells. The above are all service ringers at Rishton Parish Church.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, differently called, and each ending with rounds.
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*JOSEPH E. TAYLOR ... Treble	†ALFRED BALLARD 4
†C. HENRY WEBB 2	†PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 5
†JOSEPH BEALE 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Treble Bob. † First Cambridge Minor 'inside.' Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Tompkins, of Sharnford, to Mr. William Cope, a ringer at this church, and late hon. secretary, Hinckley District.

HANDBELL PEALS.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At ASDUM COTTAGE, RYE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
WILLIAM CHALK 3-4	WALTER ARNOLD 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 25, 1932, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At 66, CRESSING ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true extents, each called differently.

WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS ... 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4
ERNEST BRIGHT 5-6	

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE PEAL TABLET.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE.

On Saturday, January 21st, on the occasion of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' dinner, a party of about thirty hailing from various parts of England, together with local members, visited the tower at Wotton-under-Edge for the purpose of unveiling a peal tablet recording a peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung on August 13th, 1932. The Vicar, Rev. A. J. Hodson, conducted the service in the ringing chamber, and amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon.

The inscription on the tablet was as follows:—

'LAUS DEO.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.
Bristol United Ringing Guilds' Tour, 1932.

'On Saturday, August 13th, 1932, was rung on the bells in this tower in 3 hrs. 12 mins., 'Thurstans' four-part Peal of Stedman Triples, 5,040 changes. Tenor 18½ cwt. Treble, Miss E. Jessie Augwin, Ladies' Guild; 2nd, John H. Swinfield, Midland Counties Association; 3rd, Francis Kirk, Hertford Association; 4th, Alfred King, Bedford Association; 5th, Daniel Cooper, Surrey Association; 6th, Ernest F. Poppy, Suffolk Guild; 7th, Richard A. Post, Oxford Diocesan Guild; 8th, Arthur S. Roberts, Truro Diocesan Guild. Conducted by Richard Post. Rung as a compliment from the Ringing Exercise to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, of Croydon, upon the birth of a son.'

This peal was unique from the fact that eight different guilds or associations from all parts of England were represented. With the exception of Mr. King, all the band were elected members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association the previous evening in Bristol.

Before the unveiling, Mr. Albert Walker, St. Martin's Guild, for the Diocese of Birmingham, kindly requested the Vicar to accept the tablet. He said he was pleased to be present with fellow-ringers on that occasion. They had made a special journey from Bristol for the service.

Afterwards at the Falcon Hotel Mr. and Mrs. Johnston entertained the party to tea. Mr. Johnston said it was quite a pleasant surprise to him and his wife. He was simply asked to join in the excursion, and had no idea of the pleasing ceremony. He thanked them all, and assured them that his son and heir was doing well.

Several touches of Stedman Triples were rung, and in the band were Mr. A. King (Beds) and Mr. Post (Oxford), who rang in the peal, which the latter conducted. The party then left for Bristol.

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BELL TOWERS.

THEIR EFFECT UPON RINGING.

LECTURE BY CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

The important question of bell towers and bell hanging and their relation to ringing was the subject of an interesting and instructive lecture given at Guildford on Saturday week by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council. Mr. Lewis gave his address at the invitation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild after the annual meeting of the Guildford District, about 80 being present and closely following his discourse, which was illustrated by blackboard sketches.

Mr. Lewis was briefly introduced by the hon. secretary of the Guild (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), and as the subject is of special interest to all ringers we commence below a detailed report of the lecture. Mr. Lewis said:—

I would like to say something about the present position of bell towers, as we know it. Very little has been published on this subject, at least, on the part of it which, to my mind, really matters. The only thing that has been published is the book by Sir Arthur Heywood. This was published before the war, and is now, unfortunately, out of print. It would be very expensive to reprint it or to print any authoritative book on the subject which necessitates going into calculations. I think, therefore, it is the better way that we as ringers should try and get some knowledge of how matters stand, so that we can bring influence to bear on architects, for some architects do not know very much about the subject.

I want to treat the question of towers in three ways: Firstly, as they affect the public. I did not originally mean to say much about that aspect. A fortnight ago I threw a stone into a pond, and I am not at all sure that certain ripples have not been caused. Therefore I want to say a little more in connection with your proposed new Cathedral, otherwise the effect on the public of the sound of the bells outside the belfry has been treated, and information is available in publications by the Central Council.

In the second place I want to deal with towers as they affect the ringers, and, thirdly, I want to deal with how the poor old tower is affected by the bells being rung.

NEW CATHEDRAL PLANS CRITICISED.

Going back to the first question, the public is interested in two ways. It is very much interested if the bells are hung in such a way that a great deal of noise drops on the immediate surroundings of the tower—houses, offices, banks and buildings close by—and is not carried to the proper distance. The public is also affected if the arrangements are such that it is difficult to ring the bells without bad striking. I want to take as an example of how bells should not be hung the method shown in the drawings of your new Cathedral, which appeared in the supplement to the 'Architect's Journal' for July 27th, 1932. These designs were printed as the successful designs for the new Guildford Cathedral. It may be that the architect has since altered his plans. I can only criticise the drawings as they appeared. The drawings show that the tower is vaulted over the crossing. Above the vault there is apparently a concrete floor. The tower is 35ft. square, so that there is room for twelve or any larger number of bells. Above the first floor over the vault is another concrete floor, the height to the underside being 10ft. 6in. As a concrete floor is very resonant it would be hopeless to think of ringing there with any accuracy or comfort without some other floor of insulating material between them. That would leave only about 9ft. of headroom in the ringing chamber, which would not be particularly comfortable. The bells are shown in a frame resting on this floor; the sallies would probably go on to the wheels, and you would have the sallies in the holes when the bells struck at handstroke, making them softer at handstroke than at backstroke, and giving the effect of ringing half-muffled. The point I complain of most is the tall windows which come down to within one foot of this concrete floor. In the drawings are shown some very steep louvres sloping towards the outside of the tower, with the result that the sound of the bells would come down into the Cathedral close in a deafening way. If one peal were rung on them I am quite sure there would never be another. Probably there would be no practices, and you might be allowed as a great favour to ring on the major festivals.

As a cure for that it is suggested that the windows might be built up inside the louvres. Of course that can be done. It has been done in old towers, and there is some justification for it in such cases, but in my humble opinion there is no justification in a new building for showing windows with louvres on the outside which are built up on the inside. That is an architectural sham of the worst order. It may be many years before you get your completed Cathedral, unless trade improves very much, and alterations may be made in the plans. At the same time there is something wrong if a well-known architect in the winning plans shows such a hopeless condition for ringing.

Now, as to how the tower affects the ringers. With regard to the provision for their comfort in the tower, the length of draft, the modification of the sound and things of that sort, I want to leave the subject as you find it in the Central Council publications. The point I want to take up with regard to ringers is this: It is possible by arranging the bells suitably in the tower, having in view the strength of the different walls, to make ringing very much easier or very much harder than it might otherwise be. If the bells are hard

to ring you not only tend to get bad striking—though not necessarily, because there are some ringers who love to strike well on bad-going bells, in which, after all, is some satisfaction—but you get ringers into a state in which they are not fit to attend the service for which they ring, and that is quite unnecessary. In these days, with modern engineering tools and appliances available, bells ought to go so easily that ringers of either sex can ring them and, without discomfort to themselves, attend the service for which they ring.

HOW THE FORCES ARE EXERTED.

To find out really how a tower affects the ringers, and the tower is affected by the bells, you have to get down to fundamentals. This subject began to interest me twenty years ago, when a series of letters were published from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings by my very good friend, Mr. Powys, for whom I have a tremendous admiration. He is one of the most honest men I have ever met. In what he now admits to be his ignorance, he wrote letters to various local papers about that time. There was one particularly in February, 1912, in the 'Cambridge Daily News.' In that letter the connection between the bells and the tower was described in order as a 'jar,' a 'thrust,' a 'vibration,' a 'blow' and a 'swing,' and that set me thinking. I made up my mind to find out exactly what does happen when you swing a bell; what are the resultant forces; what happens if the frame is not rigid; and what happens if the tower itself is not rigid. It is not a very difficult thing to work out mathematically, provided you assume that the point upon which the bell swings is rigidly fixed. Actually there is nothing rigid in nature, but it is not very far out. The movement of a frame is excessive if it is a quarter of an inch, and the movement of a tower becomes excessive if it is much more than an eighth of an inch. You can, therefore, assume for practical purposes that, when a bell swings, the revolving mass is revolving about a fixed point. When a bell swings round it sets up a centrifugal force, that is, it tends to fly away from the centre, and there has to be some force to keep it moving in a circle. The force that matters in a tower when a bell is rung is the horizontal component of the reaction at the gudgeons, and the maximum horizontal force is twice the weight of the bell. When I say the weight of the bell I do not mean twice the weight of the bell, plus the fittings, but, taking into account the whole of the weight that is turning, twice the weight of the bell itself approximately represents the maximum horizontal force. The greatest vertical force exerted by a bell occurs in the middle of its swing, and is four times the weight of the bell; that is, the weight of the bell plus three times its weight due to centrifugal forces. That has been known for about eighty years, but as far as I can gather nobody, until 1912, had tried to find out when the maximum horizontal force occurred. The maximum pull exerted by a bell in the horizontal direction is at a point approximately 124 degrees from the vertical position; the maximum vertical force is at the bottom, and as the bell rises on the other side it again reaches its maximum horizontal force at 124 degrees from the vertical. The time taken between these two points is approximately one quarter of a second, and, further, you have this fact that, in rings of bells of average size, the time between the swing of the individual bells is just about one-quarter of a second. If you are ringing eight bells at a normal speed, that is allowing for an open lead, you have seventeen beats to go into slightly over four seconds; in other words, the bells start off one after the other at approximately quarter-second intervals, and the time by which one bell lags after the one in front is almost exactly equal to the time between the two maximum horizontal forces. Take an example to show the importance of this fact. If the seventh and tenor hang in the same direction and are roped on opposite sides and are pulled off after each other, the seventh has got to its second maximum at the moment the tenor, starting in the other direction, has arrived at its first maximum, and both are then pulling in the same direction, with the result that you have the maximum possible force acting on the tower. The cure for that is, if possible, to rope the bells on the same side. It is not always possible, but when it is it has an extraordinary effect.

DAMAGING EFFECT OF 'SPRING' FRAMES.

It is only the horizontal forces that one need worry about; it would be a poor tower, indeed, that would not carry the extra weight of the vertical thrust. It is only equivalent to putting one or two feet on the top of the tower. There is a minor point with regard to the clapper. Some of the gentlemen who used to be keen on wooden frames were rather cornered over the results of the investigations. They first suggested that a 'spring' frame was a good thing, because they thought it would stop the vibration or impact of the bell upon the tower. When it was proved that the forces were finite, and that there was no 'impact,' they suggested that the tower got a kick from the clapper. Normally the clapper swings slower than the bell. During the first part of the swing the bell is pushing the clapper faster than it normally wants to go, until it has gone through something like 100 degrees. This has the effect of slowing down the bell and speeding up the clapper. Eventually the clapper gains on the bell, and when it overtakes it and hits the bell you get a distinct jar. This blow has to be taken up by the gudgeon. Actually at the gudgeon it becomes a vertically downward impact, and therefore does no damage to the walls of the tower.

When the investigation of spring frames was undertaken it was proved beyond question that the connection between the bell and the

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DEATH OF MR. W. H. MUNDY, LEICESTER.**FORMER DEVON AND BIRMINGHAM RINGER.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. H. Mundy, of the St. Martin's Cathedral Society, Leicester, after a very brief illness. The deceased underwent an operation about four years ago, from which he apparently recovered, although it had prevented his presence in the belfry since. He was taken seriously ill on Tuesday, January 24th, and passed away the following morning.

From the scanty records he left, it would appear that he commenced his peal ringing at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, in 1886, or earlier. Thence he went to Birmingham, where he joined the St. Martin's Guild, with which society he rang six or eight peals of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve. Later he was at Weston-super-Mare, and in 1918 he moved to Leicester, where he joined the St. Martin's Society, and with this company rang his first peals of Double Norwich Major and Superlative. As far as it is possible to trace, he had rung at least 40 peals in all the standard methods from Major to Maximus.

The funeral service was held at St. Chad's Church, and the interment took place at Gilecross Cemetery, Leicester, on Saturday, January 28th. Messrs. Harrison, Morris, Poole and Wilson rang a course over the open grave, a wreath being placed afterwards upon it as a last token of respect for a departed 'brother string.'

On Monday, January 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,261 changes) with the bells half-muffled was rung at the Cathedral: F. R. Dexter 1, S. Cotton 2, L. E. Allen 3, I. Morris 4, E. Morris 5, G. Straw 6, F. E. Wilson 7, A. I. Harris 8, P. E. Harrison 9, T. Taylor 10.

The passing of Mr. Mundy creates a great loss to those who knew him, and the deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and daughter, who are left in bereavement.

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tower should be of the most rigid description it was possible to get. There was a great deal of argument in the years 1912, 1913 and 1914 about this question, and I tried to find by experiment what would happen if instead of hanging a bell in a frame that was rigid you hung it in a frame with a spring in it, and to measure the forces acting on the tower in the two cases. These experiments proved that the forces acting on the tower were much greater with a spring frame than in the case of a rigid frame. With a rigid frame the amount of the forces are known; with a spring frame the amount is not known. With a loose frame the amount of the forces are not known, but in this case they became impulsive forces, and sooner or later the tower will get damaged.

(To be continued.)

BELL HANGING BY LOCAL TRADESMEN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of January 13th, on bell restoration—which I think is a thing we should properly look into—I do not agree with Mr. T. Bond's views, especially as a bell hanger. He is encouraging the Church authorities to call in the local carpenter or blacksmith which, I consider, is against himself. I am writing as a man who had 12 years' experience as a bell hanger with the late Mr. W. Greenleaf, one of the best men in the craft in his day, and have seen something of the local carpenter and blacksmith's rehanging of bells. I well remember a peal being rehung in Herefordshire some years ago. A wheelwright and blacksmith did it for £70 odd, and when the ringers went to the dedication they could not raise a single bell, and they were supposed to be ringers. The consequence was Mr. Greenleaf was called in, and I had them down in the churchyard on the following day week. The same thing applied here in South Wales, and that peal is lying idle to-day. Then, again, with regard to trusting an architect. I say 'No,' for some of them do a lot of harm. If it had not been for an architect we should have had our eight bells in at Penarth years ago, as a gentleman offered to do them, but an architect said, 'No, the tower would not stand the strain.' He was listened to, and the bells are unringable to-day. Of course, the old method of bell hanging, when the bells were sometimes hung to swing all one way, did strain the towers. But when, as they are to-day, cross-swung, even if they are hung in two tiers that risk is done away with. It is true that a smith can 'shut' a broken clapper, but there are few who know how to take the right length of a clapper to strike on the lip of the bell properly. I have seen scores of clappers in my travels either striking above or below the sound bow. Again, to replace an odd broken bearing—I have done it for a makeshift—is like putting a new patch on a pair of old worn-out trousers. It is only keeping the bell hanger outside the door. I could have plenty of jobs to-day, if I would only 'muck about with it,' and I am at present out of work, although I worked as a carpenter for 20 years on the railway. I am quite prepared to help any firm of bell hangers when I can get the right materials to do the job properly. Without them I would rather let it alone, because no man can patch up a bad-going bell without the proper experience and materials. You cannot hang a church bell with a cold chisel and a rasp.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Parish Church of Hagley, Worcestershire, is to be lighted by electricity, and a scheme is being prepared. Mr. Harry Mason, who is well known in West Midland ringing circles, and Mrs. Mason have generously offered to defray the whole cost.

The order for the rehanging of the bells at Thorington, Essex, has been placed with Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich. It is hoped to increase the ring to eight, and donations are invited. They may be sent to Mr. G. A. Andrews, Thorington, near Colchester, or to Mr. W. J. Nevard, Myrtle Cottage, Great Bentley, near Colchester, Essex.

Mr. C. H. Kippin, the popular hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, had a fortunate escape from serious injury on Tuesday of last week. Cycling in Croydon he had a front-wheel skid on the slippery road in trying to avoid a van. He was thrown on his face and was conveyed to hospital in an ambulance, where he was treated for severe facial abrasions. He was then allowed to go home. Proof that he is improving will be found in our peal columns.

Mr. William Keeble was not the first, after all, to reach double figures in the 'circling' of towers. That distinction belongs to Mr. J. Bennett. Mr. Keeble, however, is probably the first to do it as conductor.

On Wednesday Mr. William J. Nevard, the Essex veteran, celebrated his 77th birthday, and on Saturday eight Williams, including Mr. Nevard, ate to attempt a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Witham in honour of the event.

The many friends of Mr. Harry Chapman, formerly of Manchester, and now of Keyston, Huntingdon, will learn with deep regret of the death of his devoted wife, Mrs. Mary Eliza Chapman, who passed away on Thursday, February 2nd, at the age of 74 years. The funeral took place on Saturday.

In addition to his numerous professional and other duties, such as solicitor, belfry correspondent, and branch secretary, Mr. J. I. Davis has been appointed clerk of St. James' Parish Church, Poole.

APPLETON BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the words I am reported to have said by your correspondent from the Sonning Deanery, I did not say that the Appleton bells were made of good stuff, though assuredly they were, but I was drawing attention to the fact that the third, fifth, sixth and ninth bells are still running in the bearings put in in 1818, and the wheels of the front six bells date from the same year, which I think you will agree is a testimony to the excellence of the material supplied for bearings and wheels, as well as to the workmanship and subsequent care taken of the bells.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN, Master, Oxford Diocesan Guild.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Would Mr. Hunt kindly let us know the date this particular variation of mine was published? I am sorry to ask, but unfortunately I never keep any records.

Would it not have been much easier if Mr. Cave had given us the date of publishing his variation? 'Six years ago' is very vague, especially as Mr. Hunt says mine was published in 1927. I won't be mean and say that there never was a Cave variation. No, I will not even say, 'pirate,' although a gentleman once made that remark in reference to myself, didn't he? Mr. Cave no doubt remembers the occasion. But, even so, that was excusable, wasn't it, for at the time the gentleman was bursting with the newly-acquired knowledge of some of the mysteries of Stedman composition, and it would have been a great pity for this information to be lost to us all.

As regards Mr. Cave's idea that Thurstans' four quarters, linked up by the six singles, constitutes an original composition, I will be guided by Mr. Washbrook himself, who called it 'Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'.

F. H. DEXTER.

Leicester.
[Mr. Dexter's figures were printed in 'The Ringing World' of February 4th, 1927. Mr. Cave's transpositions of Washbrook's peal, 'suggested by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' transposition,' were published on cards bearing date February 8th, 1927.—Ed., 'R.W.']

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The annual meeting was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 21st. Forty-five members attended, representing twelve towers. Various methods were practised during the afternoon, when the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. G. Wright (Vicar), who gave a short address. The lesson was read by Rev. G. S. Long, Rector of Aldington, a practising member of the Guild. Tea was served at the Swan Hotel, followed by the business meeting, Rev. G. Wright presiding. The accounts were passed, the officers elected being Rev. G. Wright, president, Rev. G. S. Long, vice-president; Mr. C. W. Everitt, Master; Mr. P. Page, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. C. W. Player representative to Central Council.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and for presiding at the meeting.

During the evening Mr. A. Batten was presented with a case of pipes in appreciation of his services as secretary to the Guild.

The business concluded, members spent the remainder of the evening in social intercourse, songs and recitations, etc.

THE LAW JAMES MEMORIAL.

OPENING OF NEW BELLS AT SURFLEET.

RINGERS' TRIBUTE TO A GREAT LEADER.

There was a great gathering of ringers at Surfleet, Lincolnshire, on Saturday, when the memorial to the late Rev. Henry Law James, provided by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and friends, was dedicated. This memorial completes a work in the Parish Church which Mr. James himself had contemplated, and therefore could have taken no more fitting form. Mr. James was proud of the ring of ten bells in the celebrated leaning tower, and it was his ambition to make them into a peal of twelve. This has now been done by the addition of two trebles, and a suitable memorial tablet in bell metal has been erected at the foot of the tower. The memorial scheme was initiated by the Rev. Law James' successor in the Mastership of the Guild, Mr. Rupert Richardson, who was so readily backed up by the Guild committee that, when they met last October to consider the proposal, it was decided to place the order the next day. The new bells have been cast in the same distinctive style as the four bells added in 1913 by Mr. James, and are of wonderful tonal quality for bells of such small size. When it is remembered that the tenor of the

twelve is only 12 cwt., it will be realised how diminutive must be these new bells compared with the trebles of a ring of this number, even with a tenor of only 25 cwt. or 30 cwt., but they speak with tuneful voices, and when the work in the tower is completed will doubtless be heard by the ringers equally well with the rest. They are mounted with two other bells in an upper tier in the frames formerly occupied by the previous trebles, while new frames have been provided on the same level for the present fourth and fifth.

The ropes form an excellent circle, and this despite the difficulties which are caused by the tilt of the tower, which is 6ft. 4in. out of plumb, while there is a tilt of at least three feet from the bell level to the floor. The result is that the ropes drop towards the west wall, and three of the ringers have to stand in the western doorway, although these particular bells are roped on the side farthest from the wall. For such light bells, with a draught of sixty feet, the new trebles proved easy to handle. Surfleet now has the lightest ring of twelve bells in the country, and Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are to be congratulated upon the success with which the scheme has been carried out. The 'splice' is perfect, and there is nothing freakish in the style necessary to ring the small bells; indeed, some experienced ringers professed to prefer them for handling to some of the other light bells in the tower.

THE DEDICATION SERVICE.

The proceedings on Saturday began with an early celebration of Holy Communion, in which Henry Law James was specially remembered in the prayers. A congregation which practically filled the ancient church, which owes so much to the efforts of its late Vicar who, during his ministry, turned a dilapidated building into a beautiful House of God, assembled for the dedication service in the afternoon. Ringers from all over Lincolnshire and places far beyond flocked to the village, not only to share in the ceremony but to pay respect to the memory of one who was not only the founder of the Guild, and had guided its destinies for more than thirty years with unerring hand, but had gained an almost unique place in the ringing Exercise. There were many non-ringing parishioners present, too, people who had known and honoured him as pastor and friend.

The Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Clark, officiated at the service, which was attended by a number of Lincolnshire clergy, including Canon G. W. Joudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln Cathedral, and president of the Lincoln Guild. The service took the form of shortened evensong. Psalm 23 was sung, and the hymns included, 'Let saints on earth in concert sing' and 'O Thou whose all-redeeming light.' The first lesson, from Ecclesiasticus xlv., commencing, 'Let us now praise famous men,' was read by the Rev. E. G. Gee (Vicar of Pinchbeck), and the second lesson, from 1 Thessalonians iv., by Canon B. G. Nicholas, R.D. (Vicar of Spalding).

After the collect the clergy proceeded to the foot of the tower, where Mr. Richardson, on behalf of the members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and friends throughout the British Isles and overseas, requested the Sub-Dean to dedicate the bells and the memorial tablet "to the glory of God and to the memory of our late Master and friend, Henry Law James."



THE LATE REV. HENRY LAW JAMES.

The Sub-Dean then unveiled the tablet and dedicated this and the bells in due form, afterwards offering other suitable prayers. While the procession returned to the chancel, twelve members of the Lincoln Guild rang the bells in rounds—the first occasion on which the whole twelve had been heard: F. W. Stokes (Blankney), 1, Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet) 2, J. Walden (Lincoln) 3, G. Ladd (Pinchbeck) 4, H. Morgan (Gainsborough) 5, C. McGuinness (Lincoln) 6, H. M. Day (Market Deeping) 7, F. S. W. Butler (Gainsborough) 8, J. Bray (Barton-on-Stather) 9, W. Wood (Great Hale) 10, J. Freeman (Lincoln) 11, R. Richardson (Surfleet) 12.

A FAITHFUL PARISH PRIEST.

The Sub-Dean, in his address, said that by the dedication of the two bells they had done what the late Vicar had had in his mind to do, and would have carried out had he lived. They were thus fulfilling his wishes and intention, and were making those two bells a memorial of his work there. They knew how proud Mr. James was of the church and of the tower, and how anxious he was to make everything in it as good and beautiful as possible. Yet perhaps one ought to think more of him as a faithful parish priest, a man who cared for the souls of the people committed to his charge, and those who knew him in that capacity would preserve a grateful memory of the spiritual work which he did in that place—and the lives of the people were the best and most satisfactory memorial to a parish priest. Mr. James was keen about his work, as he was keen about the bells. The new bells were a memorial to his care for bellringing. He was not only a bellringer at Surfleet, he was known all over the country, and his advice was constantly sought. Some of them knew him as a true and lovable friend, a man of true and deep convictions. May his soul rest in peace.

The Sub-Dean then went on to speak of beauty in worship and of the charm and beauty of bells when rung for the church services.

The service concluded with the hymn, 'Palms of glory, raiment bright,' and after the Benediction the congregation went into the churchyard where, over the grave of the departed priest and bellringer, and upon which earlier in the day a magnificent cross of flowers had been deposited by the Master of the Guild, a perfect course of Grandsire Triples was rung in slow time by Messrs. F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis, W. Ayre and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher. Immediately afterwards the first change ringing on the twelve bells took place, a course of Stedman Cinques, by a band representing twelve guilds and associations: E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council and Kent County Association) 1, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild) 2, R. Richardson (Lincoln Diocesan Guild) 3, C. T. Coles (Essex Association) 4, J. S. Goldsmith (Guildford Diocesan Guild) 5, J. Holman (Yorkshire Association) 6, F. W. Perrens (Warwickshire Guild) 7, F. W. Smallwood (Ely Diocesan Association) 8, F. Wilford (Peterborough Diocesan Guild) 9, G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council, and Middlesex County Association) 10, W. Ayre (Hertford County Association) 11, J. Brothwell (North Notts Association) 12.

Afterwards the bells were open to visitors, and in the course of the afternoon and evening everyone had the opportunity of ringing on the augmented peal.

BIG TEA PARTY.

The whole of the visitors and local ringers, numbering altogether about 130, partook of tea in the large bulb shed on Mr. Rupert Richardson's farm, there being no other place in the village sufficiently spacious to accommodate the party. Mrs. Richardson and a staff of willing helpers had prepared the meal, and so sufficient had been their efforts that even the proverbially ample appetites of the ringers failed to exhaust the supplies. The tea was generously given by Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, and the whole of the charge made for it was given to the memorial fund. Mr. E. H. Lewis presided over the gathering, supported by the Vicar and Mr. Richardson, and among those present, in addition to those whose names have already been mentioned, were Messrs. F. W. Stokes (general secretary of the Lincoln Guild), F. S. W. Butler (Northern Branch secretary), C. T. H. Bradley (Southern Branch secretary), G. Ladd (Elloe Deaneries Branch secretary), J. Freeman (Ringing Master, Northern Branch), W. E. Clarke (Ringing Master, Eastern Branch), H. M. Day (Ringing Master, Southern Branch), J. Bray (Ringing Master, Grimsby District), Rev. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (hon. secretary, Ely Diocesan Association), Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston, Notts), J. Flint (Bolsover), A. Ward (Derby), etc. The Rev. E. Banks James was prevented from attending, as was also Mr. J. Phillips (Eastern Branch secretary), who was unable to be present through illness.

CAMBRIDGE DAYS.

The President of the Central Council said it was a wonderful thing to see such a gathering of ringers from all parts coming to do honour to the Vicar of that little village of Surfleet. Those who lived in Lincolnshire probably thought of Mr. James chiefly for his work in that parish and of his work for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, but some of those present who had not seen so much of his local activities had a very high opinion of him for the work he did nationally. Speaking as the representative of the ringers of the whole country, he could say that they held him in other parts of the country in very high esteem. He could think of no one who did more for the Exercise in producing musical compositions and in producing methods than Mr. James did. Mr. Lewis added that he first came to know Mr. James about thirty years ago, when some of them who were undergraduates

at Cambridge were struggling to master the elements of change ringing. They did a lot of their practice on handbells, and when they got to a certain stage and wanted help in getting peals, they used to send an 'S.O.S.' to Mr. Law James, and he would come to Cambridge for two or three days. They then used to ring handbells from immediately after breakfast until after bedtime (laughter). Needless to say, they did not get many peals, for they got so stalo by the latter part of the evening that they could only ring for ten or fifteen minutes without breaking down (laughter). Later on he (the speaker) got to know Mr. James as a member of the Central Council, where he did a great work for the Exercise. He was always bringing up new ideas, and whenever he brought anything fresh before the Council they could always be sure of having an exciting time. If he took up a cause he would champion it violently, and very lively arguments would go on. There was one in particular which he remembered, when Mr. James wanted to have them believe that Stedman as we now rang it was not true Stedman, but that the method was the slow six and the quick six was the bob, so that 120 of Stedman Doubles was constructed of alternate plain sixes and bob sixes; in fact, that Stedman was what we know as Erin. There was a very fierce argument at Manchester about it, and it was only finally suppressed when the president, Sir Arthur Heywood, looked with a smile at Mr. Sam Woods, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and the latter proposed an amendment to the motion 'that Stedman be left as it was in Feythier's time' (laughter). That was ultimately carried, and the controversy did not get any further, but from a mathematical point of view there was a great deal in Mr. James' theory. After all, it did not matter much what they called it. What mattered was what they rang and how they rang it. He got to know Mr. James very well as a member of the Central Council, and he also spent some delightful weeks with him on the Cambridge Guild tours. There again he used to provide them with a great deal of interest and a great deal of amusement, especially if his talented brother, Mr. Bankes James, was with them. They were always producing new methods. They would produce one in a minute or two, and in another minute or two the Cambridge Guild members would be ringing it on handbells. He only saw Mr. James once in his own home, and that was last October twelve months, when he spent a week-end at the Vicarage after going with him to inspect the bells at Boston. They knew the result of that visit. Boston bells had been put into good order, and he was looking forward very much to seeing how the work had been carried out and what the bells sounded like. During the short time he spent with Mr. James in Surfleet he was tremendously impressed with the whole atmosphere of his work as a parish priest, and he was not sure that, while they outside looked upon him as one of the foremost method producers, composers and change ringers, the greatest work he did was his work in Surfleet as parish priest (applause).

The Vicar of Surfleet welcomed the visitors on that great occasion in the history of Surfleet. They had, he continued, heard something about Mr. James from Mr. Lewis. He (the Vicar) knew Mr. James for about 30 years, and the greatest work which he did at the beginning of that time was to turn a dilapidated barnlike church into the beautiful edifice it now was. As he (Mr. Clark) went about the parish he discovered that Mr. James was a wonderful parish priest. His name to-day was held in great veneration, and they were thankful to record the many good deeds which he did. Continuing, the Vicar said they could not have a day like that in Surfleet, or such a spread, without mentioning the name of Mr. Rupert Richardson (applause). No one knew the amount of work he had put in over this memorial, and he had done it with his whole heart and soul because he loved bellingring. They were grateful to him for his great services and his generosity—for the whole of the proceeds of the tea were to be given to the bell fund (applause). He also wanted to mention the name of Mr. John Richardson, who was Mr. James' churchwarden for 26 years, and who was very disappointed he could not be present that day, as he was confined to bed. On behalf of the parish of Surfleet he extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association) acknowledged the cordial welcome given to the visitors. They had heard a good deal about the late Mr. James that day, but he would like to add that Mr. James set an example of hospitality—such hospitality as ringers received in many parts of Lincolnshire, and upon which the spirit of Mr. Law James had descended. The visitors came there that day knowing they would be made welcome by one of Mr. James' pupils—Mr. Rupert Richardson—and they had been made welcome also by Mr. James' successor, the Rev. G. H. Clark. The visitors had a deep sense of gratitude for this welcome, and he would also like to thank the many kind ladies, who by an enormous amount of work had prepared the tea. Mrs. Richardson and her friends had been working early and late in preparation for that event. On behalf of all the visitors, he thanked Mr. and Mrs. Richardson for their great hospitality (applause).

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHEME.

Mr. Rupert Richardson, who was received with applause, first mentioned that he had received apologies from, among others, Mr. Denison Taylor, Mr. Harry Chapman, who that day was burying his wife, Canon H. T. Parry (Bigby) and Mr. F. F. Linley, president of the Northern Branch. Continuing, Mr. Richardson reviewed the development of the memorial scheme. It was, he said, a year ago on the

preceding day since the Lincoln Guild lost its founder and one of its greatest friends. That day they were met there to pay homage to one of the most unselfish workers the ringing Exercise ever had. A few days after Mr. James' death Mr. Bankes James told him that his brother's greatest wish was to put two trebles to the existing ten bells. He (the speaker) tested the feeling of the Guild, and everyone seemed to approve of it. It was put before district meetings, and promises of support were so unanimous that when the committee met early in October they felt justified in going forward with the scheme. The committee came to the conclusion that, as the memorial would be in a sense a national one, they would receive substantial help from outside the Guild, and that trust had not been misplaced. He had received subscriptions from England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, and two from South Africa (applause), while the letters which he had received showed the esteem in which ringers held Mr. James. There were one or two who did not approve of such a daring scheme, and one of them was the first subscriber. But Mr. James was a daring man; he was always doing pioneer work, and they could have had no more fitting memorial to him. The result of the committee meeting was that the order for the bells was placed next day with Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and he

would like to thank everyone who had helped in any way to make the scheme a success, especially the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for the great assistance he had given him, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the courteous and efficient way they had carried out the work. He also thanked all those who had sent subscriptions, and Mr. Lewis for coming from London to take the chair.

The total cost of the scheme would be about £170. That was a little more than was first estimated owing to the cost of the tablet, but the committee felt it was necessary that they should have a tablet to complete the scheme, and have something at the bottom of the tower recording what had been done. Up to the present they had passed the £100 mark (applause), but he wanted them to re-

member they had still a long way to go. When the committee discussed the matter they decided to make a general appeal to the ringers of the Guild; if that did not produce enough then to ask each branch to make a grant from the funds; and if they were still short to ask every meeting through the diocese to make a collection until the balance was paid off. The £120 which had to be provided by the Guild represented 4s. 6d. a rope. He did not think that was too much to ask for a memorial to a man who had worked like Mr. James for the benefit of the members. He appealed to every member of the Guild to help to raise the rest of the money and raise it quickly. He hoped they would not make the excuse of hard times. He knew times were hard, but Mr. James never thought about how hard times were if he was asked to do anything for the benefit of the Guild. He was at everyone's beck and call, and he would go from one end of the county to the other if he thought he could do any one of them any good (applause). The Elloe Deaneries Branch had raised much more than their quota, but some of the branches, he was sorry to say, were a long way off half of theirs. They did not expect 4s. 6d. a rope from every tower, because there were some with only one or two ringers, but he did not think it too much to ask for an average of 4s. 6d. throughout the Guild. No more unselfish man than Mr. James ever walked this earth, and he hoped the members of the Guild would put their backs into completing the fund, and that at the annual meeting in April he would be able to say they were out of debt (applause).

Afterwards the ringers returned to the belfry, and utilised the bells to the utmost, many ringing on twelve bells for the first time.

On Sunday morning the bells were rung for service to a good touch of Stedman Cinques.



MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, January 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Auger (first quarter) 1, P. Newton (conductor) 2, R. Blaby 3, H. Stratford 4, A. G. Jones 5, F. G. Biggs 6, R. Biggs 7, Jos. Evans 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO MR. P. J. JOHNSON.

At the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, on Saturday week, Mr. Percy J. Johnson, of Leeds, who has recently retired from the hon. secretaryship, was presented with a clock in recognition of his 16 years' devoted service. The meeting was held at Burley, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. H. W. Moore), churchwardens and local company, and the rings of eight at Burley and St. Michael's, Headingley, were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

A service was held in Burley Church at 4 p.m., the singing being led by the choir boys and accompanied by the organ. The Rev. H. W. Moore based his sermon on the words, 'Glory be to God,' from the latter portion of the communion service, and delivered an impressive sermon full of interest.

Tea was served in the schools, about a hundred members and friends sitting down to a tea which lacked nothing in quantity or quality.

The meeting was held immediately afterwards, the president (Canon C. C. Marshall) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Burley and the principal officers of the association.

The Chairman moved a very cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the organist and choir-boys for their services, and for the enthusiastic welcome accorded to the association at this, the first, general meeting to be held there.—In acknowledgment the Rev. H. W. Moore assured the members of the pleasure it had given him to welcome them, and hoped they had enjoyed ringing on what they in Burley regarded as the nicest light ring of eight in the district.

On the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. F. Clark, a very hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the local company for the excellent arrangements they had so unsparingly made, and to the ladies for waiting at the tea tables. Mr. J. W. Slack left no doubt in the minds of those present that the local company had been pleased to do what they had done towards making the meeting a success.

An invitation having been received from the authorities and local company to hold the next meeting at Leeds Parish Church, it was unanimously accepted. This meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6th.

THREE PRESIDENTS IN 58 YEARS.

In moving the re-election of the president for another term of three years, Mr. P. J. Johnson coupled with the proposition the warmest congratulations of the association on his appointment as Hon. Canon of Ripon Cathedral. The association, continued Mr. Johnson, had been singularly fortunate in its choice of presidents, as since its inception in 1875 Canon Marshall was only the third to occupy that important office. Jasper W. Snowdon was president from 1875 to 1885, William Snowdon from 1885 to 1910, and Canon Marshall from 1910 to the present time. This was a record that must be unique in the annals of ringing associations, especially as each had proved himself so worthy a holder of the office. The proposition was seconded by Mr. Cotterell, another 'youngster' in association work, and carried with applause.

In thanking them for his re-election and for their congratulations, the President took the opportunity of thanking the general committee and members for their wholehearted assistance in helping him to carry out his duties, and said it was partly through his position as their president that he had been appointed a Canon of Ripon.

The balance sheet, audited earlier in the day by Messrs. R. Thomas and W. Slack, was passed as being very satisfactory, as, based on general expenditure, it showed a balance in hand of about £17 on the year's working.



MR. P. J. JOHNSON.

The 57th annual report of the association showed that 85 new ringing members, one patron and one hon. life member had been elected, whilst 14 members had been lost by death, and 54 had lapsed. The total membership of the association now stands at 1,251. The peals rung during the year numbered 139, which constitutes a record for post-war years. These come under 34 headings, and include eight different Surprise Major methods. The report was accepted, and Mr. W. Barton heartily thanked for all the work he so ably did for the association in his capacity as peal secretary.

Mr. Bernard Webb, of Pickering, was elected to the vice-presidency of the Northern Division in place of Mr. J. H. Blakiston, who felt obliged to resign for personal reasons. As Mr. Webb is also a vice-president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, the hope is expressed that it will be a step towards bringing the two associations to a better and closer understanding of each other.

Messrs. Malcolm Robson (Guiseley), Frank Scholesfield (Burley), Alec Dransfield, and Norman Ling (Earlsheaton), Willis Haigh (Bolsterstone) and Roy Varley (Brainley) were elected members of the association.

RECOGNITION OF VALUABLE SERVICE

The last item on the agenda was the exceedingly pleasant one of making a presentation to Mr. P. J. Johnson, the former hon. general secretary. Canon Marshall, in making the presentation, said the association was losing a very valuable secretary who, for 16 years, had proved an extremely efficient and careful worker in looking after the affairs of the association. They all felt they could not let this resignation pass without some recognition, and he was pleased to say a very considerable response had been made to the circulars which had been issued to the towers. The gift, which consisted of a clock, was Mr. Johnson's own choice, which he had made in company with Mr. Barton. Continuing, Canon Marshall said he could assure Mr. Johnson that behind the gift was a fund of feeling and thankfulness which he could scarcely find words adequately to express. They were under a tremendous debt to him. He had helped them to weather some of the worst storms in the history of the association, and he was one to whose ability and character they could always look up, and whose kindness had never been found wanting. Personally he was very, very grateful to him for all the help he had given to him, and, speaking as their president, he was sure the members felt the same. They offered this gift to Mr. Johnson with their very grateful thanks, and with the earnest hope that he would be long spared to continue his interest in the association (applause).

Mr. Cotterell, hon. treasurer, added his testimony, and expressed his regret that Mr. Johnson had felt compelled to resign.

Mr. J. Lawson, one of the oldest members of the association, speaking in support, said he had never met anybody with greater enthusiasm, or one more ready to help and to do his very best for the association and change ringing as a whole. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Johnson long life and prosperity (applause).

Mr. Johnson, who was received with applause, said that in these difficult times it was hardly the time for giving and receiving presents, and he was sure that in making him this presentation it was out of some warm feeling of regard for him. He could assure them, on behalf of his wife and himself, that they were very grateful indeed to the members for their kindness, and the clock would always serve to remind him of some of the pleasant times he had had with them. He regretted that he had found it necessary to resign, but the work was getting more instead of less, and he had not the time to continue in the capacity of secretary. Nevertheless, his interest in the well-being of the association would not diminish, and he thanked them very sincerely.

The clock was inscribed: 'Presented to Percy J. Johnson by the members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers with grateful thanks for his work as general secretary, 1917-32.'

This brought to a close a very pleasant and memorable meeting.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Martock on Jan. 21st. The bells were rung to various methods during the afternoon and service, held in the Parish Church, was conducted by the President, the Rev. G. Saunders (Vicar of Martock).

The annual meeting followed tea in the Church House, the President being supported by the Rev. C. C. Cox (Vicar of Lyme Regis), Mr. D. G. Taylor (secretary of the Crewkerne Deanery Branch) and over 30 ringers from Ilminster, Yeovil, Montacute, Martock, Langport, Curry Rivel, Evercreech, Somerton, etc.

The following officers were re-elected:—Rev. G. W. Saunders, president; Mr. F. Farrant, secretary; and Mr. J. E. Baker, Ringing Master. The secretary was chosen to represent the branch on the General Committee.

Three new members were elected, and the meetings for the year were arranged to take place at Hardington in April, Somerton in July, and West Coker in October; on the fourth Saturday in each case.

It was decided that the annual meeting be held alternately at Yeovil and Martock on the first Saturday in December, and that in the future four quarterly meetings be held.

After the meeting the bells were kept going until after 8 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO LATE HON. TREASURER.

There was a large attendance of members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the annual meeting of the Guildford District on Jan. 28th. There was ringing during the afternoon at S. Nicolas' Church, where service was afterwards held.

Tea was served in S. Nicolas' Hall, about 70 being present. The Provost (Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan) presided, and among those who attended were the Rev. D. Raiton (Shalford), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. C. F. Johnston and Mrs. A. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. H. Miles (Oxford), Mr. S. R. Roper (Croydon), etc. The Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse) was unavoidably absent owing to being a victim of the prevailing epidemic.

The following district officers were re-elected for the year: Ringing Master, Mr. W. R. Melville; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; hon. auditor, Mr. A. C. Hazelden; hon. members representative on executive committee, Mr. S. Marshall (Puttenham). A ballot for two ringing representatives on the executive committee resulted in the re-election of Messrs. S. Petter (Worcestershire) and R. Whittington (Gloucestershire).

The officers were thanked for their services in the past year.

A very satisfactory balance sheet was presented and adopted. The receipts amounted to £20 16s., and the expenditure to £15 9s. 8d., including £10 3s. remitted to the Guild treasurer. The balance in hand was increased from £17 6s. 2d. to £22 12s. 6d.

The Ringing Master (Mr. W. R. Melville) in his report said 19 peals had been rung in the district during last year (compared with 23 in the previous year), being one each of Guildford, London and Bristol Surprise Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Grandsire Doubles, three peals of Grandsire Triples and eight of Stedman Triples. There had been six conductors, viz., Messrs. A. H. Pulling 14, and L. Hunter, A. Harman, C. Kippin, A. J. Bartlett and S. Radford one each. He added that he would like to see more local companies attempt peals, as not only did peal ringing make ringers better strikers, but more positive in their ringing. There had been twelve combined practices during the year, all of them fairly successful. These practices not only enabled ringers to get touches in methods they could not get in any other way, but also kept alive the Guild spirit.

It would be idle to say that this district has done more during the last year than just drift along. The district meetings were held according to schedule, but at none of them was the attendance really startling—in fact, the average attendance at these meetings from members actually resident in the district was only 19—not a very large percentage of the total roll of 166 ringing members. In addition to the district meetings there was a gathering at Clendon at the dedication of the two new trebles. During the year the district and the Guild suffered a very severe blow, the loss by death of their esteemed treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. He was resident within the Guildford District, and they all knew his value to the district and to the Guild. Since his death he had been very much missed, and none of their meetings had seemed quite the same without him. As they all knew, the people at Old Woking were endeavouring to raise a fund to set up a memorial to the Admiral. It had not yet been decided exactly what form this would take, but one of the proposals was that the bells at the Parish Church should be retuned. This suggestion came in the first place from the general secretary, who felt that the members of the Guild would like to be associated with any memorial erected to the Admiral. The executive committee of the Guild discussed the matter and came to the conclusion that the Guild might reasonably hope to be able out of its funds and subscriptions from members to recast the sixth bell, if the parish obtains enough money to retune the other five of the back six. If this scheme is carried out it should not be too much to hope that every member will give something, and that that something will be the maximum amount he can afford. In addition to individual subscriptions and a contribution from the general fund of the Guild, the district committee recommended that the district should contribute £5.

One hundred and sixty-six ringing members paid for 1932—an increase of 15 over 1931. The increase was largely due to members from the new band at Grayshott. Bramley had dropped right out again. Eight hon. members who paid in 1931 did not renew their subscriptions last year. Members should try to keep in touch with their local hon. members and endeavour to keep them interested in the Guild. Places for district meetings were chosen by the committee, and they recommended Puttenham, Old Woking, Ewhurst, Grayshott and Albury or Witley. The District Ringing Master had interviewed the Rector at Albury, who apparently did not want the Guild there; his ringers did not want them and the inhabitants were not keen, so Albury must be struck out.

The Secretary then proposed the following resolutions, which were carried:—

'That, subject to the consent of the annual general meeting of the Guild, this district contribute if and when required a sum not exceeding £5 towards Admiral Walker's memorial fund.'

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DEATH OF LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S TREASURER.

TRAGIC END OF ACTIVE LIFE.

Deep regret is felt in Lancashire, and will be shared by ringers in many parts of the country, at the tragic death of Mr. William Horan, the hon. treasurer of the Lancashire Association. Mr. Horan, whose home was at Todmorden, had been missing for some days, and towards the end of last week his body was recovered from a lake.

Although comparatively a young man, Mr. Horan had accomplished more ringing in ten years than many men do in a lifetime. He had rung over 120 peals for the Lancashire Association alone. He had taken part in several ringing tours, and was among those who last year had a week in Yorkshire. Among his last peals were two of Cambridge Surprise Royal on Boxing Day at Stockport.

Before becoming treasurer of the Lancashire Association, he was secretary of the Rochdale Branch.

Mr. Horan was an accountant by profession, and led an extremely active life, being connected with many organisations. He will be much missed in Lancashire ringing circles, and sincere sympathy will go out to the bereaved relatives. Mr. Horan was unmarried.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION HANDBELL CONTEST.

Many competitors are expected to send in their names for this interesting contest, which is being organised by the London County Association. It is a challenge to all ringers who are members of the above association. Those who do not think they may have a chance against old or more experienced ringers should get to work at once and practise as much as possible. Any four L.C.A. 'ites' belonging to any one tower may compete by ringing a course of any method, but commencing and finishing with six whole pulls of rounds. The solid silver challenge cup, kindly given by Mr. F. E. Dave, is well worth a special effort to win. It will be held for twelve months. The contest will take place at the annual meeting of the association on February 11th.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

As the 10 bells at Duffield, which was the home of Sir Arthur Heywood, and where he was a Sunday service ringer for many years, are about to be recast, the committee of the Midland Counties Association invite subscriptions from all ringers towards the expenses of recasting one of the bells and adding a suitable inscription.

Sir Arthur was, as is well known, the founder of the Central Council, and its president for a quarter of a century. He was also president of the M.C.A. for 29 years, and the committee feel that there are many, particularly those who knew him personally, who will welcome this opportunity of being associated with the scheme, and it is with confidence that they appeal for generous support from one and all.

Donations, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the hon. treasurer of the M.C.A.,

W. E. WHITE,

Ivy Cottage, Cotgrave, Nottingham.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 15th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Minor consisting of 180 Plain Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Seager 1, W. Mills 2, E. J. Shynn 3, F. W. Shynn 4, J. Seager 5, P. C. Sayer (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sunday, Jan. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Balchin (first attempt) 1, T. Alwell 2, G. Luff 3, J. Pellos (first attempt as conductor) 4, R. J. C. Hagley 5, M. Smithers 6, A. J. Bartlett 7, W. Bartlett 8.

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'That district meetings be held during 1933 at Puttenham, Old Woking, Ewhurst, Grayshott and Witley, dates and order to be left to the secretary.'

All the Guild officers and the Central Council representatives were renominated, and the Provost was also nominated as a vice-president.

Two new members were elected, and the customary votes of thanks terminated the business.

Afterwards a most interesting lecture on 'Bell Towers' was given by Mr. E. H. Lewis, who dealt with some of the problems of bell hanging in weak towers and the best way of overcoming the stresses upon them; also of the effect of moving towers upon the efforts of the ringers. Mr. Lewis illustrated his lecture with blackboard drawings, and his talk proved a most instructive one.

At the close he was heartily thanked for his lecture, which we publish in greater detail elsewhere in this issue.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The sum of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at 'The Coffee Pot' on the 21st (8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Service at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, February 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Tey on February 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Frequent bus service Colchester and Braintree. Route within one mile of church.—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The district annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, about 6 p.m., in the Church Hall, 1s. each. Subscriptions thankfully received.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 11th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and the usual business meeting at the Institute.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police again invite ringers, their wives and friends to the Athletic Club, Old Hall Street, Bolton, for a billiards match and free and easy social on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bring your music.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Lincolnshire District) and the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d. per head at Sun Hotel, 5 p.m.—Mrs. R. Richardson and H. Morgan, Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers are welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, 2.30 - 3.45. St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., 3.30-4.45. Service in St. Clement Danes at 4.45. Tea at Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, 5.30 (1/- each). Business meeting in Parish Hall at 6.30. Handbell competition after business meeting.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available 3-4 p.m. and 4.30-6.30 p.m. Service 4. Meeting 6.30.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By permission of Rev. J. Hilton-Spratt, the spring meeting will be held at Chilham on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members' subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ottershaw in conjunction with the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild on Saturday, February 18th, Chertsey bells not being available. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., numbers by Tuesday, February 14th.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than February 16th. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Subscriptions thankfully received.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Will all attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Feb. 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. F. F. Grieg, The Vicarage, Royston, is providing tea for those who notify him not later than Wednesday previous.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be held at Shilton, near Coventry, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation has been extended to the Guild by the Vicar, so it is hoped that there will be a good attendance. Tea will be served in the School at 5 o'clock, 1s. a head. Good bus service to Shilton from Coventry and Nuneaton.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, February 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea and meeting in the schoolrooms after service. *Special business.* Will every member please make an effort to attend service, tea and meeting. Non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea 9d. each, to all who notify Mr. A. Lees, 142a, Great Clowes Street, Broughton, Manchester, not later than Wednesday, February 14th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD and SHERWOOD YOUTHS. —Joint meeting at Basford, Saturday, February 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. No. 3 tram from Victoria Statue to Church Street. Everybody welcome. Tea arranged for those who notify me by Thursday, February 16th.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde, Preston, Blackburn and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above four branches has been arranged, and will be held on Saturday, February 18th, at St. James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Preacher, Rev. J. Payne, M.A., Vicar of Ince Parish Church. Tea in school at 5.30. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan. Beautiful bells. Good company. So don't forget the date. Worsley Mesnes bus from station to the church, 2d. return.—Norman Brown, Wigan Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18th, at St. Werburgh, Bristol. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please make a special effort to attend, and notify me for tea not later than the 15th inst. Bus No. 139 from Old Market at 15 minutes to and past the hour. — Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea provided for those who let me know by Feb. 15th.—A. S. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Proposed Haddenham and District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6), recently rehung in ball bearings, 3 p.m. Meeting for the election of officers, pro tem. Subject to approval, annual meeting in the Schoolroom, following tea, at 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Collins, tailor, Haddenham, Cambs, for tea. All past and present members welcome. Come and make your presence known. — Frank Warrington (proposer).

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. — P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Storrington on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Old Forge, Church Street, at 1s. 3d. each. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, E.C.3, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Those requiring tea (1s.) please notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 15th. Gentlemen cordially invited. — M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 15th? (important). — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells, just overhauled, available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. A p.c. to me by the previous Wednesday, please. All welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Mary's, Liscard, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by 14th inst.? —Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Corby on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.15. Kindly notify me by Feb. 14th as to numbers for tea.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hardingstone on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Report of balance sheet for 1932 will be presented. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 14th? — F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Aylestone on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each, for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

BARNBY, NEWARK.—The ring of 4 bells, recast and augmented to 5 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 6.30 p.m.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Swindon Village on Saturday, February 25th. Bells open 3 p.m.; Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 by invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. R. Pugh). Business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please let me know early in that week.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon Village, Cheltenham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 45th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 25th, at 6 o'clock prompt, 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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, 22nd? Subscription for 1933 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Framlingham on Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 4.30, at 1s. a head. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney on Saturday, February 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at The Eight Bells. Secretaries should notify the undersigned, not later than Wed., Feb. 22nd, how many may be expected from their towers. Half rail fare maximum 1/5.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, on Saturday, March 4th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing at Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10). Tickets 2s. 9d. each, to be applied for by Wednesday, March 1st, latest.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

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LAMBERTHURST, KENT.—On January 12th, 720 Spliced Double Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford: E. Woodage 1, T. Fuller 2, A. Rolfe (conductor) 3, A. Marshall 4, J. Waghorn 5, J. Bassett 6.

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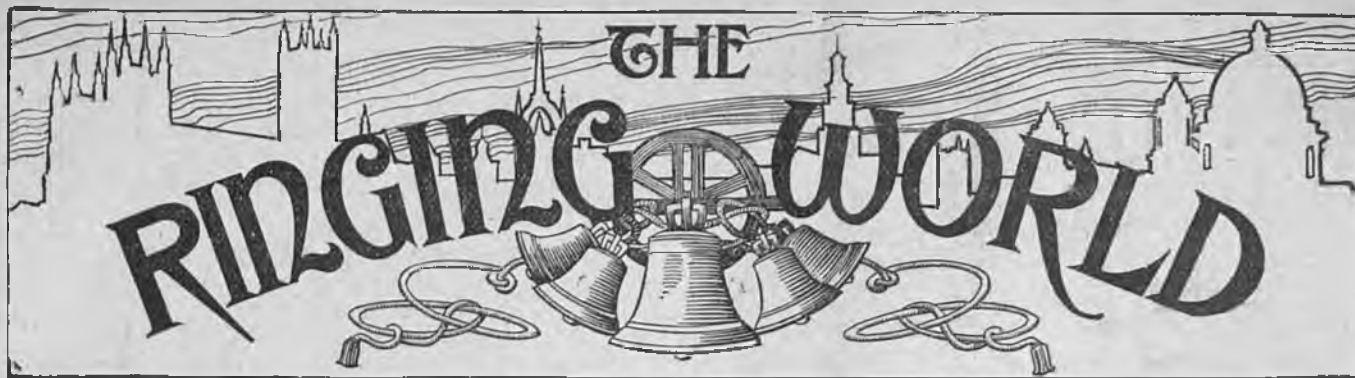
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With many of the things which Mr. Drake mentions in his letter we are in full agreement, but there is one other matter in which, at any rate, we would urge careful consideration before action is taken. The annoyance which the continued chiming of a single bell frequently causes to the public is unquestioned, but the regular bombardment of the Church Assembly with resolutions from the Central Council with a view to limiting the period of ringing a single bell might well prove a two-edged weapon. If the ringing of a single bell were to be limited to not more than two minutes consecutively, there are many people who would at once contend that, if that period is sufficient for one bell, it is enough for any number of bells. There are, we know, arguments against such a contention, but to forbid by Church law the single bell to be chimed for more than two minutes on end, would be to introduce the thin end of a wedge which might, conceivably, eventually be driven much further than we as ringers care to contemplate. We

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT... .. Treble	WILLIAM TILLET 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	JOHN F. TILLY 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 9
HARRY R. KOPER 4	HERBERT SHERMING 10
ROBERT H. BRENDLE 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

First peal of Little Albion Treble Bob Maximus ever rung.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

HAYDN THORPE Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
J. HENRY BOWER 2	*J. FREDERICK MILNER 8
JOHN THORPE 3	MAURICE E. WILSON 9
ALBERT H. WARD 4	SIDNEY F. PALMER 10
HAROLD NAYLOR 5	*T. COLIN RYDER 11
*ALBERT NASH 6	*ERNEST A. THORPE ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.
* First peal on twelve bells. The ringer of the treble has now completed the circle in this tower. The conductor's 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	EDWARD MARKHAM 7
*REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG 2	JAMES W. WILKINS 8
RALPH COLES 3	FRANK BOREHAM 9
GEORGE HINTON 4	P. S. CECIL A. SMITH 10
F. DONALD BOREHAM 5	EDWARD R. COLES 11
ROBERT G. CHAPPEL 6	*WILLIAM H. PLUMRIDGE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal of Cinques. Rung by a complete band of All Saints' service ringers, who are all resident in the parish.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. WHITE Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
HENRY C. WHITE 2	CUTHBERT G. WHITE 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 8
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Arranged as a farewell for the Rev. G. E. B. Scanlan, who is exchanging livings with the Rev. S. H. Rendall, of Sutton Courtenay, this peal had to be rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. K. Timpson, of Appleton Manor, who was interred the previous day.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.)

*CLIFFORD HUGHES Treble	CYRIL TANSSELL 6
†FREDERICK J. WHITWORTH ... 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 7
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 3	†ROBERT LEWIS 8
†F. BERNARD MARTIN 4	CHARLES CAMM 9
FRANK LAWRENCE 5	†FRED CRUMP Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Caters away from tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Messrs. Thomas Albutt, Jabez Eades, John Mason and Alfred Moore, formerly members of the Bromsgrove Guild, who have recently passed away.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SADDLEWORTH.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOSEPH MOWBRAY Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY 5
OGDEN MOORES 2	VERNON SYKES 6
JOSEPH OGDEN 3	HERBERT BARLOW 7
STEPHAN L. PARRY 4	GEORGE BARLOW Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by G. BARLOW.

Rung as a farewell to S. Stott and F. Crossland, both of whom have been ringers at Glodwick, Oldham, for 60 years; also for the birthday of Miss M. Sykes.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	JOHN WHEADON 7
GEORGE TALBOT 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Audsley, who was unable to stand in owing to illness.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	WILLIAM G. MAYERS 6
JONATHAN ALDOGS 3	GEORGE POYNIZ 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This composition, reduced from a 7,000, and which contains the 7468's and other extent qualities, is now rung for the first time.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN CHARNOCK Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	*HAROLD DAVIES 7
JOHN T. BIMSON 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First attempt for a peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sir James De Hoghton, Bart., also to Mr. W. Cross, of Preston. It was also a wedding peal for Mr. H. Harrison and Miss M. Drain, who were married previous to starting for the peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES ARLITT Treble	HERBERT SHEMMING 5
*CHARLES SHEMMING 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
CHARLES CLARKE 3	JOHN F. TILLET 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOL ... 4	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE.

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Major.

GOUDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
ALFRED J. BATTIN 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 6
ROBERT EDWARDS 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 7
WILLIAM TICKNER 4	CECIL H. BALLARD Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

BROUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, 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.

HARRY PALMER Treble	JIM TEBAY 5
THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 2	HUBERT RICHARDSON ... 6
WILFRED WALKER 3	FRANK WILSON 7
HECTOR WOODBURN 4	*KENNETH HOLMES Tenor

Conducted by T. S. JEFFERSON.

* First peal of Triples. All are Sunday service ringers at Windermere Parish Church. Rung on the octo-centenary anniversary of the forming of the Diocese of Carlisle.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
CHARLES H. MOORE 2	WILLIAM G. MAYERS 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7
RUSSELL W. CURSON 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A 66th birthday compliment to 'Frederick the Great.' Incidentally the 200th peal in which Nolan Golden has taken part.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, February 6, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
*JOHN ARBON 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
†ALBERT WHITING 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by T. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.' It was also J. Arbon's first peal on tower bells.

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BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRD Treble	*CHARLES E. PRYKE 5
ROBERT HEAZEL 2	FRANK G. RINGE 6
ALBERT PRYKE 3	ERNEST W. FORBANK 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.
* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 7, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.
ERNEST CUYSFORTH Treble | PETER CROOK, JUN. 5
ARTHUR SEWART 2 | EDWARD IDDON 6
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK 3 | PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
EVEREST FORD 4 | OWEN OLIVE Tenor

Conducted by MISS G. ANNIE CROOK.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Norton, M.A.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen 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 E. TAYLOR Treble | ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
GEORGE GILBERT 2 | LEONARD STILWELL 6
WILLIAM M. STONE 3 | C. ERNEST SMITH 7
HENRY HUTTON 4 | ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.
W. E. Taylor's 100th peal. Rung for the 120th anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples in this tower on February 7th, 1813.

MILNROW, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE STAFF Treble	HAROLD HAMER 5
WALTER STAFF 2	JAMES B. SHAW 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	IVAN KAY 7
STEPHEN L. PARRY 4	JOHN H. C. MASSEY Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by G. STAFF.
Rung with half-muffled bells as a tribute to the memory of Mr. Willie Hornu, treasurer of the Lancashire Association.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL Treble | WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2 | C. ERNEST SMITH 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3 | RONALD H. BULLEN 7
*LEONARD STILWELL 4 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.
GEORGE GREEN Treble | SIDNEY TAYLOR 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2 | WILLIAM PYE 6
FRANK G. RINGE 3 | ERNEST J. BUTLER 7
PERCY GREEN 4 | JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.
WILLIAM DICKINSON Treble | EDWARD C. GOBRY 5
*EDWARD F. GOBRY 2 | J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
JOHN E. HOBBS 3 | J. FREDERICK MILNER 7
FRANK BRADLEY 4 | FREDERICK A. SALTER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ronald, son of the conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
WILLIAM C. DARKE Treble | JOHN S. MORTON 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 2 | *HARRY HOVERD 6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 3 | LIONEL J. CULLUM 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4 | BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN S. MORTON.
* First peal of Union. First peal in the method as conductor.
The ringers of 7th and tenor have now both 'completed the circle' at this tower.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
THOMAS A. TOWNSEND Treble | ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. 5
HENRY GOODMAN 2 | HENRY HUBBALL 6
WILLIAM GREEN 3 | JOHN GOODMAN 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 4 | *JOSEPH H. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.
* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Alderman H. J. Golding on his appointment to the Mayoralty of Dudley. He has also held nearly every office at the above church.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.
WILLIAM SHORT Treble | WILLIAM J. CARTER 5
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY 2 | *PERCY RICHARDS 6
JOHN BASS 3 | JOSEPH F. SIMPSON 7
ERNEST CALCUTT 4 | RALPH PARTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. SHORT.
* First peal of Major. The ringers were invited to tea after the peal by Mrs. Handley, and wish to thank her for her hospitality on this and former visits.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 33 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. CLARKE Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
*JOHN HAYES 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
* First peal in the method. Rung in connection with the general thanksgiving services held the same day for the safe recovery of the Dean of the Cathedral (the Very Rev. F. S. M. Bennett). Also a birthday compliment to Mr. Pegler, of Bangor, and Mr. J. W. Clarke, of Chester.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BROWN Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
FRED HINDLE 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
100th peal for ringers of 3rd and 8th.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON Treble	ROBERT PARKINSON 5
KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... 2	† W. NORMAN PARK 6
* STEPHEN THOMPSON 3	ADAM DRAS 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4	† ROLAND PARK Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON

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

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES WM. BAKENDALE ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
SAMUEL WARD 2	GEORGE W. STEEL 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	HARRY MARSDEN 7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 4	* PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
WILLIAM CLOVER Treble

GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	RUSSELL CURSON 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	HENRY TOOKE 6
GEORGE MAYERS 4	WALTER R. FARROW 7
	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELY Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
CHARLES N. LEMAN 3	FRANCIS KIRK 7
GEORGE E. HOWCHIN 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE

First peal of New Cambridge by all except the ringer of the 6th.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM BROWN Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
REGINALD CHANCE 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
HAROLD V. COOPER 3	C. HOWARD STANLEY 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

UPTON, LANCs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twenty-six six-scores of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY Treble	WALTER SPENCER 3
GEORGE F. SMITHSON 2	HAROLD HARPER 4
	NOEL B. THURLEY Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band. First peal on the bells.

CROSS STONE, TUDMORDEN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

CLARENCE HUXLEY Treble	HERBERT HUTCHINSON ... 4
MISS R. A. BELL 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE 5
MISS H. BELL 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT Tenor

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Willie Horan, conductor at the above church, was interred at Todmorden Parish Church earlier in the afternoon.

GREAT HORMEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BRADGHING SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

* REGINALD STACEY Treble	OLIVER BARNARD 4
† FREDERICK BARKER 2	WILLIAM BARDWELL 5
‡ WALTER SMITH 3	* GEORGE SKIPP Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER BARNARD.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the tenor ringer.

CHARING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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Conducted by W. E. REDRUP.

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BURLEY P. MORRIS 2	AMOS SMART 5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

* First peal in five methods. The band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. W. V. Tunks) for giving permission to ring this peal at short notice, and Mr. G. H. Roberts for having everything in readiness.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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Ten callings.

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HERBERT W. BORDEN Treble	JACK ROY 4
*ALBERT E. PARKER 2	WALTER H. POOLE 5
*HENRY PHILLIPS 3	ARTHUR ROSSITER Tenor

Conducted by W. H. POOLE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN H. BAILESS Treble	WILLIAM NEWTON 4
*PERCY AMOS 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

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This version is another by George Baker, of Brighton, and is named No. 3 because it is the third version that has been rung.

Conductors will notice the similarity of the coursing order back and front to the Major, except that middle 9th's is made instead of 7th's, and four bells return to lead.

The first peal in this version was rung at Beddington, Surrey, on Saturday, February 4th.

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4th's place bob.

DEATH OF EDWARD F. MITCHELL.

WOLVERHAMPTON RINGERS' FAREWELL TRIBUTE.

We regret to record the death of Edward F. Mitchell, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, which occurred on January 27th. Deceased was 70 years of age. His remains were laid to rest in St. Philip's Churchyard, Penn Fields, on January 30th, with those of his late wife, who predeceased him by nearly four years.

The first part of the service was taken at St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Rev. R. L. Hodson, M.A., Rector and Rural Dean, assisted by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., Vicar of Swindon (Dudley). The following friends acted as bearers: J. Perry (Brewood), R. Pickering (Tettenhall), H. Knight and W. H. Lawley (St. Peter's), T. Collinswood and I. Marsh (the last three being workmates). At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by R. Pickering 1-2, H. Knight 3-4, J. Perry 5-6, and H. Boswell 7-8. The number of changes coincided with the age of the deceased.

Among those present at the funeral were the churchwardens (Messrs. C. H. Clapham and S. H. Tunks), Messrs. J. Williams, H. T. Piper, G. Langley, N. H. Smith and T. Roden (St. Peter's company), A. D. Collins (St. Luke's) and A. Smith.

There were many beautiful floral tributes, including one each from St. Peter's and St. Luke's companies, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pickering and Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry.

'Ted,' as he was familiarly known, learned to ring on the then five bells at Somerton, near Banbury. At the age of 18 he migrated to Wolverhampton and began work at Messrs. Mander Bros., where he remained for 47 years. He did not, however, do any ringing until Wolverhampton possessed a ring of twelve bells, when in 1912 he began his change ringing at St. Peter's, and remained a member for 20 years. During most of that period he acted as hon. secretary and treasurer to the company. The following is a list of peals in which he took part: Grandsire Doubles (1 on handbells) 2, Triples 37, Caters 9, Cinques 5, Stedman Doubles 1, Triples (1 unconduted) 39, Caters (1 on handbells) 11, Cinques 11, Bob Minor 1, Major 7, Royal 1, Maximus 1, Erin Triples 1; total 126.

The deceased leaves a son and two daughters to mourn their loss.

On Monday evening, January 30th, a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Peter's, half-muffled, and the whole pull and stand rung for 70 times, finishing up with the bells 'dying off' one by one.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**TRURO BRANCH MEETING AT PERRANZABULOE.**

A meeting of the above was held at Perranzabuloe on Saturday, February 4th. Those present included Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Diocesan Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewheila (diocesan secretary) and about twenty members from Truro Cathedral, Illogan, Kenwyn, St. Newlyn East and the local band. The attendance was smaller than is usual, no doubt on account of Perranzabuloe being at the extreme north of the district and because of the prevalence of influenza.

Ringing commenced at 2.45 p.m., but ball bearings showed that the ropes needed careful handling, and the second stay was broken. Fortunately there were new stays 'in stock,' and Col. Jerram proved a worthy 'bellhanger,' and with the Rev. Trewheila (who was kept descending and ascending the tower for tools from his car) as an assistant, matters were soon put right.

The service was conducted and an address given by the Rev. Father Lyon (priest-in-charge).

Ten followed in the Schooboom, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to all the helpers by Mr. A. S. Roberts, who, in a brief speech, urged the ringers to claim their weekly practice night, as this alone would improve their handling and striking of the bells. 'We do not,' he said, 'wish to be as the idols, of which the Psalmist said, "Hands have they, yet they handle not; ears have they, yet they hear not."'—The vote of thanks was seconded by the Rev. Trewheila, who remarked that only a few years ago he was called upon to inspect the three old bells and frame. Two local ringers suddenly appeared during his inspection, and they rang the bells up and down in peal and also rang changes. He sincerely hoped that the metal from those old bells which came from the old church which was found buried in the sand was in the new peal.—Mr. W. Jervis Hodge, local captain and donor of the present tenor, replied.

Mr. T. Slee, branch chairman, presided over the business meeting. It was decided to arrange a meeting in the summer at Lanivet to encourage outlying towers. Gwennap was chosen for the September meeting.

Ringing of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, together with call changes, rising and falling, was indulged in during the evening. Good striking was a special feature of the meeting. The call-change ringers could find no fault with the method striking. Many 'half-pull' ringers enjoyed the opportunity of call-changes and rising and falling.

Such a meeting certainly awakens a real live interest in ringing, especially for those who live many miles from any neighbouring tower.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.**

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at West Hartlepool on Saturday.

Ringers began to gather about 3 p.m., and St. Oswald's bells were soon going to Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and Double Norwich.

A splendid tea at St. Oswald's Mission Hall was another delightful 'change,' and full justice was done to the good things provided.

After tea a short meeting was held, Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, being in the chair. After the loyal toast had been honoured, the chairman moved a vote of condolence with Mr. W. Storey, of Newcastle (who was present at the meeting) on the death of his wife.

Mr. Parker welcomed the Rev. T. H. Lilburn (Vicar of St. Oswald's) and the Rev. Maughan (curate of St. Aidan's), and hoped the incumbents of St. Aidan's would impress the ringers with the advantages to be gained by being members of the association. It would be an enormous help to them in furthering the art in their belfry and when they attended the meetings.

Mr. T. Metcalfe proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy of St. Oswald's and St. Aidan's for granting the use of the bells, and also gave some happy reminiscences of his previous visits to West Hartlepool before the war, and said it was always a pleasure to come.

The Rev. Lilburn replied, and said that it was almost unnecessary to thank them, as he was quite sure the Vicar of St. Aidan's, as well as himself, were very glad indeed to have the ringers there, and he appreciated most heartily the great work the ringers were doing.—Mr. Maughan also replied, and said it was the first meeting of ringers he had been to, and it was a great pleasure to see what a happy party they were. What he knew about bellringing 'would go on a halfpenny stamp,' but he knew it was a most fascinating art and useful and valuable work for the Church.

Mr. J. Titt moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing tea, and in a humorous vein said that even if he hadn't had a ring the tea was worth visiting West Hartlepool for.—Mrs. Robson suitably replied for the ladies.

Mr. J. A. Briggs, St. John's College, Durham, was proposed a member and Mr. G. P. Kimball a life member of the association.

It was proposed that a joint meeting with the Western District be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, April 29th.

Ringing was further indulged in until 8.30 p.m. Members were present from Saltburn, Middlesbrough, Sunderland, Newcastle, Chester-le-Street, Durham and the local tower.

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Surfleet has become famous among ringers for many things—possession of the lightest ringing peal of twelve bells in the world is another claim which it can now make to celebrity.

The 'house party' at Glen Garth, when the opening took place, was another instance of the open-hearted hospitality of the present Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and his wife. Glen Garth has been described as a 'home of rest' for ringers, but during this particular week-end it belied its name, and for the host most of all, for while he and his guests spent long and hectic days, the claims of his dairy herd kept him busy all night.

A visit to Boston 'Stump,' a climb up the 185 steps to the eerie belfry and a ring on this glorious new peal of ten bells on Sunday afternoon was not the least among the series of interesting and enjoyable events of the week-end. Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s 'job,' in this famous tower, whose lantern rises to nearly 300ft. and stands watch over sea and fen, is a revelation in modern bell hanging.

By the way, we understand that several members of the Central Council have recently been qualifying as entering assistants. They gained a lot of experience at Surfleet in making sandwiches, although they sometimes missed a dodge and failed to put the meat between the bread and butter, while at others they got a whole pull out by putting in a double layer. Anyone organising a ringers' tea in future can apply for their services—if they are prepared to take the risks.

Forty years ago to-morrow the first Surprise peal in Birmingham, a 5,056 of Superlative at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral by the Kidderminster band of the Worcestershire Association, conducted by Mr. R. E. Grove, was rung.

The attention of the Leeds and District Society members is drawn to the place of the next meeting, which is to be held at Birstall and not at Liversedge as printed in the lists circulated to towers.

Eight 'Olivers' are wanted for a peal. Can they be found? They should communicate with Mr. Oliver G. Barnard, Station Road, Puckeridge, Ware, Herts.

The meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association, which was to have been held at Ringmer on Saturday, Feb. 4th, had to be postponed at the last moment owing to illness near the church. The hon. divisional secretary (Mr. J. M. Cripps) wishes to express regret for any disappointment caused.

Here is an S.O.S.: LOST, between Mere and Zeals, Wilts, since December 27th last, a 'matchless' and very popular ringer answering to name of 'Cypri.' It is feared that his love for a bell has been transferred to a belle, and that Hareourt has proved more intriguing to him than Single Court. Information is urgently required by his many ringing friends throughout Somerset, Wilts and Dorset.

We regret that we are compelled to hold over a number of reports and letters to the Editor. The second portion of Mr. Lewis' lecture on Bell Towers will appear next week.

IS IT WORTH IT?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to trespass on your valuable space, but my answer to the above query in your recent leader is: in a large percentage of cases NO! Our beautiful hobby has too many jugglers of course-ends and part-ends, who are content with any din that is kept up for about three hours and then reported as a peal (see page 137, 'R.W.' for 1932).

This class are called the minority. Are they? Quite recently a conductor before commencing a peal ordered that no one was to set their bells until the conductor said 'Stand,' as they had lost a peal through this the previous week. I was accused of being premature in giving the word 'Stand' after what I considered was a glorious flounder on more than one occasion.

My candid opinion is that we are burdened with a great number who have been 'cluttered' through peals in the higher methods by the above so-called experts, who are absolutely incapable of ringing a peal of Bob Major, as they could not strike their bell in a plain method which would produce that rhythm which makes peal ringing so enjoyable. These peal-grabbers (yes, a peal at any price) are surely the cause of closing many towers for peal ringing, and creating just discontent amongst residents near many other towers, apart from causing the daily Press to publish articles which are not altogether in our favour.

In addition to your man having the courage to set up his bell when the ringing is so bad, I should like to see him have additional courage and send to 'The Ringing World' the name of the conductor who dared to wish the ringing to continue under such circumstances. This, I think is the only way to stamp out this scourge, and give the public what they are entitled to. We can afford to lose this type, as they are seldom found ringing for Sunday services, so it would be better for the Exercise even if there were only 1,000 peals rung, for your space could be much better utilised than by its being filled with reports of peals that are not worth the paper that they are printed on. Should anyone wish personally to abuse me re the above, and so save a little more space in 'The Ringing World,' my address is below.

GEORGE GILBERT.

8, St. Luke's Road North,
Maidenhead, Berks.

STRIKING.

BY THE REV. HERBERT DRAKE.

Every ringer will agree with your article on striking. There exists, however, one fallacy which we should bear in mind. Ringers as a rule imagine that the general public prefers good striking to bad, and that by good striking one is likely to appease those who are opposed to ringing altogether. The opposite is nearer the fact. The ordinary man expects to hear what he, if he is poetical, terms wild jangling from the bells. And abroad the only ringing they know is actual jangling: the more noise and clashing there is, the better pleased everyone is. I have never heard that there was any objection to this on the Continent.

What is true is that there are quite a number of people who do not know much about ringing, but who do appreciate good striking when they hear it. Yet after all they are a very small minority of listeners, and most certainly none of them would ever try to stop bells being rung.

The greatest cause of offence to most people is the ringing of a single bell for five minutes or more at a time. This is really objectionable, and all change ringers hate it. What we ought to do is get the Central Council to send every year, until it is passed, a request to the Church Assembly to agree to a measure forbidding any single bell to be chimed for more than two minutes consecutively.

The next cause of offence is when a bell is out of tune or cracked. This also gets on people's nerves, and should be forbidden.

A third cause is when bells are badly hung. A bell is an instrument of sound, and the first thing to be striven for in hanging them is to get the sound right. Ringers are at fault here, for the only thing they require is that the bells should 'go' well. Of course, if they do not go well, they must be hung badly, but the go of the bell should in every case take second place to the sound. Not only should the sound be sent upwards instead of downwards, but it should be properly blended before it leaves the tower. Nothing gets on people's nerves so much as one bell being nearer the window and so sounding louder in every row than the rest.

A fourth cause is the ringing of call changes. And here again the better the striking, and the more clear cut the movement from one change to another, the greater the annoyance. I can speak feelingly on this point. I well remember what I have experienced when lying ill and listening to the bells here. Rounds, whether well or badly struck, had a soothing effect, and half-pull changes were interesting; but when it was call changes, one could only think, 'When will they stop?' The repetition of even the most musical yows very soon becomes wearisome, but in call-changes it seems as if the most unmusical changes are chosen, and in the most unmusical order. Rules could be drawn up forbidding all these causes of offence.

The last cause, however, we do not want any rules about. It is that of length. Ringers are alive to this trouble, if not to the others, and when ringing peals try to avoid being troublesome as far as possible. It has, however, probably never occurred to them that a spell of bad striking every now and then is really a relief to the ordinary listener to a peal. Of course, I do not mean that one should cultivate this as a new method of peal ringing, but it is worth while remembering it, as showing how differently ringing appeals to different people.

II.

As regards learning how to strike well, one may imagine that among the indifferent strikers will always be found those of us who had to learn on Seage's apparatus. I remember Mr. Law James telling me that this would be the case (when he was teaching me at St. Mary the Great, Cambridge) if I could not get sufficient practice with the bells open. The best strikers will probably be those who learnt on five heavy bells. If more ringers learnt on four bells, they would be the best strikers of all. The reason is that the fewer the bells the more slowly can they be rung, and the better can the learner appreciate the place he is putting his bell into.

The greater the distance between the strokes the better can the learner hear what is being done, and at the same time the harder it is to do it, and, therefore, the better the practice. Many ringers on higher numbers find it difficult to strike well on five, more so on four, and most of all on three. I do not advocate much ringing of the sixes on three bells, as they cannot be made very pleasant, especially if, as is usually the case, the three lowest bells are rung; but every ringer should be proficient in it.

The ringing of four bells is, however, a different matter. Their music is the most readily appreciated by the ordinary listener. I doubt whether there is anyone who could not follow the rhythm of the four and twenty changes when well struck if he tried to do so. They are a pleasing variety from the changes on the higher numbers and a splendid foil for setting them off, and should be rung once at least at every practice, out of consideration for the ordinary listener. Moreover, they are good practice, not only in striking, but in understanding the basis of method construction. If every ringer were often ringing these changes it would not mean time wasted. The striking would be so improved that fewer rounds would be required before each touch. Perhaps also we should not hear members of the Central Council say that matters of method construction were beyond them.

It is very unenterprising only to ring those bells which lie next to one another in the tower when other combinations are available. For three bells, 468, 146, 357, on eight; 246 or 135 on six; and 135 on

five, make admirable music and excellent practice. While for four, 1468 or 1357 are delightful.

Just as ordinary listeners appreciate the lower numbers best, so do they least understand the highest. In fact, it is probably quite possible for even a change ringer to be a good striker on other numbers, and yet not to be able to tell good striking in Maximus when he hears it; while the ordinary listener would in many cases not know whether changes were being rung or the bells merely jangled when the twelve are ringing.

This does not mean that such changes ought not to be rung, but it does indicate that we might ring more than we do on three, four and five bells.

III.

In teaching striking, it should be remembered that call changes do more harm than anything else. It is quite true that a certain kind of striking is required to ring call changes well, but it is not the same kind of striking as is required in the half-pull changes. It is also true that to one who finds little difficulty in striking well it will probably be equally easy to acquire either. But this is certainly not the case with those who find a difficulty in learning striking, and it is these latter whom we have to consider.

For what is it we have to teach? As the Devonshire ringer in your issue of January 27th so well puts it, it is to listen, listen, listen all the time. Before he rings himself, the learner should be taught to listen for the treble. When he rings rounds he will still listen first for the treble, then for his own bell. Next, when others are ringing he can be taught to listen to the treble hunting up and down so as to tell when she is leading. All this before he attempts to ring changes himself, either on hand or tower bells.

If now this progress is to be interspersed with call changes, what chance of learning to listen do you give the beginner? Before he has rung rounds long enough to be able to identify the treble and his own bell with confidence, he is hurried off to a kind of ringing in which neither has any rational or recognisable course. All his landmarks are gone, and he is being taught to shuffle his bell along, instead of placing it with precision just where he wants, or ought to want, to.

Just as ropesight can best be learned by watching, when you are not ringing or doing anything to distract your attention, so striking can only be learned by listening when you are not ringing or doing anything to distract the attention from the one thing in hand. Now I defy anyone to learn or teach anything that is good, in ropesight or in striking, either by watching call changes or by listening to them. If you want to ruin your beginners in ropesight or striking, you will let them practice call changes. If you want to give them a fair chance, you will keep them away from it.

IV.

This is all very well, no doubt someone is saying, but often one has a whole band to instruct at once; in such a case one must use call changes. I admit that it is then easy to teach call changes, but neither here nor anywhere else may one do what is wrong simply because it is easy. The right thing to do when teaching a band is to let them get a hunting course by heart. Which hunting course depends on circumstances. But the best way with a band of eight beginners is to put half of them to ring the hunting course ('The Eight') on four bells, while the rest learn to watch and listen. They should not leave 'The Eight' until they begin to understand what good striking means. Probably by then the hunting course on Doubles and Triples will make the practice perfect.

They should not be allowed to ring a method until they can at least strike well, even if not yet perfectly. You can never teach a beginner properly if he is trying to do two things at once. Concentration is the only path to learning.

When the beginner can strike well in plain hunting, let him start learning how to ring a method on tower bells, having first grasped the idea on handbells. But he must always begin on four bells. On these he can both see and hear what happens when he dodges or makes a place far more readily than on five or more bells. Let him thoroughly get into his mind the 'Four and Twenty,' and understand why and wherefore he does it all, and he will have cause to bless his teacher all the rest of his ringing life. Remember that each ringer learns differently. It is folly to refuse to teach a ringer who cannot hear when the treble leads, considering that many good ringers cannot do this. Even on four bells it is not only the best possible music, but it is excellent practice in striking.

If, however, it is not a band of beginners, but one of regular ringers who want to learn how to strike better, let them keep on ringing a hunting course (say the last lead of the Grandsire plain course), and nothing else, till they are perfect. They will find it worth doing.

HERBERT DRAKE.

FIFTY YEARS ON.

On Sunday, February 12th, at the Church of St. Mary, Hornsey, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, G. B. Lucas 3, H. Blee 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6. Arranged with very great pleasure for Mr. G. B. Lucas, who on February 11th, 1883, rang in a 720 of Bob Minor at this church—his first 720 in any method. Included in the band of those far off days were Messrs. Griffin, Nixon, Titchener, Hamington and Jacob. Many ringers have commenced their ringing career at Hornsey, and to-day the band has a 'red hot' enthusiast in its ranks.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS BLACKBOURN. A FORMER BELLHANGER.

A personality well known to a former generation of ringers has passed away at Luton. Mr. Thomas Blackburn died on January 24th at the age of 73 years, after an illness of six weeks' duration.

Born at Holbeach, Lines, Mr. Blackburn was for some time in business at Salisbury as a bellhanger, and carried out many bell restorations in the South and West of England, one of the jobs of which he was particularly proud being the re-hanging of the heavy ring of ten at Wells Cathedral. He was a sound craftsman and a good ringer.

After leaving Salisbury he went to live at Luton in 1918, and joined the band at the Parish Church, where he became steepkeeper and took great pride in the bells.

He was taught to ring 55 years ago by the late Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, and had rung about 200 peals in various methods. While working in Brighton in 1892 he rang in the first handbell peal in which a lady ever rang a pair of bells, the band being Mrs. G. Williams 1-2, T. Blackburn 3-4, G. Williams (conductor) 5-6, A. P. Goddard 7-8.

Mr. Blackburn leaves a family of four sons and one daughter in herreavement, his wife having predeceased him in September, 1931.

The funeral took place on January 28th, the service being held in the Parish Church and conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Howard). The interment took place in the church cemetery. The Luton band was represented by Messrs. A. King, L. A. Goodenough, H. Walker, F. Walker, A. Smith and E. Shann, and a wreath in the shape of a bell was sent. Mr. Blackburn will be much missed in Luton tower, where his cheery face and genial manner endeared him to all.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

RECORD YEAR OF THE WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch was held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, January 28th, when 18 towers were represented. The fine peal of eight bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Superlative, Cambridge and a well-struck course of Yorkshire Surprise.

The Guild service was held in the beautiful Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. E. Owen), who also gave an address, in the course of which he offered a most hearty welcome to the members and went on to speak of the value of worship.—The hearty rendering of the hymns, with the help of Mr. L. Clippson at the organ, was a delight to hear. The members afterwards adjourned to the old Grammar School close by, where tea had been prepared by the local ringers, with their wives and lady friends, 63 being present.

Owing to the Rev. D. N. Dohson (president of the branch) being in bed with a severe cold, the Vicar presided at the business meeting which followed. Earls Barton was suggested as the place for the next quarterly meeting, and it was announced that a special meeting would be held at Wellingborough on Easter Tuesday for the joint purpose of celebrating the jubilee of the formation in 1893 of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society of Church Bell Ringers, which was the forerunner of the present Guild, and the hope was expressed that as many as possible would attend, so that as a body they could meet the present Vicar.

Dr. Crew, one of the churchwardens, and Mr. L. Clippson, organist, were elected honorary members, and 12 new ringing members were elected. A Guild certificate for the ringing of his first peal was presented to Mr. W. F. Nutt, of Stauwick, with congratulations.

The branch secretary (Mr. F. Barber) presented his report and balance sheet for the past year, and was proud to say it had been a record one, both financially and in point of view of new members. There was a gain of 27 members on the year. On the financial side the balance had increased from £22 1s. 2d. to £26 16s. 5d., which, he thought, was a very fine achievement, considering the difficult time it had been for many.

The Vicar said he was sure they would all wish him on their behalf to thank the secretary for his excellent report and congratulate him on the efficiency of his work.—Mr. R. G. Black, the general secretary of the Guild, added further testimony to the work that had been done, and hoped they would retain Mr. Barber's services for many years to come.

The Secretary said he was sure it would be of interest to those present and to ringers generally to know that the Rev. Dr. Robinson, Dean of Calgary, who had just been appointed to the Rectory of Wilby Church, was a son of the famous Rev. F. E. Robinson, one of the most noted ringers of his day, several in that room having had the privilege of ringing peals with him, and it was interesting to note that his name was on a tablet in Higham Ferrers belfry, as well as in many others in this district. He hoped they would all have the privilege of meeting him in the near future.

Apologies were received from the Rev. D. N. Dohson, the Rev. J. H. Marlow and Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Guild), who had been ill for the past three weeks. Amongst those present were Miss E. Steele, of Bedford, who took part in the course of Yorkshire Surprise.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address, to the organist and the local ringers and wives for preparing tea.

BELLS ON THE WIRELESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read certain things recently published in 'The Ringing World' with wholehearted approval. One such is your leading article on 'The essential need for good striking,' together with the wise remarks on that subject by the president of the Central Council, which were the occasion of the article. All ringers will do well to mark that word 'essential' and take its vital significance to heart.

Another point is that raised in A. Reeves' letter on the subject of 'Bells on the "wireless."' I am bound emphatically to agree with his statement that anything beyond Triples or Major is unsuitable for broadcasting. Slow, steady ringing on six or eight bells is far the best thing for this purpose. Even the perfect examples of Stedman Cinques broadcast from St. Martin's, Birmingham, probably have far less meaning for the general public than would a touch of Stedman or Kent rung slowly on the back eight of that famous peal. One would like to hear that experiment tried. It is my belief, though I may be mistaken, that it would sound more musical and impressive over the ether than the twelve. The quick succession of tones in Cinques inevitably produces a confused jumble of harmonics. Heretical though it may be to say so, I hold that, when twelve bells are broadcast, they sound much better rung in a set change. About the best bell music that I have ever heard by wireless was Bow Bells rung in 'Whittingtons.' Nor are ten bells in changes often satisfactory. The troubles are frequently inaudible except to an acute ear. The rounds on the ten bells of Boston came over very clearly, and those responsible did well to keep them in rounds for the broadcast: that was intelligible to the public.

I would not for a moment appear to depreciate broadcasts of change ringing on a suitable number of bells, but it certainly seems to me that in most cases eight bells measure the limit of effective capacity for the microphone.

And whether bells are rung in rounds or changes, it is, to return to our first point, ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL that the striking should be perfect. If a local band cannot ring even a Plain Course with faultless precision, they should confine themselves to ringing rounds—and even practice doing that until they attain a perfect rhythm. Quite frequently one hears a touch fairly well rung and yet failing to come into rounds clean and in true time. At least as often as not even in rounds one bell spoils the whole effect by striking slightly too close or too wide at every other blow. In response to requests from the Central Council and the College Youths the B.B.C. are now 'featuring' bells more prominently in their programmes, and it is a matter of supreme importance that their listeners should hear nothing but the very best of its kind.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

THE LATE MR. W. HORAN.

FUNERAL OF LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION TREASURER.

The funeral of the late Mr. William Horan, hon. treasurer of the Lancashire Association, whose death we recorded in our last issue, took place at Todmorden Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon of last week. The Vicar of Cross Stone (the Rev. R. Marie) officiated, assisted by the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association. In addition to the family mourners, there were among those present Miss H. Bell, Miss R. Bell and Mr. W. Brown (bell-ringers from Cross Stone Church), Messrs. W. Crabtree, H. Davenport and S. Hartley (Todmorden Parish Church), Mr. J. Milton (Todmorden Unitarian Church), Mr. T. B. Worsley (Deane, Bolton), and Mr. H. Hamer (Minrow). Glen View Lodge of Oddfellows was represented by Councillor P. Crowther and Messrs. C. Crowther and S. Prior.

Over the grave a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Miss R. Bell 1-2, Mr. Davenport 3-4, Mr. Crabtree 5-6, Mrs. Crabtree 7-8; while after the interment an adjournment was made to the belfry of the church to ring on muffled bells a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples: Mr. Crabtree (conductor) 1, Mr. Hamer 2, Miss H. Bell 3, Mrs. Crabtree 4, Miss R. Bell 5, Mr. Worsley 6, Mr. Davenport 7, Mr. Hartley 8.

There were a large number of wreaths, and among those who sent flowers were the Cross Stone Church Council and friends, Cross Stone Operative Society, Cross Stone ringers, Glen View Lodge of Oddfellows and the Manchester staff of W. Bolton and Co.

DEATH OF A LADY RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Miss Winifred Giles, of Beenham, Bucks, at the early age of 30 years.

She was a regular Sunday service ringer, and although not far advanced in method ringing, was a cheerful and willing learner, and could always be relied upon to be at practice.

She will be sadly missed by her ringing friends and others in the village. She was buried at Beenham on Thursday, February 9th, and as a token of respect the bells were rung half-muffled on Sunday. A 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung before service and a 360 after by B. Churchill 1, R. Abery 2, E. Richardson 3, A. Claydon 4, A. Arlott (conductor) 5, F. Wigmore 6.

AN IPSWICH RING AUGMENTED.**ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH GETS ITS TREBLE BELL.**

At last the peal of six bells at St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich, is complete, for at the morning service on Sunday, January 29th, the Rector (the Rev. Robert Sinker) dedicated the new treble bell which, as recently reported, was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Morfey (a former churchwarden). The bells were all rehung in a new oak frame for six by Mr. Alfred Howell, of the Ipswich Bell Foundry, in 1903. From time to time various efforts have been made to fill the gap, and about a year ago the present Rector made an appeal with the above good result.

The new bell has been cast by Mr. Alfred Howell, and bears the inscription, 'George Morfey gave me; Alfred Howell made me; One Nine Three Three'; 'And keep in tune with Heaven.'

At the evening service the first 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by four of the service band who rang the peal of Doubles, assisted by Mr. Howell and his son: Fred Howell (St. Clement's), (conductor) 1, Reg Arbon 2, Gordon Leech 3, Cecil Aldous 4, Walter Holloway 5, Alfred Howell (St. Clement's) 6. First 720 by R. Arbon, and also on the bells. Also 216 Bob Minor, G. Mothersole and G. Biggs taking part.

St. Matthew's Church will be remembered as the garrison church by those stationed in Ipswich during the Great War.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BRADFELD DEANERY'S NEW MOVE.**

The Bradfield Deanery branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is arranging a series of combined practices to enable ringers to meet and practice method ringing.

The first practice was held at Pangbourne recently, and was well attended. The Rural Dean (Rev. H. C. Wilder) was among those present, and joined in the ringing. Members also attended from the following towers: Beenham, Bradfield, Englefield, Goring, Pangbourne and Whitechurch, making a total of seventeen, including visitors from Chelsey and Tilehurst.

Some very good ringing took place, including touches of Grand-sire, Plain Bob and Stedman. The evening was enjoyed by all who were present.

Mr. T. W. Palmer, of Theale, has recently taken over the secretaryship of the branch.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**PROGRESS DURING THE YEAR.**

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held on Saturday, January 21st. Proceedings opened at Shoreditch, where a large number of members gathered, the tower being opened at 2 p.m., and touches were rung in various methods until 3.30 p.m., when a move was made to headquarters at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, where a large number of members had already assembled and the belfry filled to overflowing. Touches were rung in various methods, including rounds for beginners, till 5.30. A sumptuous tea was provided in the crypt, about 50 sitting down, and being joined by the Vicar, the Rev. Pat McCormick.

The business meeting was held in the famous Vestry Hall, the Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews, presiding, supported by the Vicar, who gave the members a cordial welcome, and said it gave him great pleasure to attend such a splendid gathering.

The balance sheet was adopted as quite satisfactory, and the hon. secretary gave his report, which showed progress had been made during the year.

The following officers were re-elected: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; trustees, Mr. F. Smith and Mr. A. Hardy; stewards, Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. T. Bevan; auditors, Mr. R. Bevan and Mr. T. Newman; hon. secretary, Mr. G. A. Card. Fifteen new members were elected.

The usual votes of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year, and to the Vicar for his presence and cordial welcome, brought a most successful meeting to a close, after which further ringing took place, in which the ladies were to the fore, while a touch on the handbells concluded the programme.

TWO HUNDRED 720's IN A YEAR.**FRYERNING RINGERS' ACHIEVEMENT.**

During the year 1932 the St. Mary's company at Fryerning, Essex, rang no fewer than 201 720's. Of these 124 were rung for divine service and 77 for practice. These extents were rung chiefly under the conductorship of the company's leader, Mr. A. Bradley, who rang 190 and conducted 112. He was well supported by the other members of the company, all of whom had a high total of 720's to their credit for the year. They were Messrs. L. Camp, G. Camp, E. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright and J. Sitch. Mr. J. Sitch earned the thanks of the company by regularly attending service ringing and practice, although he has a journey of four miles each way to the church.

In Minor there were 101 720's in 30 Surprise methods, 77 in 18 Treble Bob methods, and 18 in seven Plain methods. In addition there were five 720's of Doubles.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.**

The annual general meeting of the Southern District was held at Betchworth on Saturday, January 28th. There was a fair attendance, ringers putting in an appearance from Charlwood, Croydon, Beddington, Buckland, Godstone, Reigate, Kingswood, Mersham, Newdigate, Leigh and Horley. Owing to the sudden death of a Betchworth resident, ringing took place at Buckland, by kind permission of the Rev. H. W. Dunk, Rector of Buckland.

The business meeting was held at the Dolphin Inn, Betchworth, and Mr. D. K. C. Birt, Master of the Surrey Association, occupied the chair. Three new members were elected—Messrs. Stephen Martin (Mersham), Arthur Slaughter (Horley) and Philip Worsfold (Leigh). The towers to be visited for meetings during the year are: Charlwood, March 11th; Bletchingley, May 20th; Burstow, July 22nd; Limpsfield Chart, September 16th; and Redhill, November 18th. By the request of the Rev. H. W. Dunk a special meeting will be held at Buckland about midsummer.

The secretary, in his report, thanked all the officers, also the local secretaries, for their support in arranging the meetings, etc.

The following officers were elected: District Master, Mr. L. A. Tidy; treasurer, Mr. M. A. Northover; auditor, Mr. A. Gear; secretary, Mr. Geo. Hoad; committee, Messrs. Robert Hoare, J. Wallis, jun., and A. J. Bull.

The Chairman said how sorry they were to hear of Mr. Bull resigning the secretaryship. Mr. Bull, in replying, said he hoped to see the members give their new secretary the same support as he had received during his term of office.

The next annual meeting for the district is to be held at Godstone in January, 1934.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. H. W. Dunk and Mr. Frank Sanders for allowing the bells to be used at the last moment. Mr. T. Arrow was thanked for his assistance in arranging the tea, and the meeting then terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. Most of the company returned again to Buckland, where the bells were kept going to methods from Bob Minor to London Surprise till nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**MR. W. KEEBLE'S ACHIEVEMENT.**

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Halstead on Saturday, January 21st. The Vicar (Canon T. H. Curling, R.D.) visited the belfry and extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. Touches in various methods were rung until 4.30, when a service was held at which the Vicar officiated, Mr. Howard (Master of the association) read the lesson, and the service was choral. In his address the Vicar said how pleased he was that the association should pay another visit to Halstead. He was struck by the excellent comradeship which existed amongst the ringers, and hoped it would be extended to other branches of life. It was most appropriate, he said, to have a meeting there this year, as it was the thirtieth anniversary of the rehanging of the bells and the addition of two trebles to complete the octave.

Tea was afterwards provided at St. Andrew's Hall, where 35 sat down, fifteen towers being represented. The Vicar presided, supported by the Master, the District Master and district secretary.

At the business meeting the Rev. A. Chilton, M.V.O., D.D., Rector of Colne Engaine, was elected an hon. member, and Mr. E. Claydon, Halstead, a probationer.—It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Feering on April 29th.

Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address, the use of the bells and the use of St. Andrew's Hall for tea. He extended thanks to the organist and choir for their services, also to Miss Thompson and the Young People's Fellowship for providing tea. He congratulated the Halstead ringers on ringing regularly for divine service, and complimented various companies in the division for the progress they had made. He added that he owed a debt of gratitude to all the old members. He referred to the veterans' peal recently rung at Hart Street, City, in which Mr. W. J. Nevard took part. Extracts were also read from a letter from Mr. W. Keeble (Feering), who was unable to be present, in which it was stated he had rung 16 peals in three weeks. These were rung with 51 ringers—32 rang one each, 8 two each, 3 three each, 1 four, 1 five and 1 seven. Eight rang their first peal, one rang his first peal in two methods. He had travelled a distance of 280 miles by walking, private car, bus and train.

The district secretary was instructed to write Mr. Keeble and compliment him on his excellent achievement, and to thank him for all he was doing for the association.

The Vicar, replying to the vote of thanks, said it was a real pleasure to meet members of the association again. He referred to the ringers 'jar' which was in a glass case in the belfry, and what puzzled him most was that it was given to the ringers at a time when it was illegal for the bells to be rung (laughter).

Handbell ringing was subsequently indulged in, whilst others returned to the tower. This brought a most successful and pleasant meeting to a close.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

AN ENJOYABLE DAY AT MANCHESTER.

The annual meeting of the National Police Guild was held at Manchester on Saturday, February 4th. Members attended from the following forces: Metropolitan, Leicester City, Birmingham City, Reigate Borough, Liverpool City, Bolton Borough, Leicester County and Nottingham County, and were met on arrival by the local members.

During the morning they visited the Town Hall belfry, where the famous 'Policemen's Peal' of ten bells were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal. During the ringing the company was honoured by the presence of the Lady Mayoress of Manchester, Mrs. J. D. Peattie, who extended, on behalf of the city, a welcome to the visitors. Mrs. Peattie was keenly interested in the ringing and specially asked for the tower bells and handbells to be rung whilst she was present. After hearing the ringing, the Lady Mayoress thanked the ringers and said that she had no idea that bellringing was such an art, and thought it should be advertised more.

One of the most interested spectators was the sweet little baby of the Lady Mayoress, who was later given a small handbell to hold. When efforts were made to replace the handbell on the table, baby thought otherwise and clung on firmly to the bell strap. This caused no little amusement and surely indicates an inclination towards the art.

After leaving the Town Hall, the party adjourned to the Waldorf Hotel, near by, for luncheon, at which they were joined by one of Lancashire's notables, Mr. G. R. Newton, vice-president of the Lancashire Association. A company of about 50 sat down to an excellent repast.

The business meeting followed the luncheon, and at the commencement the party had to be 'cautioned' not to say too much, not because it would be 'taken down in writing and might be given in evidence against them,' but because time was limited.

Supt. F. R. Williams, Manchester City, was elected president, and the retiring president, Sub-Div.-Inspector W. Battrill, Metropolitan Police, was elected vice-president. Det.-Sergt. H. J. Poole was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Sergt. H. G. Jenney Guild auditor. Both are members of the Leicester City Police Force.

The following members were elected to the committee: P.C.s F. Page and G. Pye, Manchester City; P.-Sergt. H. Jenney, Leicester City; P.C. W. Claydon, Reigate Borough; P.C. N. Bagworth, Metropolitan Police; ex-Sergt. W. Dowding, Birmingham City; and ex-Sergt. A. Lawrence, Herts County.

As the result of an invitation from Mr. Albert Walker, Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, conveyed by Sergt. Dowding, it was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting at Birmingham in January or February, 1934.

BIG INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.

In his report, the secretary stated that there were now 70 ringing members and two hon. members. This showed an increase during the year of 24 members. Four peals had been rung during the year, namely, Grandsire Caters (2), Stedman Triples (1) and Kent Treble Bob Major (1).

The question of being affiliated to the Central Council of Ringers was discussed, but it was ultimately decided to leave this matter over until the next meeting. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the retiring president and the hon. secretary.

The next item was a visit to Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church. Two magnificent motor-coaches were waiting outside the hotel to convey the party there. The passengers truly travelled in comfort, even to the extent of enjoying a wireless programme on the journey. On arrival at Ashton, they were welcomed by Mr. B. Thorpe and members of the local company. The ringing included Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Many complimentary remarks were passed regarding this fine peal of twelve, upon which the record peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung.

A visit was then made to the Cathedral tower at Manchester, where a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Superlative Surprise Major were rung. Touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples were also brought round.

The company then returned to the Waldorf Hotel, where a room had been reserved for a social evening, and where Mr. W. H. Shaker, secretary of the Lancashire Association, Mr. A. F. Bailey, Mr. P. Laffin, Mr. A. Barnes and many other Lancashire notables joined the party.

Several artistes rendered songs, and the proceedings were very much enlivened by tales from P.C.s J. Brooke, Robinson and Lines. Indeed, the surroundings were so much changed at times by these artistes in their mimicking of 'Scotchmen and Jews' that it was difficult to decide whether one was in Aberdeen or Jerusalem. Courses of Grandsire Cinques and Triples and Stedman Caters were rung on handbells, with the assistance of the Stockport company, and some tunes were rung by Leicester City Police time ringers.

Supt. Williams apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Chief Constable of Manchester, Mr. John Maxwell, who had promised to attend the social, and referred to a letter the secretary had received from the Chief Constable of Leicester City, who is an honorary member of the Guild, wishing the Guild success.—Mr. G. R. Newton, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, invited the Guild to Liverpool.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

HON. ORGANIST OF DEVIZES BRANCH.

A monthly meeting was held at Hilpert on Saturday, February 4th. The bells, a light peal of six (tenor 7½ cwt.) were set going at 3 p.m., and good use was made of them. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. S. B. Proby), Mr. Watts being at the organ, and Sir Edward Wallington, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., reading the lesson.

Tea was taken in the music room of Hilpert House, by kind invitation of Major E. A. Mackay, to which 47 sat down, including Sir Edward and Miss Wallington.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chairman), who voiced his regret that Major Mackay was unable to be present, being confined to his room through illness. Speaking on behalf of the members present, he hoped that he would be speedily restored to health. The chairman then welcomed the visitors, mentioning that distinguished gentleman, Sir Edward Wallington, and ringing visitors from the North Dorset Branch, Messrs. W. C. Shute and C. E. Roe.

Five new members were then elected and the places of the next two meetings were fixed provisionally, viz., Potterne for March and Warminster (quarterly) for April.

It was unanimously decided to ask Mr. C. F. Andrews to repeat his series of lectures, and an invitation from Westbury was accepted as the venue for the first, subject to Mr. Andrews' convenience.

An application was received from Holt for a course of change ringing instruction, and this was granted subject to the approval of the general secretary.

A letter was read inviting members to the dedication of the Langford-Beams memorial at Bradpole on February 25th.

The secretary brought forward the subject of organist, and the sometime difficulty in arranging with the local authorities. Miss E. M. Wright, being present, was unanimously elected hon. organist for branch meetings.

Sir Edward Wallington expressed his pleasure at being asked to be present, and offered to entertain the branch on their next visit to Hilpert.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Rector for taking the service, and to the organist, and especially to Major Mackay for providing such an excellent tea.

The ringers then returned to the tower. Holt bells being available during the evening, by kind permission of Rev. C. F. H. Brewis, and this somewhat made things easier, the space for ringing being limited at Hilpert.

The following towers were represented: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Urchfont, Holt, Warminster, Westbury, Bratton, Rowde, Chilton, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Melksham, Hilpert, Bishop's Caudle, and Kingston Magna, taking part in the following methods: London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. Rounds were also rung for those wishing for them.

CELEBRATING A CENTENARY.

On January 18th, at Christchurch Priory, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,320 changes): A. Bishop 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, E. V. Hinton 3, Miss M. Rouse 4, Mrs. E. Williams 5, S. White 6, F. E. Pitman 7, K. Derham 8, F. Sparshott 9, W. Fowler 10, G. Preston (conductor) 11, H. Gillard 12. First quarter-peal on twelve by the local band. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the late Mrs. Druitt, of Christchurch, whose name appears on the 3rd, 4th and 8th bells. All are Sunday service ringers.

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for a meeting when it was decided to go North.—The President of the Guild replied to this invitation.

Sub-Div.-Inspector Battrill, Metropolitan Police, and Sergt. Jenney, Leicester City, thanked Supt. Williams and the Manchester members for the very excellent arrangements which had contributed to such an enjoyable day.

By the time some of the members arrived home they would have travelled over 400 miles. The tiring journey, however, did not damp their enthusiasm and appreciation. In fact, they would be quite willing to travel further for another such day's enjoyment.

The end came all too soon, in spite of the extension which had been granted, and at 11 p.m. they dispersed.

The London and Leicester contingents arrived at the station (railway, of course) with about 20 minutes to spare. To the surprise of all, the evening's entertainment had not finished. Two vagrant-singers, with hats in hands and the hopeful—'we've got no lodgemony'—look, sang woefully on the platform. But, alas! no financial assistance was forthcoming from the party. As was only to be expected after such an anti-spendthrift entertainment of an hour before, hands went into pockets—and remained there in true miserly style.

The train steamed out at midnight. She made the journey to Leicester in real good time, in spite of the 'Pull to the shore' efforts to 'Turn(h)er', which were constantly made by the self-appointed waiter and his 'Porter.'

Members who were unable to attend the meeting are respectfully reminded that the subscriptions for the present year are now due.

H. J. P.

NOTICES.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

As the 10 bells at Duffield, which was the home of Sir Arthur Heywood, and where he was a Sunday service ringer for many years, are about to be recast, the committee of the Midland Counties Association invite subscriptions from all ringers towards the expenses of recasting one of the bells and adding a suitable inscription.

Sir Arthur was, as is well known, the founder of the Central Council, and its president for a quarter of a century. He was also president of the M.C.A. for 29 years, and the committee feel that there are many, particularly those who knew him personally, who will welcome this opportunity of being associated with the scheme, and it is with confidence that they appeal for generous support from one and all.

Donations, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the hon. treasurer of the M.C.A.,

W. E. WHITE,

Ivy Cottage, Colgrave, Nottingham.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

All Hon. 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.

The attention of members is drawn to Rule 9.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 45th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 25th, at 6 o'clock prompt, 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.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The sum of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at 'The Coffee Pot' on the 21st (8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Aylestone on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Feb. 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be held at Shilton, near Coventry, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation has been extended to the Guild by the Vicar, so it is hoped that there will be a good attendance. Tea will be served in the School at 5 o'clock, 1s. a head. Good bus service to Shilton from Coventry and Nuneaton.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, February 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea and meeting in the schoolrooms after service. *Special business.* Will every member please make an effort to attend service, tea and meeting. Non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD and SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting at Basford, Saturday, February 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. No. 3 tram from Victoria Statue to Church St. Everybody welcome.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde, Preston, Blackburn and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above four branches has been arranged, and will be held on Saturday, February 18th, at St. James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Preacher, Rev. J. Payne, M.A., Vicar of Ince Parish Church. Tea in school at 5.30. Worsley Mesnes bus from station to the church, 2d. return.—Norman Brown, Wigan Branch Secretary.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30.—A. S. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Proposed Haddenham and District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6), recently rehung in ball bearings, 3 p.m. Meeting for the election of officers, pro tem. Subject to approval, annual meeting in the Schoolroom, following tea, at 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Collins, tailor, Haddenham, Cambs, for tea. All past and present members welcome. Come and make your presence known. — Frank Warrington (proposer).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Storrington on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Old Forge, Church Street, at 1s. 3d. each. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, E.C.3, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells, just overhauled, available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. A p.c. to me by the previous Wednesday, please. All welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

BARNBY, NEWARK.—The ring of 4 bells, recast and augmented to 5 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 6.30 p.m.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. Outstanding subscriptions for 1933 are due at this meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Feb. 20th to M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Swindon Village on Saturday, February 25th. Bells open 3 p.m.: Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 by invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. R. Pugh). Business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please let me know early in that week.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon Village, Cheltenham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, 22nd? Subscriptions for 1933 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Framlingham on Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 4.30, at 1s. a head. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boiney on Saturday, February 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at The Eight Bells. Secretaries should notify the undersigned, not later than Wed., Feb. 22nd, how many may be expected from their towers. Half rail fare maximum 1/6.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ellou Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by February 21st?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

RAWMARSH PARISH CHURCH.—Saturday, February 25th, dedication of peal boards. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Kindly notify for tea by Wednesday, 22nd.—F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheateroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, February 25th, at the two six-bell towers of St. Michael's and St. Stephen's. St. Michael's bells available at 3 p.m., St. Stephen's after tea.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bassingham, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Notification for tea by February 20th prompt, to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, February 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Levett.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reepham on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for tea if sufficient members advise me not later than February 23rd.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec., Reepham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford-Beams Memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, February 25th, when the choir stall erected as a memorial to the late T. Hervey Beams will be dedicated. The preacher will be the Rev. J. J. Edwards, secretary of the Guild, and the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) will dedicate the memorial. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Forster Institute at 5.15, to be followed by meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers for this dedication. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, February 22nd, to C. H. Lathey, Sec. and Treasurer, 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Lydiard Millicent on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea, by invitation of Colonel Canning (donor of new treble bell), for those who notify me by Wednesday, February 22nd.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at 5. Please make an effort to attend. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea (rs. each) at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. A good attendance is desired.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 25th. City bells available afternoon and evening. Service St. Nicholas' 5 p.m. Tea Booth Hall 5.30 p.m. Please notify me not later than February 23rd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at West Wycombe on Saturday, February 25th, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by February 20th. High Wycombe bells available at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Denver on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, February 25th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's (8), St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will be available after 3. Committee meeting at 4.30, and tea at 5 o'clock at the Cameron Hotel, Skinnergate. Tea 1s. 3d. each. Members intending to be present please let me have postcard not later than the 23rd.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at Wye. Tower opens at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting for business following. A hearty welcome to all ringers, and a good attendance hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 115th anniversary of these bells will be held on Saturday, March 4th. Bells

available all day. At 3 p.m. the Grandsire Caters record tablet will be unveiled by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Dinner at the Thatched Tavern at 4.30 p.m. Will those who intend to be present please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks, not later than February 28th?

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, on Saturday, March 4th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing at Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10). Tickets 2s. 9d. each, to be applied for by Wednesday, March 1st, latest.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Sketty on March 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea please advise by Tuesday, February 28th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. The annual committee meeting will be held in Reading (D.V.) on Saturday, April 22nd. Will all branch secretaries and representatives please note? Details later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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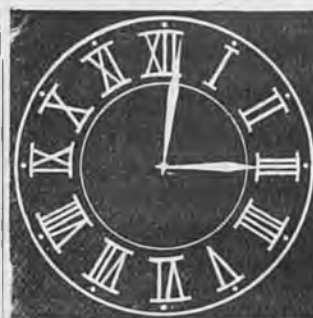
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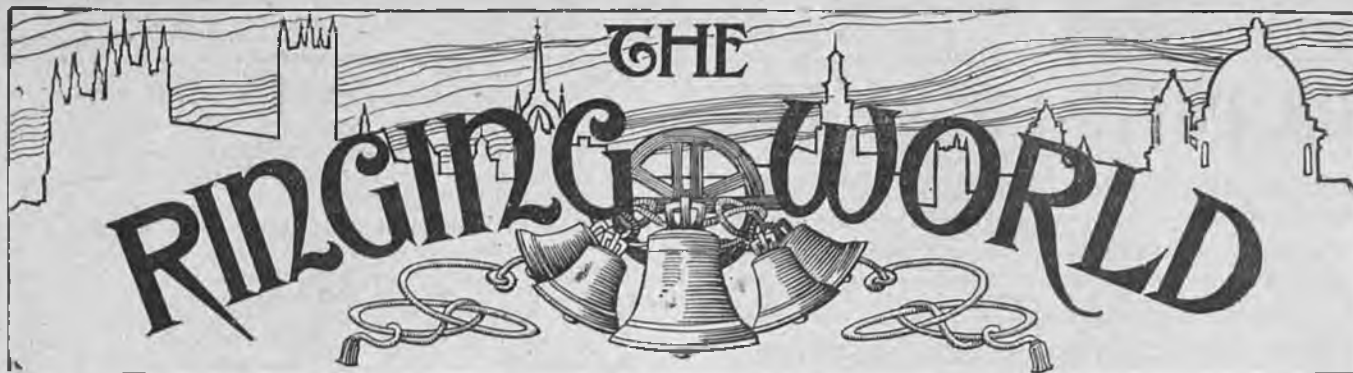
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The instructions of beginners is often a very haphazard business, and it is a pity that it cannot be more systematically organised, with some really definite course of teaching wherever it is possible to carry it out. There are some who will probably say such a thing is not practicable, but if there were some kind of text book available showing 'instructors' how to teach properly and intelligently, and setting out a synopsis, if not a series of lessons, of a progressive nature, we believe that it would greatly facilitate tuition. There are no two authors who agree as to the correct way of presenting their studies—it may be well that it is so—but it seems to us that it would be an advantage to the average teacher in a tower if he had some guide to the various stages by which he might best take his pupils from, say, rounds to London Surprise. What we need, now that the market is so well supplied with books for the beginner, is a publication to instruct the teacher. The vast majority of them are left entirely to their own devices; but if they had something to give them hints and guidance they would probably turn out more and better ringers from the pupils that come under their care. There are many men, of course, who have a natural gift for teaching, just as there are many ringers who have a natural gift for the art, but the people we have in mind who need help are the lone conductors, struggling with a company of novices. There are many such who do not know the best way to teach, and who would be grateful for a helping hand. The coming Council publication may prove to be a first step in this direction; perhaps it will be possible to amplify it afterwards, and so build up something which will become a text book for instructors.

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Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... 7
JAMES A. TEALE 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	*JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 9
EDWARD JENKINS 4	FRANCIS BARKER 10
HERBERT LANGDON 5	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... 11
ALBERT J. HUGHES 6	ALFRED B. PECK 7 Tenor

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ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 7
JOHN W. WOOD 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN 8
CHARLES MCQUINN 3	HAROLD MARCON 9
*SYDNEY J. PROCTOR 4	JACK BRAY 10
MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 5	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 11
JOHN WALDEN 6	*GEORGE LADD Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5301 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	GEORGE ORCHARD 7
THOMAS PRICE 2	ERNEST DAVIES 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	ALFRED HANNIS 9
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 4	J. D. G. HARRIS 10
*GEORGE GOULDING 5	JOHN BALLINGER 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

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*FREDERICK ATWELL Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT 6
JOHN W. JONES 2	ALFRED W. HEATH 7
GEORGE POPNELL 3	ERNEST STITCH 8
CHARLES GREEDY 4	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN ... 9
GEORGE LARGE 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

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Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
HORACE BELCHER 2	*JOSEPH MARKS 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 8
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
JAMES E. DAVIS 5	CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

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On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints, Folham,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 2	WILLIAM E. JODD 7
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ARTHUR HARDING 8
ARTHUR CUTMORE 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 9
E. RALPH MACKRILL 5	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... Tenor

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Tenor 17½ cwt.

*DOUGLAS MADDISON Treble	ADAM DEAS 5
R. ALDER GOFTON 2	*GORDON JOHNSON 6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3	RICHARD A. GOFTON 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 4	WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WM. L. GOFTON.

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On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. REGINALD BLABY Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	†WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
PERCY NEWTON 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Stedman. † 101st peal. Mr. Taylor also rang his first peal on these bells.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

L. ALBERT WARD Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
JOSEPH S. CARTER 2	CYRIL F. HOWETT 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDE 7
HAROLD G. JENNEY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung as a farewell peal to Canon T. W. Wright, R.D., who was leaving Wigston Magna on the 15th February to take up duties at Peatling Parva. Also rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. A. Chamberlain, one of the local ringers.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WILLIAM G. WHITING ... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
GEORGE PRYKE 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHAMMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	JOHN S. MORTON 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 7
*ALFRED G. HILL 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Surprise.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD Treble	*H. DENNIS FORD 5
GEORGE LAMBERT 2	*BERNARD SAUNDERS 6
RICHARD D. DIVALL 3	ERNEST J. OLIVER 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH MARKS Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
ALFRED PYE 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ERNEST BRETT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	CHARLES LOOME 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	FREDERICK ROOPE 6
WILLIAM FLATT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
GEORGE CURSON 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JOHN P. FIDLER Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 2	JOHN S. SADDINGTON 6
DAVID S. COLLINS 3	F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... 7
JOHN GRUNDY 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6; 3rd never in 6th's, the second never in 5-6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Fidler.

WOOBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

GEORGE GILBERT... ..	Treble	LEONARD STILWELL	5
EDWARD S. T. FARR	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
MISS STELLA DAVIS	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	ALAN R. PINK	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the 6th and 7th.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

HAROLD HAMER	Treble	FRED DUNKERLY	5
FRANK FIELDEN	2	JOHN NASH	6
JOHN H. C. MASSEY	3	SAM HARTLEY	7
JAMES CRABTREE	4	FRANK NUTTAL	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NASH.

Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. John Mitton, also as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5048 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL	Treble	FREDERICK G. GRIFFEN	5
GEORGE PULLINGER	2	REGINALD BROWN	6
CHARLES J. FRAY	3	*EDWARD C. WHEELER	7
WALTER G. ROWE	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in any method 'inside.' Rung as a welcome to the Rev. O. R. and Mrs. Evans, who have just taken up their residence at St. Nicolas' Lodge, Swathling. Mr. Evans being the newly-appointed curate of North Stoneham.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*HERBERT FULCHER	Treble	*CHARLES ROOPE	5
*WILLIAM FLATT	2	*CHARLES LOOME	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	*RUSSELL RICHES	7
ERNEST WHITING	4	*FREDERICK ROOPE	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

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

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD	Treble	ALFRED G. HILL	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	JOHN WHEADON	6
LIONEL J. CULLUM	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	4	EDWIN A. BARNETT	Tenor

Composed by G. LINEOFF.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM	Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5
*WILLIAM SOUTER	2	JOHN WHEADON	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	Treble	BERTRAM HEAD	5
*BERTRAM H. HEAD	2	WILFRED OVERTON	6
JOHN ELCOCK	3	HORACE W. OVERTON	7
† HAROLD G. THOMAS	4	ERNEST FOXALL	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. G. Thomas; also to Mr. John Overton, the much esteemed foreman ringer at the above tower, who celebrated his 82nd birthday on February 15th.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

* FRANCIS MORTON	Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	THOMAS STORER	6
† EDWARD F. GOBEY	3	HENRY HARRISON	7
WILLIAM P. STIRLAND	4	† TREVOR M. A. WRAGG	Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS J. FOWLER	Treble	JESSE ELDRIDGE	5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	2	ROLAND RIGGS	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	ARTHUR MARTIN	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

This peal was arranged some weeks ago to be rung by members of the A.S.C.Y., but illness prevented the band meeting. It was a birthday compliment to H. R. Newton, S. Andrews, J. Eldridge and R. T. Hibbert.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES H. LATHY	Treble	† EDWIN P. BAILEY	5
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL	2	REV. C. CAREW COX	6
* H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	3	FRANK PRICE	7
A. THOMAS GUNNING	4	WALTER G. SARTIN	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal on eight bells and in the method. † First peal. All are resident ringers in West Dorset. Rung in memory of the late T. Hervey Beams, and for the dedication of the Diocesan Guild memorial to him in Bradpole Church, which is to take place on February 25th. Also for the 16th anniversary of the death of the Rev. C. F. Langford, sometime Rector of the parish and a pioneer of the West Dorset Branch. Also rung as an act of sympathy to the Rector (the Rev. C. W. d'Ombraun) on the death of his wife.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6016 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	WILLIAM J. THYNG 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 7
*JOHN W. SYKES 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

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

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Treble	SIDNEY ELTON 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
JAMES TOPP 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

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

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to C. E. Bassett, Petersfield, who was unfortunately in hospital, and consequently unable to take part in the peal.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

MORRIS J. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CURSON ... Treble	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 5
*GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
*PERCIVAL W. GRICE 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
WILLIAM G. BROOKER 4	†JAMES CARLTON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First 'inside.' † First peal. Arranged as a birthday compliment to treble ringer, which occurred on 10th inst. All are local ringers except the conductor.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH JENNINGS Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN 5
ERNEST TOWNSEND 2	WILLIAM PIPER 6
CHARLES W. BURTON 3	WALTER SMITH 7
AMBROSE MASON 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

This was the monthly peal for the division. This is the twelfth eight-bell tower which Mr. Keeble has 'circled' as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
JOHN POTTER 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
*ALBERT EDWARD WREAKS ... 4	†PETER CROOK, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 5th, also as a birthday compliment to Richard Newton, of U.S.A. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 4th, as it was his first peal in the method, and a peal board records a peal rung 52 years ago in which he took part.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE WHYBROW ... Treble	STANLEY G. SHIPP 4
ROBERT SMITH 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

S. G. Shipp belongs to Wilburton, and special credit is due to him for scoring this, his first peal, within his first year of ringing. The other ringers are from Over.

BURGHILL, HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-secres, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

W. WILLIAMS ... Treble	I. RAWLINGS 4
R. RAWLINGS 2	*F. SANDFORD 5
*R. PRICE 3	H. BECKS Tenor

Conducted by I. RAWLINGS.

* First peal on a working bell.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

CHARLES TAYLOR ... Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4
*HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... 2	PERCY L. JOHNSON 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	HARRY D. LISTER Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal 'inside.'

ARDLEY.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

BARNARD PATMORE ... Treble	ALBERT LAWRENCE 4
SIDNEY CARTER 2	HENRY WALLACE 5
JEFFREY WILLIAMS 3	JOHN WELCH Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

Grateful thanks are due to Dr. Eck for providing tea after the peal.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*CECIL A. HARPER ... Treble	ALBERT THOMAS 4
†THOMAS S. ASTBURY 2	JESSE BAYLEY 5
†STANLEY HULMES 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Hulmes on attaining his majority. All are Sunday service ringers.

ST. MELLON'S, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. approx.

WILLIAM BOLTON ... Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH 4
JOHN W. JONES 2	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ERNEST COOMBS 3	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of College Single, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	JOSEPH LAWRENCE 4
WILLIAM HALFORD 2	FRED HAWKES 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

GEORGE WHYBROW Treble	ROBERT SMITH 4
CHARLES ROBINSON 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
MANSFIELD GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

HILL FARRENCE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

* WILLIAM A. SIVIER Treble	PERCY MERSON 4
WILLIAM G. GIGG 2	ALFRED J. WYATT 5
ARTHUR H. REED 3	S. GEORGE COLES Tenor

Conducted by A. J. WYATT.

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

WOODSTON, HUNTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

* HERBERT GOAKES Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
FRANK ROWLINSON 2	FREDERICK COOK 5
† CHARLES WOODS 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal. † First peal in five methods.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk, Carlisle, London, York, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH O. LANDAN Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
WILLIAM V. BENNETT 2	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal of Surprise by ringer of the 3rd, for whom it was arranged, as he was unable to stand in when a similar peal was rung last month.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HANDBELL CONTEST WON BY ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL.

The annual general meeting of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, February 11th, at St. Clement Schools, Drury Lane, London. Ringing took place at St. Magnus' Church, London Bridge, from 2.30 till 3.45 p.m., and at St. Clement Danes, Strand, from 3.30 till 4.45, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Royal being rung. Service, which followed in the Church of 'Oranges and Lemons' fame, was attended by over forty members, and an interesting sermon, differing from the usual type given at ringers' services, was preached by the Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields. After tea at the Willow Restaurant in Essex Street, a hurried retreat was made to the schools in order to get on with the business of the evening, and, most important of all, the handbell competition. Prior to the business meeting, four entries were received by the secretary of hands competing, and these were accepted. The usual routine of ratification of new members, presentation of balance sheet, the secretary's report, acceptance of peals during the year, election of Central Council representatives and the election of officers for the ensuing year was got through. The following retained their office: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; secretary, Mr. C. O. Moore; assistant secretaries, Mr. T. W. Taffender and Mr. Hawthorne; senior steward, Mr. J. Wyatt; treasurer, Mr. E. A. Young; trustees, Messrs. F. E. Dawe and Keighley. The only office to change hands was that of junior steward, to which Mr. Harding was elected. A beautiful silver cup, given by Mr. F. E. Dawe for the handbell change ringing contest, was on view during the meeting. The secretary gave the details of the objects and ideas of the competition, which is for the encouragement of local handbell ringing among members of the association.

Amidst loud applause the donor of the cup, named the 'Dawe Cup,' presented it to the association in a characteristic speech. He said he was only too pleased to do whatever he could for ringing and for that association, and it was with great pleasure he presented the cup for competition.

The Master thanked Mr. Dawe for his generous gift to the association. After the necessary arrangements had been made for the umpires, presided over by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (Rector of St. Clement Danes and chaplain of the association) in an adjoining room, the actual competition commenced. The Leytonstone belfry were the first to ring, but, unfortunately, came to grief, and did not like taking another opportunity which was offered them. As two of the remaining three hands were incomplete, the 'Camberwellites' gave their 'show,' and succeeded in giving a very creditable exhibition. As there were no other hands to compete, the chaplain's wife (Mrs. Pennington Bickford) presented the cup to Mr. Taffender, representing St. Giles', Camberwell, Society, for their excellent ringing. The evening's business concluded with the vote of thanks to the chaplain for his services, to the organist and choirboys, also the Rectors of St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Magnus', London Bridge.

LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB.

With reference to the peal of Little Albion Treble Bob Maximus rung at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, the report of which was published in the issue of 17th inst., in this method the treble hunts to 4th's place and down, double Kent Treble Bob places being made in 5th's and 6th's, 2nd's place at plain leads and 4th's place bob.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society obtained it from the late Mr. Henry W. Wilde, and it would be interesting to know if he was the author.

There are 16 changes in a lead, and any peal of Bob Major without Before's and Singles will run to Little Albion Major.

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The members who braved the elements on Saturday, February 18th, to attend the meeting at Shilton, near Coventry, found a very warm welcome awaiting them from the Vicar (the Rev. Harold Smith).

The light ring of six was made good use of during the afternoon until a halt was called for tea. Twenty-five sat down to a splendid meal, kindly arranged by ladies of the parish. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his very kind welcome and interest was proposed by Mr. W. Stote (Coventry) and seconded by Mr. L. J. Hinde (Bulkington).

Handbell enthusiasts remained in the tea room for a time, while others returned to the belfry for further ringing. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Cambridge and London Surprise. Members attended from Allesley, Arley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Lillington, Nuneaton, Stoke, Warwick, together with the local band.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS JOYCE.**A RINGER AT ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN.**

The death took place at Whipps Cross Hospital on Monday morning, February 13th, of Mr. Thomas Joyce after three weeks' illness, pneumonia supervening on an attack of influenza. His death came as a great shock to his many ringing friends. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The funeral took place on Saturday, February 18th, at the City of London Cemetery, Ilford. St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild were represented by Messrs. J. S. Hawkins and W. J. Norton, and St. Dunstan's, Stepney, band by Mr. E. J. Sampson.

Mr. Joyce was 42 years of age and leaves in bereavement a widow (who is seriously ill) and two sons, with whom much sympathy will be felt.

On Sunday evening, February 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled at St. Andrew's, Holborn, by the following members: J. S. Hawkins 1, H. C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton (conductor) 3, R. W. Green 4, C. J. Choct 5, W. S. Langdon 6, R. T. Newman 7, E. Brett 8.

LADIES' GUILD AND SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**WARM WELCOME ON A COLD DAY.**

A joint meeting of the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild and the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at the Church of St. Leodigarius, Basford, Nottingham, on Saturday, February 18th.

The attendance of the ladies was somewhat disappointing, but this was chiefly due to illness. To those who would like to have been present and were thus prevented, the members extend their sympathy and hope they will soon be restored to health. The gentlemen turned up in good numbers in spite of the inclement weather.

The bells, a splendid peal for the ladies, were kept going in good style, and touches of Stedman, Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Forward, Duffield, Double Norwich, Little Bob and Plain Bob were successfully brought round.

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Barks, who, at very short notice, provided a very excellent tea for the visitors, which was partaken of at their home and added greatly to the comfort of those present. They also thank Mr. Harrison for making the arrangements and for the 'warm welcome' in the belfry, which was a happy contrast to the cold outside, and much appreciated by those who had of necessity to take turns at sitting out.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Long Eaton on Saturday, March 18th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**READING BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch was held at Reading on Saturday, February 11th. During the afternoon the towers of St. Laurence's, St. Mary's and St. Giles' were open for ringing, touches of Stedman Caters, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Cinques, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, Bob Major, Oxford and Bob Minor being rung.

A well-attended service was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Farham, M.A., who preached an appropriate sermon. Dr. Daughtry presided at the organ. Afterwards 67 members sat down to an excellent tea in St. Mary's Church House.

At the business meeting the chair was occupied by Mr. Leonard Joyce (chairman of the branch), supported by the chief officers of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary) and Miss Hopgood (hon. branch secretary). Visitors attended from London, Oxford, Slough, Chertsey and Yateley.

The Chairman first referred to the great loss the branch had sustained in the death of Mr. Frank Hopgood, who had been the hon. branch secretary and treasurer for the past 14 years.

The balance sheet was read and adopted. The secretary's report showed another successful year, and mention was made of enjoyable and successful quarterly meetings at Checkendon and Henley.

The election of officers then followed. Mr. Leonard Joyce was unanimously re-elected to the chair. Miss Hopgood having decided not to carry on, Mr. E. G. Foster was elected hon. secretary and treasurer, Messrs. A. Wiggins and A. D. Cullum auditors, and Messrs. Swain, Rusham and Humphrey representatives to the General Committee.

Quarterly meetings for 1933 were arranged to take place at Ship-lake, Nettlebed and Tilehurst.

Satisfactory tower reports were given from most of the branch towers, good Sunday ringing having been maintained throughout the year.

The meeting was addressed by the chairman, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. A. J. Wright and Mr. R. T. Hibbert. Mention was made of the very good work done by Mr. F. Hopgood and the very excellent way in which Miss Hopgood had helped the branch both during the time her father had been secretary and since his death, and it was decided to show in some tangible way appreciation of her good work.

A vote of thanks was expressed to the Vicar and organist of St. Mary's Church for the beautiful service which had been held.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Letters on the Rev. H. Drake's article on 'Striking,' with a commentary on English bellringing by a Frenchman, are held over until next week.

The peal at Eynsford on February 4th was the 700th rung by Mr. T. Groombridge, sen. We hope to publish his peal list at an early date.

The Loughborough Memorial Carillon will be broadcast on March 1st. Mr. Eric Jordan, the carillonneur, suggests that when listening the receiver should be tuned in to full volume and that listeners should be in some other part of the house or even outside with a window or door open. Then, he claims, with a little imagination, the effect of the bell music from the 162ft. high tower will be fully appreciated.

It says something for modern bell hanging that a boy of 14 can turn in a tenor of 12½ cwt. to a peal—it also says much for the ability of the boy. Young 'Teddy' Barnett rung Crayford tenor to a peal of Bob Major last week.

Members of the Middlesex Association should note that Clerkenwell has been chosen for this year's annual general meeting, the date, April 22nd.

The peal of Stedman Triples recorded in our issue of February 3rd as having been rung at Moorside, Oldham, was rung at Leesfield.

The peal at Egham, Surrey, on February 8th was not the first peal of Bristol on the bells as recorded in the footnote. This was discovered after the report was in print, and Mr. W. Pye now writes to say that a peal in this method was rung there on April 1st, 1914.

The Ladies' Guild, Southern District, who met at Ottershaw last Saturday, hope to hold their annual meeting at Seale in June and the next quarterly meeting at Aldershot in October.

UNMUSICAL CHANGES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are many excellent points in the letters of the Rev. F. L. Edwards and the Rev. H. Drake in the current issue of 'The Ringing World'; and it is essential that we should ring changes that the average listener can understand and appreciate. How many ringers realise that, on any number of bells above six, unmusical changes are inevitably produced as the changes succeed one another in mechanical order?

With any number of bells up to six we are using what Sir Walford Davies calls 'a peaceful family of notes,' none of which are liable to 'high words' with each other; but, when we come to eight bells, we have two unmusical pairs of bells, viz., 1-7 and 2-8, which do indulge in 'high words' when they meet; and, for example, 2-8 come together 720 times in a peal of Triples.

In ten-bell ringing, there are only the fifth and sixth bells which cannot come to 'high words' with some of the others; and, with twelve bells, all are liable to 'high words' with their unmusical neighbours. The quickness of the striking on the higher numbers adds to the discord, and the tones of the bells are somewhat drowned by the incessant tintinnabulation.

It is doubtful if many laymen distinguish the sounds of twelve bells when rung in anything other than rounds or call changes. The Rev. H. Drake is quite right in saying that the ordinary listener appreciates the lower numbers best, although it is questionable if they like patches of bad striking!

Ringers in eight, ten and twelve bell towers would do well to ring short touches of Doubles and Minor occasionally if only for the sake of variety; and there is plenty of scope for our composers to produce touches on the higher numbers in which unmusical changes are reduced to a minimum.

FREDERICK SHARPE.

Launton, Oxon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED NEW BRANCH.

A meeting to form a new district of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, February 18th, when members were present from Cambridge, Chatteris, Sutton, Wilburton, Great Staughton, Stretham, Over and the local band. The business meeting took place in the hall after tea, the Vicar being voted to the chair.

Mr. F. Warrington, in proposing the new district, outlined the territory, which would include the following places: Fenstanton, Swavesey, Over, Longstanton, Histon, Cottenham, Stretham, Wilburton, Haddenham, Willingham, Somersham, Ramsey, Warboys, Chatteris, March, Sutton, Holywell, Soham, Daddington and Ely.

It was intended to include St. Ives, but Mr. Lack opposed this suggestion, as this was the only light ring of eight in the Hunts district.

Subject to the approval of the annual meeting, it was decided that the new district be named the Haddenham and District Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association.

The officers elected were: Secretary, Mr. F. Warrington; committee, Mr. A. J. Ginn, Mr. F. Thurbon, Mr. S. G. Shipp, Mr. G. Few, Mr. W. Seekings and Mr. H. Collins.

The next meeting is fixed for Ely on March 25th if suitable.

Some good ringing took place, the methods rung including Plain Bob, Single and Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and Norwich Surprise.

A CAMBRIDGESHIRE RESTORATION.

HISTON BELLS REOPENED.

The bells of Histon Parish Church of St. Andrew, which have been tuned and rehung in a new steel frame on ball bearings, were rededicated on Sunday, February 19th, by the Lord Bishop of Ely. The service opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' followed by shortened evensong, and after the singing of the Cantate Domino, the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were recited.

The bells were then rung in rounds by the local band.

The Bishop based his address on I. Corinthians xiv., 10, making mention of the various uses of bells and their place in our daily life.

By the kindness of the local band, a 360 of Plain Bob was rung after the service by F. Camps (Cottenham) 1, C. F. Johnston (Croydon) 2, C. Robinson (Over) 3, T. R. Dennis (Cambridge) 4, F. Warrington (Over) 5, F. Collins (Croydon, conductor) 6. The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the 'go' being perfect. Mr. C. F. Johnston represented the firm at the dedication of the work.

The restoration has been carried out largely as the result of the efforts of Mr. Kenneth Oates, who is head ringer at Histon, and one of the churchwardens. But for his energy the bells might still have been in their old and dilapidated condition.

In connection with the rededication an interesting pamphlet on the history of the church and parish was compiled. From this it appears that there were probably two earlier churches on the present site, the first a wooden building and the second a church built of stone which unquestionably existed in the 12th century. The church on its present plan is assigned to the 13th century, and some of the original features have come down to us unaltered.

The earliest mention of bells at Histon is contained in an inventory made in 1553.

HYSTON ANDREW

Belles—Itm in ye Steple there iii great belles and one Sanctus bell.

Two of the three mediæval bells were recast in the 17th century and two new bells added. The sanctus bell was recast in 1781 by Thomas Osborn, of Downham.

In 1866 the five old bells, three of which were cracked, were recast, and in 1873 a new bell was added, making a total of six.

The inscriptions on these are: 'Cast by John Warner and Sons, London.' They also bear the Royal Arms (Patent) with the date. These are the present bells.

The old bells had the following inscriptions:—

- 1.—Tho. Newman made me 1723.
- 2.—Cantabo Laudes Tuis Domine Per Atria.
- 3, 4.—x Ricardus Bowler me fecit 1604.
- 5.—William Peck and Robert Read Church Wardeps 1683, W.R.

The old 14th century frame for three bells, with additions of 17th and 19th centuries, making it a weird and wonderful arrangement for six bells, with one bell carried in a rider frame above the others, has now been removed and a modern cast-iron frame built on sound engineering lines and supported by rolled steel joists has taken its place.

The ringing room has also been much improved by moving the works of the clock, which formerly took up a large amount of the small space available. A double sound-deadening floor has taken the place of the old and decayed reed ceiling under the bells.

The following quaint lines, embodying the ringers' code, hung in the tower in 1860, but have been lost:—

'We ring the Quick to Church, the Dead to grave,
Good is our use, such usage let us have.
He who wears Spur, or Hat, or Cap, or breaks a stay,
Or from the floor does from a bell rope sway,
Or leaves his rope down careless on the floor,
Or nuisance makes within the Belfry Door,
Shall sixpence forfeit for each single crime,
'Twill make him careful at another time.'

The present Ringers' Guild was reorganised in 1922, with the Vicar as president.

A special meeting of the Ely Association is to be held at Histon on Saturday, March 4th.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of February 10th you published a peal of Superlative rung at Stansted on February 1st, the composition being a reduced three-part with bells reversed in 5-6, and the footnote says it was probably the first of its kind.

The following composition was rung at Ashby Folville on July 24th, 1920, and has the five pairs reversed: 5,120, B.3H.2W. five times. Also at Market Harborough on April 21st, 1932, 5,600 (the extent): i.e., W.2H.M.W.H.2W. five times. The latter was rung as a 5,152 by the omission of 3Ws. I presume Mr. Dench meant the first of its kind as a three-part. The above compositions were composed by—

Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE.

BISHOP FAVOURS SEPARATE GUILD.

The tower of the Parish Church at Alton has, unfortunately, been declared unsafe for ringing, and so it was thought inadvisable to hold the annual meeting of the Alton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild there, and arrangements were accordingly made to hold it at Liss. The attendance was not very large, partly on account of the prevalence of influenza. To the great regret of all, the Rector of Liss (the Rev. S. N. Sedgwick) was laid up with this complaint and unable to be present and give the address as he had promised. For this reason, and also through some delay being caused by the breaking of a slider, it was decided to cancel the service and continue ringing till tea-time. Tea was served in the Spread Eagle and there were present the Rev. F. G. Eyres (chairman), Messrs. G. Williams (Guild Master), F. W. Rogers (Guild hon. secretary), W. Andrews, G. Pullinger, Hardman, the Rev. B. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Read, and other ringers from Alton, Bishopstoke, Blackmoor, Liss, Steep and Portsmouth. 23 in all, and, in addition, two lady ringers from Alton arrived after tea.

At the meeting the hon. secretary's report for the year dealt with the revival of the Alton band and the disappointment at ringing being stopped there; the proposal for the transfer of certain towers to the district, and the meetings during the year. The membership now totals nine honorary, 32 ringing and one unattached.

Mr. F. W. Rogers read some correspondence between himself and the Bishop of Portsmouth on the transfer of these towers, and the Bishop seems rather against the proposal, as tending to destroy diocesan unity. He looks forward to a separate Guild for the Portsmouth Diocese.

After the balance sheet for the past year had been adopted, the officers were all re-elected, viz., the Rev. F. G. Eyres, chairman; the Rev. B. C. Taylor, hon. secretary; the Rev. T. N. R. Griffin, hon. auditor; and Mr. W. Read, representative on the Central Committee. Twelve new members were elected and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

INSTRUCTION ON A DIFFERENT PLAN.

ANOTHER NEW ELEMENTARY BOOK.

Another helpful little book of instruction for beginners in ringing has made its appearance. It is entitled 'Village Bells,' and deals with four methods of Doubles and six methods of Minor. The author, the Rev. R. Howes, Rector of Cold Higham, Towcester, describes himself as 'a duffer who began to ring when he was 50 years of age.' His exposition of the elementary principles of applied change ringing, however, belie his self-applied title, for he has an apt and concise way of explaining how the methods dealt with should be rung, and, as the book deals with Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, the beginner is able to break a good deal of ground in the art. But the book has a claim to a further mark of merit in its originality. For the first time, we believe, in any publication, the author has adopted the idea of a staircase for showing the movement of his bells, and the figures of the rows are printed vertically instead of in the customary horizontal lines. The figures begin at the bottom so that the idea of hunting up or down is clearly conveyed by the diagrams. In a foreword, Canon Coleridge says the work, 'starting on a different plan will be welcomed by many a beginner.' The book has the further advantage of being enclosed in stiff covers and within the reach of everyone at the post free price of 9d. from the author.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

CENTRAL DISTRICT MEET IN THE CITY.

On Saturday last a very enjoyable meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at the interesting old Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, London, about 40 members and friends attending. The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire Triples for the beginners to London Surprise. The service was kindly conducted by the Rev. Brewer, of St. Luke's Church, Old Street, in the absence of the Rector. After the service, the company adjourned to a nearby 'A.B.C.' where the wants of all were ably catered for. The ladies then held their business meeting in the church while the gentlemen returned to the belfry for further ringing.

Miss Radley, of Broxbourne, was elected a member, and it was proposed that the district annual meeting should be held at St. Clement Danes, providing permission was granted for the use of the bells.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Brewer, and to Mr. H. T. Wilson for his many kindnesses. This concluded the business.

At the suggestion of Mr. Wilson, the visitors were shown many objects of interest in the church, a very historical one, dedicated to Olaf, a Norwegian King of the 11th century, and associated with Samuel Pepys. Further ringing afterwards took place.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. C. Alford 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green 4, C. J. Choct 5, T. Langdon 6, R. T. Newman 7, E. Brett (conductor) 8.

BELL TOWERS.

MR. E. H. LEWIS' LECTURE.

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Continuing his lecture, Mr. Lewis referred to the ordinary type of timber frame. In this shrinkage of the timber would change the angle of the bevel at the ends of the struts and might set up a rocking motion in the frame when the bells were rung. In such cases steeplekeepers used sometimes to put in a wedge between the frame and the wall. Unless such wedges were regularly attended to, they would always work loose, and the movement of the frame would set up a hammering effect on the stone. While the average tower could stand a large amount of finite force, if properly applied, it would not stand a hammering action. A force of two tons pushing horizontally was nothing—it was less than the wind pressure on the tower—but a hammering action of even a few foot-pounds would soon loosen the stone and start a crack which would begin to creep. A lot of these old timber frames have, through neglect, been responsible for a great deal of damage to towers. The remedy was simple. It was easy to insert steel, wrought iron, or preferably non-corrosive bolts vertically through the frame and screw the nuts up tight. By that means they could get the wooden frame to stand quite well, if the nuts were screwed up in periods of dry weather.

There was something to be said for the æsthetic argument put forward by Mr. Powys, who preferred to use a timber frame in an old church tower. For many reasons he (Mr. Lewis) rather agreed with him, especially as it was possible to remove one of the troubles, which concerned the ringers more than the tower, namely, the effect of twisting due to shrinkage of the upper members of the frame. The bad 'go' of bells due to this cause could now be overcome by the use of self-aligning bearings.

In illustrating the relative strains on a tower caused by wind pressure and by the ringing of bells, Mr. Lewis quoted as an example a tower like St. Benedict's, Cambridge, 70ft. high, 20ft. square and with the bells hung 50ft. from the ground. In bridge structures the Board of Trade called for a resistance of 56lb. to the square foot. This was excessive, but 14lb. wind pressure to the square foot was not at all unusual, so that even on this figure the pressure on the top 20ft. of the tower of St. Benedict's would be approximately 2½ tons above where the bells were hung. Even if they put the maximum force due to the bells at 1½ tons, it was much less than the wind pressure.

KNOWN AND UNKNOWN FORCES.

Sometimes, continued Mr. Lewis, they heard of people being frightened of a tower being rung over. The walls of St. Benedict's were 3ft. thick, and the tower would weigh something like 10 tons per foot of height. That meant that the tower weighed approximately 700 tons. Assuming that the tower had no foundations, it would require a force of 140 tons applied at a height of 50ft. to topple it over, or the ringing of a bell of 70 tons weight (if the bell were hung out from the headstock). If the tower were built of good masonry, without any reinforcement, it might require a force of 300 tons to break the walls. They need not, therefore, be worried about the actual amount of the forces set up in ringing. What might be worrying, however, was to have these forces in tune with the natural movement of the tower, when there was a danger of progressive increase of stress in the walls. It so happened that the period of half a second of the forces set up by bells of average weight coincided with the average period of the average church tower swinging by itself. Practically every tower could be regarded as an elastic structure, which moved in proportion to the amount of force applied. When the force was removed, it returned to its original position, and it was the coincidence between the maximum forces set up by the bells and the natural period of the tower that caused some towers to move rather more than was comfortable and some to be regarded as unsafe. Just as when a bell was mounted in a spring frame they did not know what forces were acting on the tower, in the same way, if the tower was acting as a spring and they got it in time with the oscillation of the forces acting upon it, they did not know what stresses they were getting in the structure. There are some towers in which the bells go well at certain speeds. If they had rung at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, with an entirely strange band and had rung the sixth or seventh, they would probably have found a difficulty in striking either of these two bells. If, however, they had rung with the local ringers, who rang on Sundays, they would have wondered what on earth they had previously complained about, for they would have had no trouble in ringing either the sixth or seventh with the local ringers. The secret was that those who knew them rang the bells rather faster than the average stranger, and thus missed getting the forces set up by the bells in tune with the tower. The difference between a beat of 28 changes to the minute and 25½ was quite enough to get them out of tune with the tower. Holborn was a fairly tall tower, and he should imagine that the natural beat of it was rather more than half a second, and that was the reason why in that tower they had to ring the bells rather quickly. He had been to a tower that afternoon (Alton, Hants) where the natural beat of the tower was distinctly slow, and it so happened that they had some round ringing that was distinctly slow. The question raised was whether it was safe to go on ringing. In

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A SALFORD CHURCH REVISITED AFTER SEVEN YEARS.

The February quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, on Saturday, February 18th. The bells were set going prior to the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. L. Hussy, M.A.).

The Rector, in his address, gave some very interesting facts concerning the church, the original of which was built in 1635 by Humphry Booth, founder of the now well-known Booth Charities.

After the service the Rector escorted the members through the church, pointing out things of interest, and exhibited the church's collection of silver, some of which dates from the early 18th century.

Tea was afterwards served in the Schoolroom, followed by the business meeting.

The chair was taken by the Rector, and the meeting was representative of 13 towers of the branch, and included the branch president (Mr. C. Ollier) and members from Bolton. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Hovan, treasurer of the association, Mr. D. Clarke, Swinton, and Alderman Lees, Salford, the last-named having been connected with the church for many years and father of the present chief ringer.

Five new members were elected, including the chairman.

A committee of six was formed to consider the best means of carrying out the proposed branch social, and the feature, adopted at the last meeting, of holding special practice nights for higher method ringing is to be continued.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the chairman, the organist (Mr. J. H. Latchwood, D.F.C.), the ladies and to Mr. Lees and the other local ringers.—The Chairman, in responding, said he hoped the branch would visit Salford more in the future than had been the case in the past.

A special feature of this meeting lies in the fact that it is seven years since the branch last visited this church for a meeting. It had been almost placed 'out of bounds' by previous incumbents owing to the close proximity of an open market. The special thanks of the branch are due to the Rector for 'running the gauntlet of possible complaints.'

A QUERY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Can any of your readers please give brief particulars of a first peal of Stedman Cinques rung by twelve parishioners in their own tower?

GEORGE TWITCHEN.

17, Tolleridge Road, High Wycombe.

(Continued from previous column.)

his opinion it was safe to give the ringers permission to ring, provided they would not ring slower than 28 changes per minute. Once they got the beat of the bells away from the beat of the tower, the actual single forces were nothing much to worry about, but they were something to worry about if the two got into tune.

EFFECT ON THE RINGER.

One interesting point was how these movements affected the ringers. If they got a frame or a tower that moved, the gudgeon of the bell moved. Such an amount of movement might be serious from the ringers' point of view. In one tower examined there was a bell of 30 cwt., and the force acting on the gudgeons was double that, i.e., 6,720lb. The gudgeon was certainly moving a quarter of an inch, and the work done in moving the gudgeons was $\frac{1}{4} \times 6,720 \times 1/48$ foot-pounds. This would occur twice in each revolution, so that the ringer had to provide an additional 140lb. pull on the rope through the distance of one foot of his pull at every stroke to keep the bell up. The tower might, if he were lucky, lurch back and help the bell in the second half of its swing—it might or it might not—but, judging from the perspiration that came out of the ringer at this particular tower, he did not think he was one of the lucky ones (laughter).

Mr. Lewis mentioned one case where the tower seemed to refuse to have anything to do with the church. A crack between the tower and the church developed, and as soon as it was pointed, the tower shook itself free again. He was asked if he could suggest a sufficiently elastic cement to fill the cracks and bind the church and the tower together again. He sent for a plan of the bell frame, and, on examining it, he was able to send, through Mr. Powys, a message to the incumbent and say that if he would spend a few shillings on roping the tenor on the other side of the wheel, he need not worry about elastic cement. The advice offered was taken, and there had been no more trouble. The tower and the church were reconciled.

In answering questions, Mr. Lewis showed how greatly the strength of tower walls was affected by the presence of doorways or windows, or the western tower arch of a church, the walls of a tower with both a western arch and a western window being approximately (in some cases) ten times as stiff from east to west as from north to south.

At the close the hon. secretary of the Guildford Guild, under whose auspices the lecture had been given, thanked Mr. Lewis for his interesting and instructive address, and mentioned the great work which Mr. Lewis was doing in many departments for the benefit of the art of ringing.

The motion was carried by acclamation and acknowledged by Mr. Lewis.

A VICAR'S REPLY TO AGITATORS. 'DO NOT APOLOGISE FOR RINGING.'

'Ring the bells more often and ring them louder,' was the reply of the Rev. H. B. Coleridge, Vicar of Leatherhead, to those who agitate for the silencing of church bells. He was addressing the ringers at the service held in connection with the annual meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. 'In an age when there is more hideous noise in the world than ever before,' he said, 'there has been criticism of your glorious music. Those who have been the mouthpieces of this agitation are partly the same as those underlying the agitation against all that is true and good, pure, holy and divine. Do not,' he added, 'ever for one moment be ashamed of your ringing or apologise for it. The ringing of the bells is part of the Voice of God calling those who hear them to a realisation of the fact that Jesus is our Saviour and our King.'

The business meeting followed tea at Leatherhead Institute, presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston and the district officers. Over thirty ringers were present, representing most of the towers in the district, and there were visitors from London, Croydon, Beddington and Guildford.

Those present stood for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. William Cook, of Ashted, who had recently passed away.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Johnston to the meeting, and the hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith) then presented the accounts, which showed that 57 ringing members and three honorary members paid subscriptions during the year, and that the balance in hand had increased from £5 14s. to £6 10s.

The committee's report stated that the number of members who paid their subscriptions was below that of last year. The meetings had not been attended as well as might have been expected. The committee felt the members might do more in this respect to encourage the officers, and, while it was realised that some members could not afford to attend every meeting, they thought that every member might attend at least one meeting each year. The combined practices had been better attended, and it was hoped that this would continue. The Ashted practice on Thursdays attracted ringers from outside the district, and members were reminded that they were welcome every Tuesday evening at Leatherhead. The district was badly placed at present for extra ringing. Ewell and Dorking bells needed attention, and both Epsom towers were closed to outside ringers on account of objections raised to ringing by local householders. The number of peals had fallen off and only eight had been rung, as a consequence of the difficulty in getting towers and the removal of Mr. Alan Pink from the district.

The balance sheet and report were adopted.

Two new members attached to Cobham tower (Messrs. A. Holding and A. Moore) were elected, and the election of Messrs. N. Hobden, W. Hobden and A. Wooloff (Banstead) was confirmed.

Mr. A. Harman was elected District Ringing Master and Mr. A. H. Smith hon. secretary. Messrs. G. Marriner and A. Whiting were elected on the Executive Committee, and the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge was elected the hon. members' representative.

The retiring general officers of the Guild were again nominated, and four nominations for three Central Council representatives were put in, viz., Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, G. Grover and R. Whittington.

The Walker Memorial Scheme was explained by the general hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), and the sum of £12 was voted from the district funds.

Newdigate was selected for a meeting in June, Rammore Common for a joint meeting with the Surrey Association in July, and Leatherhead for the annual meeting in 1934. Other meetings will be arranged as towers are available.

Thanks were accorded to the officers for their services, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and particularly for his encouraging address, and also to Mr. Arthur Dean and the local band for their welcome.

The ringing during the day covered the standard methods on eight and ten bells, and also included a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association was held at West Ham and Pevensy (two six-bell towers) on Saturday, January 28th, when about 20 members attended from Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hastings (All Saints'), St. Leonards, Uckfield, Lewes and members of West Ham band. Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, was also present. The Vicar of West Ham (the Rev. J. A. Davies) was waiting at the church to welcome the ringers as they arrived. He also conducted the service and gave a most interesting address. The Vicar of Pevensy was unable to be present owing to illness.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the Rev. J. A. Davies occupied the chair. Two members were elected, Messrs. A. H. Funnell and W. Levett, both of All Saints', Hastings.

Mr. G. W. Stokes proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of West Ham for the use of the bells and also for presiding at the meeting. The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the association to West Ham, and stated that he hoped to attend the next meeting, which will be held at Eastbourne. The ringers kept the bells of Pevensy going until about 8 o'clock.

'PEAL GRABBERS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Gilbert's interesting letter he mentions those ringers who come under the term, 'peal grabbers.' A ringer who comes under this heading is of little or no use to the fraternity at large.

In all parts of the country there can be found 'Surprise peal cliques.' Week after week they meet and ring peals in the higher methods. Sometimes these are well struck, but more often than not they are the opposite.

If asked to stand in a peal of Plain Bob, the majority of these ringers would, strange to say, be 'otherwise engaged.' Which is the greater performance, a peal of Doubles, including one or two 'first peals,' or a peal of Surprise Major which is rung by ringers whose names are familiar to all change ringers? Surely the former.

If some of the 'Great I Ains' would spend some of their time helping learners to ring their first peals, they would be making use of their time and not wasting it. Every ringer's motto should be 'Learners first.'

One's ability as a change ringer should not be judged by the number of peals rung in the higher methods, but by the number of times the words, 'First peal,' appear under performances in which they have taken part.

NORMAN G. LEECH.

Dudley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT MEETING AT CHILHAM.

A most successful meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Chilham on Saturday, February 18th. Upwards of 40 members attended from Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphege, St. Peter's, St. Lawrence, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Wickhambreaux, Littlebourne, Dover, St. George's, Gravesend, Queenborough, Northfleet, Wye, Sturry, Home, Kennington and the local tower. The bells were ringing soon after 3 o'clock, and later a short service was held in the church, the Vicar of Chilham (the Rev. J. Hilton-Spratt) officiating.

Subsequently the ringers adjourned to the Vicarage, where the Vicar entertained them to tea. In replying to a speech of thanks, made on behalf of the company by Mr. E. Spice, the Vicar said he hoped the association would soon come to Chilham again and ring the bells as merrily as they had done that afternoon. Chilham, he said, was an hospitable place, a sentiment with which the entire company heartily concurred.

After a short touch on handbells, 'Auld Lang Syne' was sung, and the ringers returned to the church vestibule for the business meeting.

Mr. Spice was voted to the chair. Two new members were elected, namely, Miss L. Wickens, St. Lawrence, and Rupert Barden, St. Alphege, Canterbury.

Hernhill was chosen for the next by-meeting, and an intimation was given by Mr. French, of Sturry, that it was probable the Romney Marsh Guild would hold a meeting at Sturry in the near future. Ringing continued in the usual methods until 8.30 p.m.

DEVON GUILD. EXETER BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Ide on Saturday, February 11th, and was well attended, about 50 being present. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Millett), who in course of his address welcomed the members. Tea followed in the Church Institute, arranged by the ladies of the parish. The chairman (Mr. C. G. Glass) presided at the business meeting, when Upton Pyne was chosen for the next meeting, on April 29th, subject to the Rector's approval.

Mrs. Powell (wife of the president of the Guild) presented certificates to three members.—Mr. Ridler, of Thorverton, suggested that the branch ought to have a Ringing Master to take charge of the ringing at the meetings, and proposed that Mr. W. Richardson be elected.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Sandover and agreed to.

One new member was elected from the Heavitree band, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his excellent address and the use of the bells, to the organist, to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea, and also to the Rev. H. C. Bennett (Rector of Alplington) for granting the use of Alplington bells. The meeting was a very enjoyable one.

5,184 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

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Twice repeated.

4, 5 and 8 the extent in 6ths.

Rung at Holberton on February 6th, 1933, conducted by the composer.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. LIVERPOOL BRANCH AT BENEDICTION SERVICE.

On Saturday, February 11th, the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association held a very successful meeting at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Francis Xavier, which possesses a very fine ring of eight bells by Taylor and Co. The ringers received a wonderful welcome, and everything was done for their comfort.

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m. under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. H. Ludkin, and various touches were brought round. At 4 p.m. the ringers attended Benediction for the first time in the history of the association.

Benediction was imparted by the Rev. Father Minister J. Noon, S.J., assisted by Father W. O'Kelly, S.J., after which Father C. Cooksey, S.J., addressed the congregation in the Sodality Chapel.

In the course of his sermon (for the report of which we are indebted to the courtesy of the 'Catholic Times'), Father Cooksey said that church bells were among the oldest relics we possessed, and made special mention of St. Patrick's bell in Dublin. The most venerable and precious bell we had, he said, was a church bell. That was the bell of St. Patrick in Kildare Street Museum, Dublin. The bell was quite a little thing, made of beaten iron riveted together and dipped into brass. Its history was vouched for because it had been in the same family for centuries, handed down from father to son. St. Patrick had used the bell to call the people together for instruction, to call order in the church and to call attention to what he had to say. There were many ancient bells in Dublin, but none had the antiquity of that.

The beauty and symbolism of a bell, he continued, had always been linked to Christianity. If a man objected to the ringing of a bell, it was because he wished to stop in bed when other people were serving God. The friends of God were always associated with the ringing of bells, the enemies of God were always against them. It was the custom of those who lay in bed on Sundays to decry them, but a bell meant prayer and was intended to be a prayer. We ought to follow the idea of the bellringers of olden times, of those in Italy, who, when tempest or thunder came, rushed to the bells and rang and rang.

'In the same way,' he added, 'you ought to make the bells a prayer to God. You are giving the best you have got to Almighty God, and He will bless you for it. The language of the bells is your language, and God will surely hear the prayer of the bells as readily as He hears them in any other tongue.'

After the service the ringers returned to the tower for further ringing until 6.30 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the Refectory, where a sumptuous tea was both welcomed and appreciated.

At the meeting which followed, the Rev. Fr. Cooksey, S.J., presided. The usual business was disposed of, and three new members (including the Rev. D. P. Roberts, curate at St. Clement's, Toxteth) were elected.

The branch secretary (Mr. C. I. Davies) was instructed to write to Mr. William G. Mann congratulating him on attaining his 80th birthday. Mr. Mann is one of the founders of the association.

A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of Mr. W. Horan, the late treasurer, the members standing in silence.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, the Very Rev. Fr. I. Ireland, S.J., for granting facilities for the meeting and for providing such a beautiful tea, and to the Rev. Fr. Cooksey, S.J., for his inspiring address and for so ably presiding at the meeting.

In his reply, the Chairman expressed his pleasure in having been asked by the Rector to welcome the ringers to St. Francis', and hoped that he would have a similar privilege at a future date.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN DERBYSHIRE RINGER.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. E. Robbins, of Palterton, near Bolsover, Derbyshire, after only eight days' illness. Mr. Robbins, who passed away on February 15th, succumbed to double pneumonia. The deceased was a regular Sunday service ringer and at Bolsover will be sadly missed.

The local ringers acted as bearers at the funeral, which took place on Saturday, February 18th, and as a last token of respect a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by John Flint, George Lewis, Sydney P. Palmer and Jesse Moss. Many of Mr. Robbins' ringing friends attended at the funeral, and afterwards joined in ringing the bells of the Parish Church in muffled touches of Treble Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative as a last tribute to one whom all loved and admired.

Deceased came to Palterton about 28 years ago, and joined the Bolsover band as a regular member. Although he had to walk two miles to the church and back twice each Sunday, he never was a slacker. He had rung well over 100 peals in all the standard methods and a few in Surprise methods. Previous to coming to Bolsover he took part in the record peal of Bob Major (10.464) on tower bells for the Yorkshire Association at St. Leonard's, Wortley. Mr. Robbins was 56 years of age and leave a widow, three sons and two daughters in bereavement.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AT ISLEWORTH.

The annual meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild took place last Saturday week at Isleworth. Although the weather was kind, the attendance was somewhat disappointing, and it is hoped that it was due to reasons other than lack of enthusiasm. Many members, it is to be regretted, have been affected by the industrial depression, and its repercussions have been observed in the general attendance at meetings during the past year. Some 40 members and friends were present, and the ten bells were rung in a variety of methods, including Cambridge Royal, under the superintendence of Mr. H. C. Chandler, the Ringing Master. A shortened evensong was held, when the district vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) read the lesson, and the Vicar (the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith) preached an eloquent sermon. It was gathered from this discourse that ringers seldom attend the church service, a view which, of course, is erroneous and was later pointed out to the Vicar.

Tea followed in the Mission Hall, and a very enjoyable meal it was, too. The subsequent business proved rather lengthy, and the Vicar had to hand over his duties as chairman to the vice-president before the conclusion. Reference was made to the loss of Henry Edgeley by death. He had been churchwarden at Isleworth for many years, and he had always supported the association in its work during this period.

The secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow), in his report, said that the average attendance at the monthly meetings had been 30, which was slightly lower than last year. The total number of new members elected was 33. So far as finance was concerned, the receipts had been lower and extra expenses incurred, with the result that the total balance, some £14, was lower than the previous year. The question of the Heston Bell Augmentation Fund was brought forward, the scheme providing for the installation of two new trebles to make a ring of ten. It was agreed that a sum of £5 5s. be subscribed when required. Seventeen peals were rung in the year and two others were rung on handbells.

As is the usual custom, the offices of Ringing Master and Deputy Ringing Master changed hands, Messrs. E. C. S. Turner and I. Collins being elected respectively. The other principal officers were re-elected.

It was agreed that the supper, which was successfully introduced this year, be held in January, 1934, with the addition of a social and dance. It was also agreed that the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) be invited to hold a joint meeting at Hillingdon in October.

The hon. secretary said he would be glad if members could attend the practices at Harlington on Fridays. The church authorities were anxious that change ringing should be taught to the young band that had been formed there.

Thanks were accorded to all the officers for their services in the past year, and to the Vicar of Isleworth for allowing the meeting to be held, etc. Mr. Liddetter was also thanked for having the bells ready. An enjoyable meeting concluded with a lengthy touch of Stedman Caters (it is thought the conductor was dreaming he was at Appleton!).

Will members please note that the next district meeting is at Chiswick on March 11th?

RINGERS BEAT POLICE.

AND ENJOY THEIR HOSPITALITY.

On Saturday week the 'half-yearly' feud between bellringers and Bolton Police was carried on at the latter's club in Old Hall Street, Bolton. The police had again invited the ringers to a billiards match and 'free and easy' social, and a large number, along with their wives and friends, accepted the invitation, filling the club to its utmost capacity. It had been hoped that this year the event would have been held in the new police quarters, but they are not quite ready.

When these functions were first inaugurated the police were invariably the victors, but this year the tables have been turned, the ringers taking the honours.

Following the games was a most enjoyable social. Eleven artistes sang solos and duets and gave recitations. These were inter-mixed with community singing (everybody being supplied with a song sheet) and touches on handbells.

P.C. Hayhurst extended a hearty welcome and another invitation to the bowling green in the summer. He said they all looked forward to the ringers coming, as they were then assured of a good night's entertainment.—Mr. Cutsforth moved a vote of thanks to the police for their invitation to the club. It gave them, he said, an opportunity of meeting together under pleasant conditions for a 'chin wag,' and allowed the womenfolk to know more of each other. He thanked Sergt. Crook for the trouble he had taken in making the evening successful.

EXETER.—On Sunday, January 29th, at St. Sidwell's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Hosgood 1, F. Wroford 2, A. Monkley 3, W. Wills 4, W. Drake 5, E. Shepherd (conductor) 6, E. Hill 7, W. Richardson 8, A. Trimmer 9, A. Goad 10.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

As the 10 bells at Duffield, which was the home of Sir Arthur Heywood, and where he was a Sunday service ringer for many years, are about to be recast, the committee of the Midland Counties Association invite subscriptions from all ringers towards the expenses of recasting one of the bells and adding a suitable inscription.

Sir Arthur was, as is well known, the founder of the Central Council, and its president for a quarter of a century. He was also president of the M.C.A. for 29 years, and the committee feel that there are many, particularly those who knew him personally, who will welcome this opportunity of being associated with the scheme, and it is with confidence that they appeal for generous support from one and all.

Donations, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the hon. treasurer of the M.C.A.,

W. E. WHITE,

Ivy Cottage, Cotgrave, Nottingham.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. Outstanding subscriptions for 1933 are due at this meeting.—M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Swindon Village on Saturday, February 25th. Bells open 3 p.m. : Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 by invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. R. Pugh). Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon Village, Cheltenham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. A good attendance requested. — C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, February 25th, at the two six-bell towers of St. Michael's and St. Stephen's. St. Michael's bells available at 3 p.m., St. Stephen's after tea.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bassingham, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 9.—Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Framlingham on Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea in St. Michael's Rooms at 4.30, at rs. a head. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney on Saturday, February 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at The Eight Bells. Half rail fare, maximum rs. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reepham on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 3.30 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec., Reepham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford-Beams Memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, February 25th, when the choir stall erected as a memorial to the late T. Hervey Beams will be dedicated. The preacher will be the Rev. L. Edwards, secretary of the Guild, and the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) will dedicate the memorial. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Forster Institute at 5.15, to be followed by meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers for this dedication.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. and Treasurer, 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 25th. City bells available afternoon and evening. Service St. Nicholas' 5 p.m. Tea Booth Hall 5.30 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at 5. Please make an effort to attend. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea (rs. each) at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. A good attendance is desired.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at West Wycombe on Saturday, February 25th, at 3. High Wycombe bells available at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Denver on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (*) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, February 25th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's (8), St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will be available after 3. Committee meeting at 4.30, and tea at 5 o'clock at the Cameron Hotel, Skinnergate. Tea 1s. 3d. each.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—The annual meeting for election of officers will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 2nd and 30th at 8 p.m. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; St. Magnus on the 9th and 23rd; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 115th anniversary of these bells will be held on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available all day. At 3 p.m. the Grandsire Caters record tablet will be unveiled by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Dinner at the Thatched Tavern at 4.30 p.m. Will those who intend to be present please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks, not later than February 28th?

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8, tenor 18 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at the Bungalow, Ormesby, at 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d. Those intending to be at tea must notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, March 1st.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch is to be held at Chilton Foliat on March 4th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—A. W. Deane, Hon. Sec., Blowhorn Street, Marlborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at Wye. Tower opens at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting for business following. A hearty welcome to all ringers, and a good attendance hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Sketty on March 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea please advise by Tuesday, February 28th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, on Saturday, March 4th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing at Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10). Tickets 2s. 6d. each, to be applied for by Wednesday, March 1st, latest.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, March 4th, ringing commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the new Vicar of Dudley, Rev. Dr. Shepherd, who will also give an address. Tea will be provided for those only who notify me by March 1st.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Birkenhead, St. Mary's (six bells), on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open at three o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who advise me by Tuesday, February 28th, at a charge of 9d. per head.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. First meeting since the restoration of the tower. All ringers welcome. Please come and bring your friends.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Old Bradwell on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify in good time. Heartily welcome to all ringers. Good attendance desired.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach me not later than Thursday, March 2nd. A good attendance is requested. All welcome.—A. Sharp, Dis. Sec., 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Meeting, committee only. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend ringing.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45 p.m. All requiring tea please let me know by March 7th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham Parish Church, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Dodderhill, Droitwich, on Sat., March 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 8th.—F. S. Hawkes, Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. The annual committee meeting will be held in Reading (D.V.) on Saturday, April 22nd. Will all branch secretaries and representatives please note? Details later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Gower 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. Gower 3, G. W. Stokes 4, H. S. Hobden 5, P. H. Dallaway 6, A. C. Pankhurst 7, L. W. Faulkner 8.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, January 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. E. Whitmore 1, F. Stubbs 2, W. J. Whitmore 3, J. Stubbs 4, F. Kirk 5, C. M. Whitney 6, S. G. Robinson 7, W. Copperwheat (first quarter-peal of Major as conductor and first attempt) 8.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service on Sunday, January 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *M. Pughman 1, C. Rush 2, D. Dyer 3, *G. Freestone 4, H. J. Gray 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6, J. Ladley 7, *G. H. Dilton 8. * First quarter-peal and first attempt.

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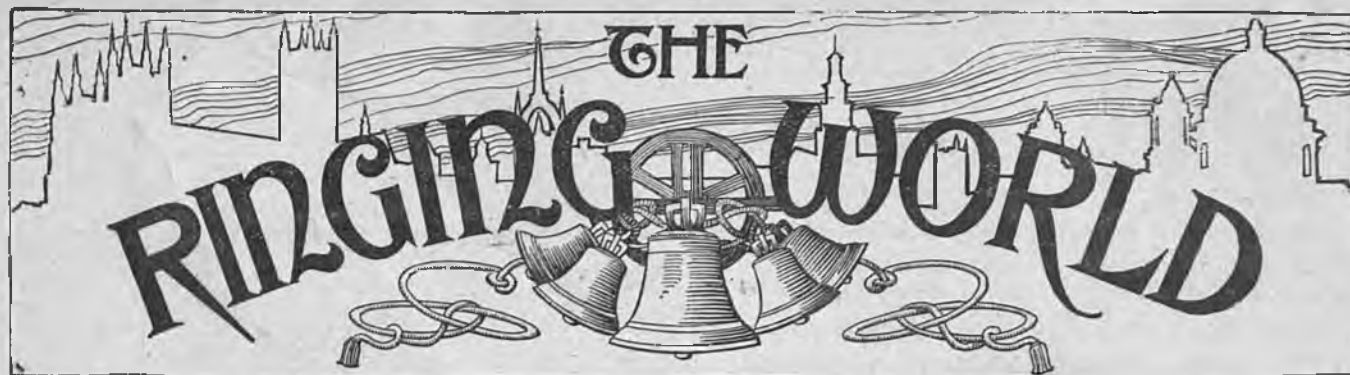
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The annual gathering, which serves to keep green the memory of such a man, is an institution which the Exercise does well to maintain, but we sometimes wonder whether it will have quite the same meaning a few years hence, when time, as inevitably it must, takes toll of the remaining handful of men who were the youth of Johnson's declining days. Those who have from year to year listened to the eulogies of this grand old man of change ringing paid by those who knew him in the flesh, have imbibed some of the sentiment which his contemporaries have endeavoured to hand on to us, but it will be difficult, if not impossible, for future generations, without any living link between them and Johnson, to retain the same spirit of esteem and appreciation which up to the present has existed in Birmingham. But Henry Johnson left a legacy to the Exercise which cannot be measured. His example in genius, in patience and in humility is a part of it which in these days it is well sometimes to think of and strive to emulate. A little more of the spirit of Henry Johnson would do no harm to-day, and if in the future it can be kept alive by an annual reminder, it will be all to the good of the art of ringing, whatever other reasons may be found—and there are many—for drawing together such a gathering as that in Birmingham on Saturday.

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FRED HAYES Treble	JAMES W. WILKINS 7
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WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	* ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
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STANLEY C. DAVIS 2	WILLIAM EDWARDS 8
MISS PAT HOLLOWAY 3	LESLIE J. SADLER 9
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CHARLES H. POLLEN 6	WILLIAM RAMPTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band. This peal was rung by twelve of the Sunday service ringers, and was the first peal of Grandsire Cinques rung by the Guild and in the Diocese of Oxford.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

G. OAKES Treble	A. FIRTH 6
J. W. J. COITAM 2	A. GILL 7
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER 3	A. NASH 8
T. COLIN RYDER 4	S. BRIGGS 9
C. POULTENEY 5	P. MANGHAM Tenor

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This peal was rung to celebrate the wedding, which took place on the previous day at Christ Church, Westminster, of Mr. R. A. Dyson, of Rotherham, and Miss Phyllida Ross Jordan, of Edgbaston, Birmingham. The bells were recast and rehung in 1925 to the memory of the bridegroom's grandfather, the late Mr. Robert Dyson.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

* ERNEST BELSON Treble	† WILLIAM BOTSFORD 6
† FREDERICK J. PLUMMER 2	† WILLIAM JEFFS 7
* FREDERICK JEFFS 3	† JOSEPH E. ARNOLD 8
† HENRY B. WHITNEY 4	EDMUND J. HOBBS 9
FREDERICK VICKERS 5	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. E. ARNOLD.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. F. Hills, many years Vicar of this parish; and as a welcome to the Rev. E. S. Swann, the new Vicar. Also a birthday compliment to the wife of the tenor man (February 26th).

SWINDON.—On Thursday, February 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Brown (first quarter-peal) 1, N. Allhall (conductor) 2, C. Hathway (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, C. Gardiner 4, J. Penny 5, G. Lawrence 6, W. Kynaston 7, F. Argent 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN CATER, 5051 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON 6
HAROLD G. JENNEY 2	PERCY L. HARRISON 7
DR. L. STEDMAN POOLE 3	J. LESLIE WILLARS 8
*SIDNEY O. CHENEY 4	HAROLD J. POOLE 9
FREDERICK H. DEXTER 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal on ten bells. The above was the first peal Dr. Poole has rung for over 30 years, and was his first of Stedman Caters. The composition, now rung for the first time, is inverted titums and handstroke home positions, at alternate courses.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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ARCHIBALD C. KAY 3	HARRY PARKES 7
CHARLES TURNER 4	JOHN T. COPPINS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. R. Millway, H. Whitehead and R. H. Parkes, son of the conductor.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

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On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
*WILLIAM BUTLER 3	WILLIAM S. BUTLER 7
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by WM. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 77th birthday of W. J. Nevard, who afterwards entertained the band.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD J. ROCHESTER Treble	FRANK G. RINGE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
LEWIS CORDELL 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. G. Dent and F. C. Clark, both churchwardens at this church.

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	WILFRED EDWARDS 5
EDGAR G. SWIFT 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
CHARLES PULLEN 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	*JOHN BOTHAM 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	HARRY KILBY 6
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First Surprise peal away from the treble.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
*STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
KEITH HART 3	ROBERT SWIFT 7
GEORGE OLLIVER 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES WALKLATE Treble	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 5
JOHN MALYAN 2	JOSEPH F. CHATLEY 6
THOMAS A. BLOW 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 7
ALBAN KENDALL 4	CHARLES JEFFS Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

Rung to commemorate the conductor's 25 years' membership of the Cathedral Society.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM WOODHEAD Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
*GEORGE ROBINSON 4	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells. This and a peal of Stedman Cinques at Leeds were arranged for Messrs. H. Langdon and A. B. Peck, who were on a visit from London.

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.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

HARRY PLATT Treble	STEPHAN L. PARRY 5
OGDEN MOORES 2	JOHN TREBLOVE 6
THOMAS COCKING 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
FRANK LAWTON 4	HARRY MELLOR Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL.

Conducted by H. PLATT.

Rung after meeting short for an attempt at 12,000 Kent Treble Bob, the ringer of the sixth making the baud up at a minute's notice.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN GOULD Treble	NORMAN H. COOMBS 5
JOHN EVERED 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	HERBERT W. KNIGHT 7
SAMUEL BUTCHERS 4	HARRY WINDSOR Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT W. KNIGHT.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. John Bishop on completing 50 years as a ringer at the above church.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
*ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 2	WILLIAM CHALK ... 6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 4	*ERNEST W. BRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of 2nd is only 16 years of age, and has had only limited opportunities for practice in this method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JAMES S. HUGHESBY ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... 5
*DAVID S. COLLINS ... 2	JOHN S. SADDINGTON ... 6
JOHN GRUNDY ... 3	WILLIAM SMITH ... 7
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE HOWCHIN ... Treble	CYRIL CROWE ... 5
*ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
HAROLD QUANTRILL ... 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	CHARLES H. MOORE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal 'inside.'

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH DUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Treble	†WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 7
ALAN R. PINK ... 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

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

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*RICHARD BUSBY ... Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... 5
ROLAND PARK ... 2	†J. WILFRED DUMVILLE ... 6
†WILLIAM SHORT ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... 7
JAMES T. TITT ... 4	LUCIAN VENUS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal and first attempt. Mr. G. W. Park has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM MARTIN ... Treble	GEORGE WICKENS ... 5
JOHN J. LAMB ... 2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 4	SIDNEY HUMPHREYS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to Mrs. Walter Smith, late wife of the tower keeper, who was interred on this day, and also as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Tom Wm. Thornton, a local benefactor, who was interred on the 20th inst.

MILNROW, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	GEORGE STAFF ... 5
*FRED DUNKERLEY ... 2	*NORMAN HEAPS ... 6
†STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... 7
HAROLD HAMER ... 4	*WILFRED MOSS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Peniston).

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY STALHAM ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
*RICHARD D. DIVALL ... 2	FREDERICK N. SREATON ... 6
BERNARD SAUNDERS ... 3	WALTER CHARMAN ... 7
HENRY J. TUCKER ... 4	ERNEST J. OLIVER ... Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. V. P. Powell and Mrs. Powell, the former having been inducted to the living of St. Nicholas on February 14th.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Deny's Church on Sunday, Feb. 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Mitchell 1, F. Hammond 2, A. Lewery 3, E. Bishop, jun., 4, W. Moon 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, W. Hitchenside 7, E. Bishop, sen., 8. First quarter-peal for treble and fifth ringers.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, TUEBROOK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*THOMAS HORRIDGE Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 2	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS 6
THOMAS W. HESKETH 3	LESTER L. GRAY 7
EDWARD CAUNCE 4	HUGH ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

CHARLES W. BORTON Treble	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	*HENRY NICHOLLS 6
ERNEST MINGAY 3	AMBROSE MASON 7
CHARLES BOTTON 4	*FREDERICK FLODDER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Rogers, a Sunday service ringer, on his re-election as people's warden.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR BIGLEY Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
*FREDERICK R. PALMER 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 6
†HORACE E. PLOWMAN 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
ALBERT E. PLOWMAN 4	JOHN J. MAWBY Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and has only one arm.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

WALTER G. ROWE Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 89th birthday of Dr. Talbot, England's oldest Bishop. He was Bishop of Winchester for 12 years, retiring in 1923.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

FRANK E. MITCHELL Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 5
*RICHARD J. FULLER 2	GEORGE F. HOAD 6
H. BERNARD WELLS 3	ROYDON DAVIES 7
RONALD H. DOVE 4	DANIEL D. COOPER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by D. D. COOPER.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

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BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with 7-6-8 covering.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HORACE WERRETT Treble	GLYN WILLIAMS 5
IDRIS ROWLANDS 2	*ARTHUR GRIFFITHS 6
STUART WILLIAMS 3	TIMOTHY POPNELL 7
IVOR WERRETT 4	THOMAS HYDE Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rector (the Rev. R. Davies), who was interred at Milford Haven the same day; also in memory of the wife of the ringer of the 7th.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	*WALTER PERKINS 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
AMOS SMART 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* 150th Surprise peal. Seventieth peal as conductor. First peal rung in seven Surprise methods on the bells, which are the heaviest peal of six in the county.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	CYRIL TANSELL 5
DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. TANSELL.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... Treble	ALBERT RELFE 4
ANDREW MARSHALL 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
*THOMAS FULLER 3	BERTRAM LUCK Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. SMITH.

* First peal 'inside' in seven methods. Specially arranged for A. H. Smith to enable him to complete his half-century for the association. Birthday peal for B. Luck.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Morning Star and Canterbury Pleasure, and four 720's of Pitman's and one of Morris'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE 5
JAMES P. HYETT 2	SIDNEY A. PRICE 6
REGINALD MORRIS 3	THOMAS VAUGHAN 7
EDMUND MORRIS 4	JOHN JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the Rev. H. H. Gibbon, for 43 years Vicar of the parish.

HANDBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On February 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Fred Latham, who was for many years a member of the Handbridge band: W. Hopwood 1, H. Lewis 2, S. Jones 3, P. Swindley 4, James Swindley 5, G. Gerrard 6, J. Hayes (conductor) 7, A. H. Jones 8.

MADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two 120's, ten callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

*COLIN HOWE Treble	*ERIC HOWE 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 5
*SIDNEY EVANS 3	*ARTHUR INSEAL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by the conductor. First peal on the bells by all local Sunday service ringers.

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

On Monday, February 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*HERBERT T. EASTBROOK Treble	GEORGE W. CLARKE 3
*WILLIAM H. BEASLEY 2	ERIC J. SARGENT 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First attempt for a peal, and aged 16 and 15 respectively.

STANDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

REGINALD STACEY Treble	*HAROLD GROOM 4
FREDERICK BARKER 2	WILLIAM BARDWELL 5
OLIVER BARNARD 3	GEORGE SKIPF Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER BARNARD.

* First peal and first attempt, and belongs to local Sunday service band. The remainder are from Braughing. Believed to be the first occasion on which a local ringer has taken part in a peal on these bells.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Wednesday, February 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM PRICE Treble	ALFRED OWENS 4
ARTHUR KEEN 2	LEWIS JONES 5
TREVOR JONES 3	*JAMES FISHER Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band at Kington. Rung in honour of the Vicar, the Rev. R. D. R. Greene, who has just raised £2,000 towards the new church hall.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT & BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure, one of Kington and two of Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ARTHUR E. WHITING... Treble	HENRY HAYTHORN 4
†STANLEY ARDERN 2	ERNEST BENNETT 5
ADAM T. MARSLAND 3	JAMES A. MILNER... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in four methods away from the treble. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Misses M. and M. Marsland.

RECTOR'S SILVER WEDDING.

In honour of the silver wedding of the Rector (the Rev. C. A. S. Page), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings) was rung for morning service on Sunday, at West Wickham Parish Church: A. Richards (first quarter as conductor) 1, J. Page-Wood (first quarter) 2, G. W. Jones (first quarter) 3, H. Mackinder (first quarter) 4, C. A. Tammadge (first quarter 'inside') 5. This is the first quarter-peal by the local band and rung at the first attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At 8, ESSEX HALL ROAD.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

GEORGE RASHBROOK 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 5-6
WILLIAM CHALK 3-4	WILLIAM DENT 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung on the 77th birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard, the band wishing him many happy returns.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At ADSUM COTTAGE, RYE LANE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM CHALK 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 5-6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3-4	WILLIAM DENT 7-8

Composed by WM. SHIPWAY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Witnesses—A. Mason and C. W. BURTON.

First peal rung on handbells by a William band. Rung on the 37th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. W. ELLIOTT, Church Street.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 5-6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7-8

Composed by A. T. KING. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Witness—W. ELLIOTT.

First handbell peal rung in the parish of Kelvedon.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by S. WOOD. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

V.W.H. BRANCH PROGRESS.

A meeting of the Vale of White Horse Branch was held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock and was followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon E. Farmer), who also gave the address. The Rev. A. J. de D. Denne (Rector of Shellingford) read the lesson, and Miss Whitfield was at the organ.

Tea was served at the Institute to 33 ringers and was followed by a business meeting, the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne (chairman of the branch) presiding, supported by the branch secretary (Mr. R. Gilling) and members from Faringdon, Stanford, Shrivenham, Uffington, Shellingford, Buckland and Great Conwell, with visitors from Childrey, Swindon and Southwark.

The Chairman said he was very pleased to see so large a gathering and welcomed everyone, especially the visitors and ringers from local towers not represented before. As it was the largest meeting held for several years, he was sorry the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) were not able to be present, as he was sure it would have been a great encouragement to them to see so many present. He felt that some credit was due to the local secretary.

Five new members were elected, viz., four from Uffington and one from Shrivenham.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Faringdon on June 3rd. The Chairman referred to the death of the late foreman of Stanford tower (Mr. C. Robinson), who had held that post for a number of years and took a keen interest in it.

The Rev. A. J. de D. Denne thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also the organist, and the ladies for providing the tea.

The ringers then made a move to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were rung, and the bells were lowered in peal about 8 o'clock, bringing a very successful meeting to an end.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Would you please inform Mr. Dexter that, if he will 'beg, borrow or steal' the copies of 'The Ringing World' issued between November 26th, 1923, and March 25th, 1927, and read, as I have just done, all the correspondence on the subject of 'Washbrook's Six-Single' peal of Stedman Triples, he will understand why I consider it unnecessary to go all over the ground afresh. Particularly would I ask him to study the letters of Mr. W. H. Barber and Mr. James Hunt.

There is only one new feature come to light recently, viz., that Washbrook himself called it a variation of Thurstans'. All the evidence I have seen in print, direct from himself, has been (when he has called the peal) that he has put at the foot 'Composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook.' What evidence has Mr. Dexter for his assertion?

Mr. Dexter's sneer about newly-acquired knowledge is unwarranted. There was at least one band of ringers of a 'peal' of Stedman Triples in the M.C.A. who knew more about it after I had written than they did before, as he will see if he refers to the letter of Mr. W. P. Whitehead in the issue of March 25th, 1927.—Yours truly,
W. A. CAVE.

VARIATIONS RUNG YEARS AGO.

Dear Sir,—After my name had been freely used recently by Mr. Hunt and Mr. Cave in reference to a variation of mine, I asked for dates of publication of both. You, sir, kindly supplied the information, that mine was published in 'The Ringing World' on February 4th, 1927, and that Mr. Cave's was printed on postcards bearing the date February 8th, 1927. The above needed no comment from me; in fact, comment from anyone would have been superfluous.

But recently someone kindly sent me two of these cards, bearing the Bristol postmark. My thanks to the unknown sender. Surely it was not Mr. Cave himself? Anyway, I would like to inform Mr. Cave that these variations had been rung years ago. Any 'mutt' with a very elementary knowledge of the subject, ay, even as big a 'mutt' as myself, knew that by using singles 9 and 11 for 14 and 2 you get the same result. But in these days this does not justify any claim to originality. So the peal rung last year by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was a variation of mine, as stated by Mr. Hunt. Now, as there are no royalties to collect, I will be really very generous, and Mr. Cave can have the whole caboodle, original and variations thrown in.

F. H. DEXTER.

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FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

In memory of Mr. G. Andrews, for 50 years a regular ringer at Cheshunt, Herts, 910 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled at the Parish Church on a recent Sunday: E. Pickett 1, G. Maxim 2, W. Newnham 3, H. Warner 4, D. Tucker 5, C. Dell (longest length) 6, A. House (conductor) 7, H. Tully 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Another one-armed ringer has rung a peal. Mr. Horace E. Plowman, who is thus handicapped, rung in a peal of Stedman Triples at Irthlingborough, Northants, on Saturday.

Mr. Harry Withers has an unbroken record of 36 consecutive Johnson dinners to his credit—and he is looking forward to many more.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, who began his dinner career at the same time as Mr. Withers, has missed only one—when business took him to India.

A feature of the Birmingham gatherings is the large number of ladies who grace the proceedings. Last Saturday Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild, was among them. She was, some years ago, the first lady to attend a Johnson dinner, and thus set an example which to-day is widely followed.

Mrs. Cyril Johnston, of Creydon, is the first lady to respond to a toast at the Johnson dinner. Hitherto the speaking has been confined to gentlemen, but the departure was so successful that the innovation of to-day may be the commonplace of future similar events.

The wintry conditions of last week-end failed to keep the enthusiasm from the gathering, but probably the most courageous was a lady who induced her husband to drive her by car 110 miles over arctic roads in order that she might be present. To the 'chanceur' the ride conjured up visions of much warmer regions.

Several letters on the subject of 'Peal Grabbing' are held over.

MR. WILLIAM NEVARD'S BIRTHDAY.

After a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung by eight Williams, at Witham, Essex, to celebrate the 77th birthday of Mr. William Nevard, of Great Bentley, the Essex veteran entertained the rest of the company. He received hearty congratulations and good wishes upon his birthday, and was cordially thanked for his hospitality. Many peals, past, present and future, were discussed during the happy social hour which was spent after the peal.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The compositions which Mr. Dexter quotes in referring to my peal and rung at different dates belong to Mr. Sottanstill, and were published in his work about 1865. He was the first to publish a peal of Superlative with reversed course-ends and in five parts. The late Mr. Henry Datus produced the first two part with course-ends reversed about the year 1885, and I believe it has been left to me to produce the first three part. Some may say there is no advantage in reversing course-ends, but if there is anything in composing at all, it is in peals of this description that art lies.

Saffron Walden.

F. DENCH.

THE PUPIL AND THE TEACHER.

SOME HINTS TO INSTRUCTORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your excellent leader, 'The pupil and the teacher,' interests me immensely. There is no doubt a little booklet as a guide to the instructor would be most welcome.

Many who try to get youngsters to take up ringing have no idea how to start. Pending the arrival of a book such as you suggest, might I trespass on your space to offer a few hints?

(1) Start at the beginning, show the pupil how the rope is handled, then take him to the belfry and whilst a colleague is swinging the bell from below explain handstroke and backstroke, the use of the slider and stay, how a bell is held up just over the balance and how necessary it is to cultivate the right amount of weight to take the bell up without breaking the stay.

(2) Put on a silencer and let the pupil have rope's end. See that he stands comfortably. I prefer the right foot slightly in front of the left. The rope should be adjusted to such a length that he must reach up well. Let the pupil pull at rope's end whilst the teacher looks after the sally.

(3) When he can control the bell at backstroke, let him have the sally, but be sure and 'see he reaches up well'—cramped arm ringing is not only ugly, but prevents good vision.

(4) When he has advanced sufficiently to try the bell entirely by himself, impress upon him the advantage of (as soon as he pulls off) putting his right hand immediately to the rope's end just above the left hand.

(5) As soon as he is master of the bell, but not before, let him try some rounds. Teach him to use his ears as well as his eyes; make him a good striker in rounds and he will always abhor bad ringing at any price.

(6) Do not attempt to let him try to ring changes until he can ring rounds really well.

(7) Do all you can to encourage your pupil. Do not let him sit in the tower all the evening doing nothing; give him a fair chance. If he is an apt pupil, do all you can to keep him. If after some time you have come to the conclusion that he will never make a good ringer because he will not try to learn, you are better off without him. BUT GIVE HIM A FAIR CHANCE.

Cookham.

T. J. FOWLER.

THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION.

45th ANNUAL DINNER AT BIRMINGHAM.

Although the company was not quite so large as in some previous years, the gathering which assembled in Birmingham on Saturday for the 45th annual dinner in commemoration of Henry Johnson was as happy and enthusiastic as any of its predecessors. The arctic conditions of the week-end and the prevalence of illness kept away a number who would otherwise have been present, but the company numbered about 130. There was ringing during the afternoon at St. Martin's Parish Church and at other towers in the city, and in the evening the company assembled at the Imperial Hotel. The Rector of Birmingham (Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C.) presided, but, unfortunately, Mrs. Rogers, who had intended to be present, was unable to attend owing to illness among her family. The Rector was supported by Mrs. Paddon Smith, Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild), Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), Mr. Albert Walker (Ringing Master) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. A. Paddon Smith (vice-president), Canon Blofield, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnson (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. Harry Mason (Bagley), Mr. W. G. Robinson (churchwarden of St. Martin's), Mr. F. E. Dawo (London), Mr. J. George and Mr. J. H. Shepherd (vice-presidents of the Guild), Mr. A. J. Hughes (Bradford), Mr. S. F. Palmer (Sheffield), Mr. G. Horner (York), Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. W. Knight, Mr. W. Birt, Mr. P. C. Williams, Mr. F. Skidmore (Bristol), Mr. J. Austin (Gloucester), Mr. T. F. King (Bath), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Wisbech), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary, Archdeaconry of Staffs Society), and members and friends of St. Martin's Guild from a wide area, including Wolverhampton, Coventry, Walsall, etc.

An excellent dinner was served, and at the close the Chairman submitted the loyal toast, which was enthusiastically honoured.

THE CHURCH'S OPPORTUNITY.

Mr. F. E. Haynes proposed 'Church and State,' and in the course of a thoughtful speech remarked upon the closer contact which now existed between the bellringers and the Church, in which they were being more and more recognised as essential servants. The clergy also were taking a far keener interest in their activities than before. At St. Martin's the ringers were singularly happy in their relations with the Church as personified by the Rector, who frequently came up into the ringing chamber himself and brought visiting clergymen from all over the world with him, while on one evening a considerable portion of the congregation visited the belfry at his invitation. It was not perhaps out of place to say that in return for this increasing interest which was being shown by the clergy in the ringers it was fitting that an increased interest in the Church should be shown by certain sections of the ringing community. It was not fair of ringers to expect the clergy to take them to their bosoms, as it were, if they did not support the Church adequately. Continuing, Mr. Haynes said the fact that they coupled Church and State in their toast showed that they considered there was a close relationship between the two. It was more and more becoming realised that the application of Christian principles was necessary to successful government, not only in affairs of State, but even in world affairs. Surely now was the Church's opportunity to go forward and make itself definitely the head in the relationship between Church and State? In the last 20 years there had been extraordinarily few fine statesmen, but there had been a number of fine churchmen, and it would be a good thing if, by some means, they could get more power for the Church in the councils of the nation through the Bishops and higher clergy. He did not mean that they should have a power behind the throne as in the days of Cardinal Wolsey, but if the Bishops and higher clergy could play a more important part in the governing of the State, he believed it would be for the good of the country. The Rector of Birmingham often put before them in his sermons current events all over the world, and showed them how the Church could play its part in them and how its influence was increasing. They saw portrayed in their Rector not only the characteristics which they accepted as churchmen, but also the qualities of higher statesmanship which they would welcome in their politicians (applause). He hoped the association between Church and State in this country would long continue to flourish and that the power of the Church within the State would increase. It was because of such men as their Rector that they saw the power of the Church actually increasing in the State, and it was peculiarly apt that his name should be coupled with the toast (applause).

RELATIONS BETWEEN CLERGY AND RINGERS

The Rector, in replying, congratulated Mr. Haynes upon his very able speech. Apart from the kind words he had used about himself, which he appreciated very much, he admired the way in which he had dealt with the toast. The Rector added that he thought it was a delightful thing to see the happy relationship growing up between clergy and ringers. It was quite true that the relationship at St. Martin's was of the very happiest kind. Whenever he went into the belfry he received a hearty welcome, and the smiles on the faces of the men sent him down to take the service in the church encouraged with a sense of fuller friendship, and he believed that out of that

friendship on the part of the ringers grew a greater desire to support the Rector in the services. He remembered Mr. Paddon Smith saying on one occasion that they ought not to think of the bells as being simply intended to ring to bring the people to the church, but that they had a message of their own. In that way they formed part of public worship and thus had a far larger symbolism and spiritual purpose than some people seemed to understand. The more both clergy and ringers realised that, the closer would be their relation in that worship for which they were mutually responsible. The Rector went on to thank Mr. Walker for his co-operation in the plan of getting members of the congregation up into the belfry to see the ringing room and the work of the ringers. At least 80 people visited the belfry that evening, and he hoped that at least as many more might be able to visit it on another occasion. He believed in creating a real spirit of friendship in the church and its worship, and he thought it would be quite possible for the clergy and bellringers to co-operate in bringing the whole congregation together in a larger social life.

With regard to the relations between Church and State, the day had long since passed when the Church attempted to govern the State, and he hoped they would never arrive at the time when the State tried to govern the Church. They should run like husband and wife in double harness, and although that was sometimes a little difficult (laughter) and required a considerable amount of tact and discretion, of mutual sympathy and understanding, that was precisely what they wanted to see in the relations of Church and State (applause). He was glad that the relations at the present time were happy. The separatist movement seemed to have died away; there was no demand that he knew of for disestablishment. The old social prestige of the Church was being more and more shared with the Free Churches, the old education controversy which used to divide them was a thing of the past, and there was a new feeling of fellowship between all the churches. The whole situation was different, and he did not think they would find any demand outside the Church for disestablishment. The more the Church witnessed to the true Christian faith the more did the citizens generally respect it, and he was glad to see the Church continually taking the lead in social questions. Church and State were working together in Birmingham for the welfare and uplift of the citizens, and although they lived in dark and difficult days, and the economic situation was so strained, the relations between Church and State were of quite a happy character, far different to what they were in Spain or Russia. They thanked God they had been allowed to take a share in what was being done and that there had been no forfeiture of the confidence of the people among whom they lived (applause).

THE MEMORY OF HENRY JOHNSON.

Mr. Harry Mason was entrusted with the toast of 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson.' The quotation appended to the toast, 'His life was gentle,' was a very apt one, the speaker said. That was the essence of Henry Johnson. If ever there was a man who was humble, that man was Henry Johnson. Humility was a grace with him. A tremendous amount of ringing talent was brought together on the occasion of his 80th birthday festival, which he (the speaker) well remembered, and which was really the origination of that gathering. The festival lasted three days in Birmingham, from Thursday to Saturday night. The arrangements were made by Sir Arthur Heywood, together with Mr. Harvey Reeves, of 'The Bell News.' It resulted in bringing together one of the biggest companies of ringers ever seen in Birmingham. He was almost a stranger among the party at that time, and it was a great pleasure to him—a pleasure which he had never forgotten—to be introduced by such friends as Mr. Samuel Reeves, Mr. Rock Small, Mr. Russam and others. It was an honour to be there, where all, with one accord, did honour to the great talent and genius which Mr. Johnson had displayed in the art of ringing. Mr. Mason recalled his introduction to Johnson on that occasion and the old man's interest in what was being done in connection with a new peal of bells which had at that time been put in not many miles from Birmingham. Before his birthday came round again Henry Johnson had passed from them, and it was a sad gathering that met for the first commemoration dinner in the following year. Mr. Mason added that a dinner on Johnson's birthday had been originated first about 1862, when he reached his 73rd year. That gathering was held at the Dog and Partridge, and was continued until the 'Johnson Dinner' was inaugurated on his 80th birthday. Every year since then they had met to do honour to his memory. In his lifetime Johnson was at everyone's beck and call, to help in composition and assist in peal ringing, but the characteristic which struck him (the speaker) most was the great humility of the man. He was always ready to sink self in order to help others; and it did them good to think of the lives of such men as Henry Johnson. Mr. Mason went on to pay a tribute to Johnson's personality and genius, the results of which remained with us until to-day. Among all the famous men who had gone from them Johnson occupied a unique position, and they did well on those occasions to remind themselves of all that he did for them and the stimulus which he gave to the art of ringing. Johnson was tremendously keen on good striking, and he wondered what he would have said of the practice advocated in a recent letter in 'The Ringing World.' If there was one thing more than another on which Mr. Johnson insisted it was on good striking, and if they could pay no other tribute to his memory they would do well to keep up his tradition for good ringing. If bad striking were to be allowed or recognised in any form or way, the

art of ringing would be lost altogether. If, concluded Mr. Mason, to live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die, then Henry Johnson lives to-day.

The toast was honoured in silence.

Afterwards three leads of Kent Treble Bob on 14 bells was faultlessly rung by A. E. Norman 1-2, A. Walker 3-4, G. F. Swann 5-6, F. E. Pervin 7-8, F. W. Bailey 9-10, F. E. Haynes 11-12, M. J. Morris 13-14.

PROSPERITY TO ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who again proposed 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' said one evidence of its continued prosperity was to be found in the handbell ringing they had just heard. The fact that the Guild had produced seven men who could ring changes on 14 bells, and that most efficiently, was evidence of continued prosperity. He congratulated the Guild on that most excellent gathering of old friends, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. Many had come from long distances to show their appreciation of the memory of the late Henry Johnson. The past year, he continued, had been an entirely satisfactory one for the Guild. The practices and Sunday service ringing had gone on as usual, and he did not think the clergy had any cause to complain at any of the churches. Many young ringers were coming forward, which was another sign of the continued prosperity of the Guild. There were those in every society, he said, who distinguished themselves as pioneers, and among those in St. Martin's Guild he would mention one or two. They were indebted to Mr. George Swann for his services as librarian, and also for his good work at Ewington, where they had a distinguished lady ringer, who was with them that night, Miss Sanders, who during the past year had rung peals of London and Superlative Surprise (applause). He would also like to mention two ringers at King's Norton, Mr. Webb and Mr. Fearn, who had kept the art going there. Mr. J. Neal had rendered valuable service in Sunday ringing at St. Martin's and also as a ringer at St. John's, Deritend, while Mr. James George had again taken up the superintendence of the ringing at Bishop Ryder's Church. He congratulated him on attaining his 79th birthday, and hoped he would live long and ring many more peals. The Guild rang 21 peals in 1932. The number might not be considered large, but the quality had been excellent. He would mention more especially the peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus. The peals had been in a great variety of methods, 66 ringers had taken part in them and there had been nine conductors. Among noteworthy events had been the restoration and reopening of the peal of ten bells at Solihull, which were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.; and the recasting and relanging of the eight bells at Selly Oak by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. During the forthcoming year they were looking forward with eager anticipation to the recasting and reopening of the bells at Aston Church (applause). Those bells were associated with his early ringing days, before he ventured to St. Martin's. He used to go there for practice under the able tuition of Mr. Russam, who they all regretted was unable to be present that night. He hoped before they met for a similar gathering next year peals would have been rung on the recast bells at Aston.

Continuing, Alderman Pritchett said they would all wish him to express their deep sense of the loss which the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. Walter Bryant and Mr. Albert Parsons. Mr. Bryant was one of the old school of ringers, always willing to take part in a peal or make up a band. He was an excellent handbell ringer, although he never went as far as ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques in hand. Mr. Albert Parsons' death caused a great loss to the Exercise. He more than once proposed at those gatherings the toast to the immortal memory of Henry Johnson, and also proposed toasts on many other occasions, his usual theme being 'Church and State.' He held distinct and emphatic views on church discipline, and never hesitated to ventilate those views. They were all sorry to have lost such a colleague. In conclusion, Alderman Pritchett paid a tribute to the services rendered to the Guild by Mr. Albert Walker as Ringing Master, and Mr. Thomas Reeves, as hon. secretary. Mr. Walker ably represented the Guild, not only in Birmingham, but all over the country. There was no ringers' gathering of importance that he did not attend to represent the Guild, and last Whitsuntide he was elected an honorary member of the Central Council. He offered Mr. Walker their congratulations upon having attained that distinction. The Guild was prospering, he concluded, and he was certain it would continue to prosper. They were grateful to the clergy for the growing interest which they took in the work of the Guild, and they looked forward with confidence to the future (applause).

(To be continued.)

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The society's February meeting was held at Birstall on Saturday, February 25th. Owing to weather conditions (in the shape of a continuous downfall of snow, which has been slowing down the train services and in some cases stopping bus services altogether), the attendance was rather thin, only eight towers being represented.

The bells were pulled up about 3.30 p.m., and touches were rung in various methods. After an interval for tea, more ringing took place.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company, especially Mr. Herbert Peel, for his endeavours to make the visitors comfortable.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD SET EXAMPLE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—What is our Central Council coming to? We have seen one member give notice to attempt an unorthodox peal, another says we must adopt a doubtful practical peal, but now the limit is surely reached when we are told by a clergyman to have had striking as a relief! Would he stand in the pulpit and advise his congregation to break some of the commandments in order to get the beauty of others? It is time some of the Council realised they are there to lead and set an example to the Exercise, not to push them back. In these days it is hard enough to stand up for good striking, without a member in the Rev. Herbert Drake's position advising bad ringing.

I am pleased to add that my experience of Suffolk ringers is that they do not follow Mr. Drake's advice. You can get striking there. A. H. PULING.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

In spite of the wintry weather, an enjoyable meeting was held at Ickleton on Saturday. Ringers came from Exning, Fulbourne, Harlow Common, Melbourn, Sawbridgeworth, Sawston, Trumpington, Woodford, and there was a splendid muster of the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a helpful address. Mr. L. Lilley very kindly presided at the organ.

Tea and business followed. It was decided to visit the five-bell towers of Stetchworth, Wood Ditton and Dullingham on March 25th.

The proposed division of the district was discussed, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and organist.

Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Webb for making all arrangements. It is always a very real pleasure to visit Ickleton, and this occasion was no exception.

DEATH OF AN ESSEX FOUNDER MEMBER.

MR. THOMAS WATSON, OF BRAINTREE.

The founder members of the Essex Association are reduced to one by the death of Thomas Watson, which occurred, at the age of 84 years, on Saturday, February 11th, at Braintree. The sole remaining member is Mr. Thomas Edwards, of the same parish.

Mr. Watson, who had not rung for some years owing to his age, was a member of the old Braintree company, before the bells were augmented to eight. He was a remarkably good treble ringer and striker, and took part in many peals, including one in 14 methods. He was also a member of the College Youths.

At the funeral on Saturday, February 18th, the body was taken into the church, where the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Eddeson) officiated. At the burial afterwards the assistant curate read the committal prayers.

Among those in church were Messrs. C. H. Howard (Master), H. E. Hammond and Thomas Edwards, representing the Essex Association. The floral tributes included one from the association which Mr. Watson helped to form. Immediately after the funeral, with the clappers half-muffled, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung: S. Warne 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, W. G. Melbourn 3, H. E. Hammond 4, B. Redgweli 5, F. T. Eley 6, G. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association, which was held at Galleywood on Saturday, February 18th. Ringing, which commenced at 3 o'clock, was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Roughton). The lesson was read by Mr. Howard (Master of the association), and an excellent address given by the Rev. T. Lancaster (Vicar of Little Leigh). Tea was afterwards provided at the school, when a company of 40 sat down, twelve towers being represented. The Rev. T. Lancaster presided, supported by the Vicar, the Master, District Master and District Secretary.

At the business meeting Mr. Sydney Easter, of Maldon (All Saints'), and Mr. Harold Moss, of Galleywood, were elected ringing members. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Springfield on April 8th.

Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the services, and to the Rev. T. Lancaster for his helpful address. He also extended thanks to the organist for his service and the ladies for providing the tea.

The Vicar and the Rev. T. Lancaster, replying to the vote of thanks, said it was a real pleasure to meet the members of the association again. The Vicar said he was always willing to let the members have the use of the bells.

Handbell ringing was subsequently indulged in, whilst others returned to the tower, where further ringing brought a most successful meeting to a close.

BRIDGNORTH'S VETERAN STEEPLEKEEPER.

Mr. John Overton, the veteran steeplekeeper of Bridgnorth, Salop, reached his 82nd birthday on February 15th, and in honour of the event a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Leonard's Church: H. G. Thomas 1, B. H. Head 2, J. Elcock 3, B. Head 4, Rev. G. Benson 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6, H. W. Overton 7, E. Foxall 8.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS FAULKNER.**A PROMINENT LONDON RINGER.**

It is with deep regret that we record the death, at the age of 57 years, of Mr. Thomas Faulkner, of Barking, who passed away on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Faulkner underwent a serious operation about a year ago, from which he made a good recovery, but a recurrence of the trouble had, unfortunately, confined him to bed since Christmas. He leaves a widow and two sons in bereavement.

Mr. Faulkner was held in high respect in London ringing circles, as well as in Essex, where he resided. He was elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1912 and 1913, and had represented the society for many years on the Central Council. He was also for a long period a member of the committee of the Essex Association, which he had further served in other capacities.

Mr. Faulkner's ringing career began in 1893 at Barking, when the late Mr. E. A. Davis established a new band at St. Margaret's Church, but out of the first dozen who joined, only Mr. Faulkner and Mr. A. C. Hardy stuck to the art. But the foundation of the present company was laid, and ever since there has been a good band

**THE LATE MR. T. FAULKNER.**

at this church, where change ringing was taught by two old College Youths, Messrs. Samuel Hayes and York Green. Mr. Faulkner rang his first peal in 1895, and afterwards rapidly added others in company with many well-known London ringers. He also took up double-handed change ringing and scored peals of Triples, Major and Caters. He called Holt's Original on handbells in 1897—the hallmark in those days of a conductor's ability—and Harrison's 8,895 Kent Treble Bob Major in April, 1899. He could also ring Surprise methods 'in hand.' He was a very safe conductor, and, brought up in such a school, was an excellent striker. A staunch churchman, Mr. Faulkner held strongly to the view that a ringer's first obligation was to the church, and that the highest type of ringer desired no other reward than a good conscience and the satisfaction which comes from duty well performed. Mr. Faulkner was a member of many diocesan and county organisations and had rung a large number of peals, including Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

Mr. Faulkner was one of the best known inhabitants of Barking, where he had lived from the age of six. All his business life had been spent with the firm of Messrs. Randall (Maltsters), Ltd., in which he had risen to the position of manager. He took an active interest in local affairs at Barking and was particularly proud of the fact that he was recently elected a manager of the Church of England School, at which he was formerly a scholar. He was a keen Freemason and at the time of his death was Reigning Master of St. Erkenwald Lodge, No. 2,808. He was also a member of St. Erkenwald's Chapter and of various other chapters and lodges.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at St. Margaret's Parish Church.

DEATH OF MR. W. WALMSLEY.**A FIRST MEMBER OF THE CHESTER GUILD.**

The passing of Mr. W. Walmsley deprives Macclesfield Parish Church of its oldest member. Mr. Walmsley, who was in business as a jeweller, was 66 years of age, and was recovering from an operation some weeks ago when he had a relapse and died on Friday, February 14th. He was the oldest member of the Parish Church company in point of service, and only last June completed his jubilee as a ringer.

He was only 16 years of age when he joined the St. James', Sutton, band, in 1882, for a period of three years, part of which time he was conductor. In 1885 Mr. Walmsley joined the old church company at Macclesfield, where he taught quite a number of young ringers, and was conductor for many years.

He had been a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild since it was founded in 1887, and was secretary and treasurer of the Macclesfield branch for the first seven years. For a similar period he represented the Guild on the Central Council.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, February 21st, the first part of the service being taken in the house, the Rev. N. A. Vesey, Vicar of Macclesfield, officiating. The ringers were represented by Messrs. J. Norbury and F. Yates, of the Parish Church, and W. Gayes, of Christ Church. Among the floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell from the ringers of the Macclesfield branch.

After the committal, the handbells were tapped over the grave by Mr. J. Norbury as a last token of respect.

At the Parish Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 55 minutes with the bells half-muffled: H. Lomas 1, W. Gayes 2, J. Worth 3, S. Dean 4, H. Dean 5, J. Westwood 6, A. Burgess (conductor) 7, F. Yates 8.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**CHERTSEY DISTRICT LIVES UP TO ITS REPUTATION.**

Members of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild lived up to their reputation on Feb. 18th, when they failed, except in small numbers, to attend the annual district meeting at Ottershaw. This area has always been a difficult one to 'work,' and it is not being made easier by the attitude of some of the clergy. Despite the fact, however, that only eight members of the district were present, the meeting from other points of view was a success. Combined with it was a meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, and this, with visitors from other Guildford Guild districts, notably Aldershot, helped to swell the attendance to slightly over 30.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. T. Robinson (Vicar of Chobham), who made a feeling reference to the death of the Guild's first treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker.

After tea in the Parish Hall, the general secretary of the Guild (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) presided over the business meeting, and Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford District secretary) discharged the secretarial duties. Miss Eastes was elected district secretary in place of Mr. H. Hancock, who retired, and Mr. H. J. Chaffey was appointed Ringing Master in place of Mr. F. E. Hawthorne. Messrs. J. Hessey (Chertsey) and W. Massey (Esher) were elected to the Executive Committee of the Guild, and Mr. Sayle (churchwarden of Ottershaw) was elected an honorary members' representative.

The general officers of the Guild were renominated, and for the three representatives to be elected to the Central Council at the annual meeting of the Guild, the following were nominated: Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Grover and R. Whittington.

Thames Ditton, Horsell, Chobham and Egham (joint with the Surrey Association) were selected as meeting places for the year, with the annual meeting of the district at Chertsey, if it can be arranged.

The district voted the sum of £2 to the Guild's scheme for providing a memorial to the late Admiral T. P. Walker, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, to the Vicars of Ottershaw and Chobham, to the organist and to the chairman.

The ringing on the six bells included a variety of methods up to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

RESIGNATION OF STEEPLEKEEPER.

The congregation of St. John's Church, Bournemouth, have presented Mr. Frederick Frampton with a beautiful chiming clock, with a suitable inscription, in appreciation of his faithful service during 45 years at St. John's.

Mr. Frampton started in 1889 as organ blower, and continued in that capacity until 1900. At Easter, 1900, he was nominated a sidesman, which office he still holds. In 1907, after the tower and spire, had been built and the bells and chimes put in by the generous gift of two ladies, who have since been laid to rest, Mr. Frampton was asked to take charge of the bells and clock as a steeplekeeper, and to deputise for the verger in his absence. The time has now come when he must give way to a younger man. Although nearing 70, he hopes to carry on his ringing.

BECKENHAM, KENT—On Sunday, February 12th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples for evening service: P. Meek 1, W. Rawling 2, A. Richards (first in the method) 3, W. Martin 4, G. Wickens 5, S. Humphrey 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, C. Tammadge (first quarter-peal) 8. The ringers of the 3rd and tenor come from West Wickham.

MR. H. KNIGHT'S LONG SERVICE.**35 YEARS CAPTAIN AT WOLVERHAMPTON.**

In appreciation of his long and loyal service to St. Peter's Society, Wolverhampton, a presentation of Treasury notes was made to Mr. Herbert Knight, for 35 years captain of the company, at the annual supper of the society. Mr. Knight began his ringing at Highbridge, Somerset, 44 years ago, and for the last 39 years has been associated with Wolverhampton's Collegiate Church. During that time he has rung 436 peals, his longest being 11,563 of Grandsire Caters at Wolverhampton. The Rector (the Rev. R. L. Hodson), in making the presentation, congratulated Mr. Knight on his long period of 'really fine service' in the belfry of St. Peter's Church, and expressed the hope that his captaincy of the band would long continue.

Mr. Knight having acknowledged the gift, the Rector spoke in praise of the ringers' work and referred sympathetically to the recent death of Mr. E. F. Mitchell, a ringer for 20 years, following which the company stood in silence for a moment.

Mr. C. H. Clapham (Rector's warden) welcomed the visitors, including the Rev. C. H. Barker (Vicar of Swindon and hon. secretary of the Stafford Archdeaconry), Messrs. R. Pickering (Tettenhall), J. Perry (Brewwood) and F. W. Perrens (Coventry), and announced greetings from Canon Penny and Canon Stockley, the Revs. Frederic Willett and C. P. Way, Alderman Johnson, Mrs. Shaw (Aberystwyth), Messrs. Alfred Hall, W. H. Hinde and E. H. Bull.

The Rev. C. H. Barker responded, and Mr. W. M. Pinson (people's warden) also spoke.

Mr. H. Knight was re-elected captain, Mr. A. Baker secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Brotherton librarian, and Mr. T. Smith representative to the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Messrs. H. Griffiths and A. Smith were admitted probationer members.

The annual report, which was adopted, stated that the five peals rung on St. Peter's bells were outstanding, including two each of Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques, and one of Grandsire Caters. In each St. Peter's band were well represented.

**MR. H. KNIGHT****MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****AYLESTONE VISITED AFTER 17 YEARS.**

The mid-quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held at Aylestone, on Saturday, February 18th. The six bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m. and kept going in various methods during the afternoon. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Percy Lidster, B.A.), the M.C.A. form of service being used. The collection realised 8s.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Rooms, a company of 27 ringers sitting down. There was no formal business meeting, but the vice-president suggested that the collection be given, in the name of the Leicester District, to the memorial to Sir Arthur P. Heywood, once president of the M.C.A. This was agreed to. One honorary and one ringing member were elected, viz., the Rev. Percy Lidster, B.A., Rector, and Miss Kitty Gee, of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for providing an excellent tea.—The Rector suitably replied, saying that he was informed that it was 17 years ago since the M.C.A. last visited Aylestone. He hoped it would not be so long before the next visit. The local ringers had been only too pleased to provide the tea.

Further ringing on the bells till 8 o'clock concluded a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association took place at Storrington on Saturday, February 18th. Owing to illness, the meeting was not so well attended as usual; the following towers, however, were represented: Billingshurst, Henfield, Heene, Kirdford, Warnham, West Grinstead, Washington and Storrington.

Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and later the members attended a short service, conducted, in the absence through illness of the Vicar of Storrington, by the Rev. G. Hall, Rector of West Chiltington. A substantial tea was partaken at the Old Forge, after which the Rev. G. Hall presided at the short business meeting. One new member (Mr. H. Markwell, of Storrington) was elected.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, with the exception of Mr. W. Charman, whose place on the committee was taken by Mr. W. Denman.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman for his address and for presiding, also to the organist. The Chairman offered to convey the thanks of the members to the Vicar of Storrington for granting the use of the bells, etc. Another visit was afterwards paid to the tower for further ringing.

A FRENCH VIEW OF ENGLISH STRIKING*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to join in any argument on the various phases of the Rev. H. Drake's letter in your recent issue, but there are one or two points he raises on which the following extracts might enlighten him somewhat. Thus in the first paragraph he states that abroad 'the only ringing they do is actual jangling—the more noise and clashing there is, the better pleased everyone is.' Now I have recently been in correspondence with a French gentleman, who is a professor at an English college, and he tells me in one letter that the majority of churches in France have one, two or three bells, and they are 'in accord,' i.e., a third below, or an octave, or lower third below. Thus if they happen to clash together there is not a discord like bells 'in sequence' would give. Your warning, too, about the single bell is timely, for if this is set up as an example to bombard the Church Assembly, it may be—even as your leader states—the thin edge of the wedge to banning ringing on larger numbers. It might be interesting to many ringers to quote from my French friend's letters on these subjects:

'The majority of our churches have only one, two or three bells (generally two). They may be played by the same man; such bells as we have in our villages or small towns being not too heavy, and the man teaches himself how to peal them in varied rhythms. For instance, in my village, where we have two bells only, they are played thus—only, of course, on big occasions—marriage, processions, baptism, feast days, etc. (then he gives a little tune of two notes with long and short duration—the first "sprightly," then "a little slower"), or according to the man's fancy—a blend of rhythm following each other after two bars and a pause, or after any number of bars. Ringing before any service is only pealed on one bell, the deeper note generally, and often the ringer just sets the bell into motion enough to have repeated strokes of the hammer on the same side of the bell (chiming) he does not set in full swing. The bells are never pealed more than one or two minutes—except on special occasion, WHEN THE LAW AUTHORISES A FIVE MINUTES' PEAL. As far as I know, churches must not peal their bells all at the same time in big towns (even and perhaps more so on special occasions, such as all the eves of holy days), BUT VICARS COPE WITH THE LAW in starting a minute before the other bell stops, and people who do enjoy bellringing may have a good ten or fifteen minutes' treat!!

'The majority of churches have a lighter and bigger bell—generally IN ACCORD—a third below or an octave, or a lower third below. Some towns even have arranged to have all their church bells in tune, so that when the Angelus is rung on the 'Bourdon' these show harmony and harmonics from their ringing all at the same time.

'I cannot remember when THE LAW FORBIDDING LONG PEALING OF BELLS was passed—somewhere round 1905 I should say—but since then, bells being rung one at a time, and for a short time, the sexton is now the bellringer. When the "bourdon" is a really big bell, there may be two men to pull the rope, but that is all.

Regarding our English ringing, my French friend asked:—

'Is it traditional in England to play all the bells some time all together—just as if it were a great harmonious crash! or make them run down the scale at a bright tempo, and keep on doing this for hours? Are there specially trained ringers, or does each parish use men of goodwill? Is variety of play allowed? Could bells be rung according to fancy, in true popular measure; a naive tune, a few variations and da capo? I ask all this because I really know VERY LITTLE about English ringing, the only contrast I am aware of being—if I may be bold enough to say so—the happy silence of our French Sunday evenings. Being, I think, a great lover of bells, the dismal and hectic and monotonous ringing I hear on English Sunday evenings leads me to think that OUR LAW, although very narrow and in its way rather intolerant, taught us at least that enough is as good as a feast. This is a challenge which asks for a vindication of English custom. I shall be only too glad to read you, and lose some of my prejudices.'

I wrote in answer to above, trying to explain, as far as my poor knowledge allowed, the English systems, etc., and received the following answer:—

'I had no idea change ringing was such a carefully devised science and art. It is, on the whole, very simple—hence its appeal; but very elaborate and requires well-trained ringers. We have nothing like it in France, nothing that comes anywhere near it. All I can see is that, contrary to our so-called national habits, you have turned bellringing into a most logical affair, while we stick to fancy and popular inspiration.'

Reverting to the matter of the public appreciating good or bad striking, there is one practice which cannot be too strongly condemned. That is the raising or falling of two or three bells anyhow—in a glorified jangle. I have often heard (and taken part in) a beautifully struck peal which has been spoilt at its conclusion by this practice. Surely if the hand is incapable or undesirous of raising or falling IN PEAL, the bells could be pulled up or silenced either singly or, as our French friends have it, 'in accord,' i.e., two or three which would 'blend' if struck together accidentally.

ERNEST MORRIS.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

As the 10 bells at Duffield, which was the home of Sir Arthur Heywood, and where he was a Sunday service ringer for many years, are about to be recast, the committee of the Midland Counties Association invite subscriptions from all ringers towards the expenses of recasting one of the bells and adding a suitable inscription.

Sir Arthur was, as is well known, the founder of the Central Council, and its president for a quarter of a century. He was also president of the M.C.A. for 29 years, and the committee feel that there are many, particularly those who knew him personally, who will welcome this opportunity of being associated with the scheme, and it is with confidence that they appeal for generous support from one and all.

Donations, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the hon. treasurer of the M.C.A.,

W. E. WHITE,

Ivy Cottage, Cotgrave, Nottingham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 30th at 8 p.m. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; St. Magnus on the 9th and 23rd; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8, tenor 18 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at the Bungalow, Ormesby, at 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch is to be held at Chilton Foliat on March 4th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—A. W. Deane, Hon. Sec., Blowhorn Street, Marlborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All welcome.—A. Sharp, Dis. Sec., 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Old Bradwell on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify in good time. Hearty welcome to all ringers. Good attendance desired.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at Wye. Tower opens at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting for business following. A hearty welcome to all ringers, and a good attendance hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Sketty on March 4th. Bells (8) available 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.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, on Saturday, March 4th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing at Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10). Tickets 2s. 9d. each.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, March 4th, ringing commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the new Vicar of Dudley, Rev. Dr. Shepherd, who will also give an address.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. First meeting since the restoration of the tower. All ringers welcome. Please come and bring your friends.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGE.—A special meeting on Saturday, March 4th. The six bells have been rehung in new iron frame, and will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar and P.C.C. in Church School 4.30. Will those requiring tea please send a card to Mr. K. Oates, Histon, Cambridge? A good attendance is much desired.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Meeting, committee only. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend ringing.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Millom, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Meeting 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—All ringing friends are invited to Farnham Royal on Tuesday, March 7th, at 7.30 p.m., to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Mr. J. J. Parker's birthday.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45 p.m. All requiring tea please let me know by March 7th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham Parish Church, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Dodderhill, Droitwich, on Sat., March 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 8th.—F. S. Hawkes, Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nether Winchendon on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (5) available from 2.45 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Cuddington bells (6) available during the evening. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 11th. 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, not later than Wednesday, March 8th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on March 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Church House at 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s. to all who notify E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe, not later than Wednesday, March 8th.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 8th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bourton on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. All ringers cordially invited.—E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Fenton on Saturday, March 11th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. S. Dutton, 48, Well Street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than March 8th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11th, at Tonbridge. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 8th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's (bells 12 and 8), on Saturday, March 11th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea can be had at the nearby cafes.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey, St. Thomas, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—(South & West District).—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) from 3.30 and after tea. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, March 11th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. For tea, 1s. each, please notify me by Tuesday, 7th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, March 11th. The bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. L.N.E.R. main line cheap fares. Buses from all parts every 20 minutes. As this is the last meeting of the year do make an attempt to make the meeting a big success.—Don. Mears, Dis. Sec., Olfley, Hitchin.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by the 7th.—H. W. Fussell, Fort Fields, Dursley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. The bells of All Saints' will be available after tea, and St. Saviour's from 7 till 8 p.m. Will those intending to be present please let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Had-don (five bells) on Saturday, March 11th. Usual arrange-ments. Turn up in crowds and make this a real meeting. Please notify me for tea by Wednesday, 8th, latest.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON-
DON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Please advise me. Wood Green bells available after business meeting. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DEVON GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches will be held at Buckfastleigh on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available: Parish Church (6), from 1.45 p.m., St. Mary's Abbey (12) from 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) in the National Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Applications for tea should reach me not later than Wednesday morning, March 15th. All ringers welcome.—A. L. Bennett, 9, Bossell Terrace, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Satur-day, March 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Cafe, Printing Office Street (three minutes from church), 5.15 p.m., at a moderate charge. Please notify me by Thursday, the 16th, for tea. The business meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held in the Clergy House, adjoining church, at 6.30 p.m. Subscrip-tions for 1933 are now due and the annual report avail-able.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Dis-trict.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing 2.45 to 5.15 and 6.30 to 8. Tea and business to follow at 5.30. Postcards from tea-takers appreciated by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford Dis-trict.—Meeting at Puttenham on Saturday, March 18th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Please send me numbers for tea by Monday, March 13th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Easter Monday, April 17th. Tower open at 10. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon, with reasonable refreshment, at one o'clock, 1s. each to members, 3s. 6d. non-members. Business meeting to follow. Nominations for Central Council representatives must reach me by April 3rd next. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-
CIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The fifth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, on Saturday, March 25th, at 6 p.m. prompt.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. The annual committee meeting will be held in Reading (D.V.) on Saturday, April 22nd. Will all branch secre-taries and representatives please note? Details later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. A. Town- send 1, H. Hubball 2, W. Green 3, B. Prestidge (first quarter in the method) 4, A. Prestidge, jun., 5, A. Rowley (conductor) 6, A. Prestidge, sen., 7, J. Davies 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): B. Prestidge 1, A. Rowley (conductor) 2, S. J. Hughes 3, A. Prestidge, jun., 4, A. Prestidge, sen., 5, H. Hubball 6, T. A. Townsend 7, J. Goodman 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor of Dudley.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, February 12th, for evening ser-vice, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. P. Palmer 1, H. L. Long 2, R. G. Bell 3, W. Paul 4, W. Norris 5, C. H. Horton 6, G. E. Howchin 7, A. P. Cannon 8. Arranged for the con-ductor, Mr. A. P. Cannon, of Forest Hill, and believed to be the first quarter of Kent on the bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, January 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Hughes 1, T. Palfreman 2, W. Brittan 3, H. Smith 4, D. T. Matkin 5, W. Fisher (conductor) 7, J. Gaden 8. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

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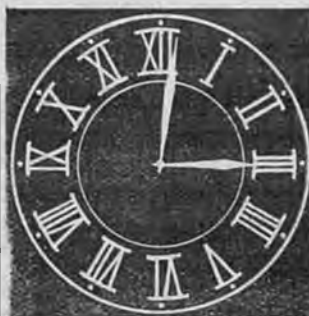
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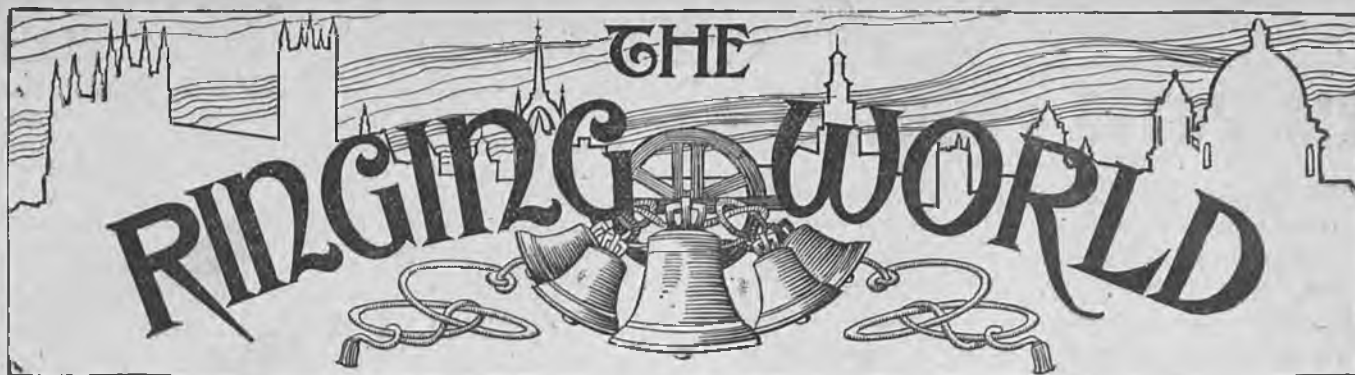
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There is another thing about Appleton that deserves mention. In the whole of the 115 years it has never failed to observe 'the 4th of March.' Every year since 1818 a dinner, organised by the bellringers, has been held and, although on one occasion, owing to a disagreement, only two people sat down to eat it, it has never been allowed to lapse. Such continuity makes for great traditions. It is a pity that more of the same spirit does not pervade the Exercise. The men who set up the keeping of this annual festival enjoyed their ringing and enjoyed the social intercourse which always followed it. They did not put on their coats and disappear as soon as they had finished their peal. They may have belonged to the 'bad old days,' of which ringers are still often reminded from the pulpit—days which, in some respects, no one wishes to see back again—but they knew the real spirit of comradeship; they knew how to make their own opportunities for ringing and not wait for someone else to bring them to their door. Some of them may have been made of rough stuff, but they were also made of tough stuff, and when one hears of the adventures of these men of a past generation, as one can at first hand at Appleton, one cannot but admire their courage and perseverance and wish that there was more of their spirit abroad to-day. The opportunities for record making in ringing are growing fewer and further between, as the Master of the Oxford Guild

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pointed out on Saturday. In fairness to the public it cannot be expected that such long lengths as are now necessary to create new records can be permitted in populous areas. It is only to the Appletons and the Painswicks of rural England that we can look for such facilities, and it is important that the spirit and tradition of the past should be maintained in these places. In Appleton they are being worthily upheld.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*PHYLLIS E. TILLET... ..Treble	*JOHN F. TILLET 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	ALBERT FLEMING 8
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 9
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 11
*HAROLD E. SYMONDS... .. 6	*ERNEST FITCH ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Miss Tillett is the daughter of J. F. and the granddaughter of F. J. Tillett, and is the youngest girl to ring a peal on twelve bells, her age being 14 years 2 months.

CHELTENHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES ... ..Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	DENNIS R. MORRIS 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 9
JOHN AUSTIN 4	CYRIL TANSELL 10
THOMAS W. LEWIS 5	CHARLES CAMM 11
*WILLIAM DYER 6	JAMES GEORGE ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Ring as a compliment to Mr. W. T. Pates, within the octave of his 80th birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, February 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 2	*LEONARD STILWELL 7
LEONARD H. BAYBUT 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 8
CHARLES A. HUGHES 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
ALFRED PYE 5	JOHN MOULE ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*GEORGE GRAY ... ..Treble	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 6
†ALFRED J. HOUSE 2	†RAYMOND G. COUSINS 7
THOMAS J. HOLL 3	†JACK A. WAUGH 8
HAROLD V. FROST 4	†JOSEPH LADLEY 9
†GEORGE B. COLLINS 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... ..Tenor

Composed by late Rev. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM

* First peal of Plain Ten. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Plain Ten on tower bells. This is the first peal of Plain Bob Royal on the bells.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Southover.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt, 1 qr. 20 lb.

KEITH HART Treble	*C. ERNEST SMITH 6
ROBERT SWIFT 2	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 8
FRANK L. HAIRS 4	JOHN DEARLOVE 9
KENNETH SNELLING 5	OLIVER SIFFETTS Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROBERT EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN 7
HARRY BAKER 4	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Canon A. J. Walker, who was instituted as Rector by the Archbishop of Canterbury and inducted by the Rev. H. T. C. Swingle, Vicar of Cranbrook and Rural Dean. The last visit by an Archbishop of Canterbury to Staplehurst was in 1893. Mr. Edwards rang his first peal of Stedman in this tower in 1890.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Treble	FREDERICK BOREHAM 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	*LEONARD OFFORD 6
LEONARD PRYKE 3	FREDERICK J. MORTLOCK 7
WILFRED JARVIS 4	MAURICE T. SYMONDS Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal on tower bells. The tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*THOMAS ROBINSON Treble	*JOHN W. GARDNER 5
HERBERT LUDKIN 2	*WILLIAM ROBINSON 6
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 3	*JOHN ROBINSON 7
†CHARLES BLACKBURN 4	*Det.-Insp. J. MELDROM Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

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

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	WILLIAM EDWARDS 5
ALBERT D. CULLUM 2	MISS PAT HOLLOWAY 6
JAMES ABERY 3	MISS STELLA DAVIS 7
CHARLES PULLEN 4	CECIL J. CULLUM Tenor

Conducted by MISS STELLA DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to James S. Napper and James Abery.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt, 11 lb. in E.

*ALBERT FILDES Treble	JOHN H. BRIERLEY 5
EDWARD F. MAWBY 2	†JOHN FERNHEAD 6
WILLIAM BLACKHORST 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY NORGROVE 4	CHARLES OLLIER Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells fully muffled in grateful memory of the Rev. Frederick Charles Sellar, M.A., Vicar of this parish, who was called to rest on February 13th.

CHORLEY, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*A. TOWNLEY PARKER Treble	FRED RIGBY 5
JOHN CHARNOCK 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
JOHN BOOTH 4	E. ROGER MARTIN Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

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On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*P.S. JOHN THORPE Treble	P.C. ERNEST GWILLIAM 5
P.S. GEORGE SCHLUETER 2	P.S. GEORGE SHIPP 6
P.S. CYRIL PEASE 3	P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 7
INSPR. FREDERICK PORTER 4	P.C. THOMAS G. BANNISTER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by P.C. BANNISTER.

* First peal. Arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to ex-P.C. Frederick Digby, whose marriage took place at St. Ethelreda's, Fulham, on the same day.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Treble	RICHARD W. STANNARD 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 2	*WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD 6
*GEORGE M. RASHBROOK 3	*WILLIAM CHALK 7
*WILLIAM DENT 4	†ALBERT J. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. The tenor ringer belongs to the local company and the remainder to St. Peter's, Colchester. This is the first peal of Stedman by a band resident in the North-Eastern Division.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Old Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Thanks are accorded to the Rev. J. R. James (Vicar) for permission to ring, and to Messrs. Butler and Hain for having the bells and belfry in readiness for the visitors.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*MISS ROSE M. COOMBS ... Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH 5
HENRY WAIN 2	ARTHUR HEAD 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
HAROLD E. PENNACK 4	ALBERT E. COOMBS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Coombes, who kindly invited the band to tea after the peal. Mr. Coombes is hon. secretary of the South-Eastern District of the association.

LIFTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, February 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

GEORGE NINNICOBBE Treble	A. WILLIAM MYERS 5
CHARLES SANGWIN 2	JOHN W. SANGWIN 6
WILLIAM SHEARS 3	FREDERICK SANGWIN 7
THOMAS G. MYERS 4	FREDERICK PROUSE Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

First peal of Triples on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

EOCCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S NO. 10. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD Treble	NORMAN HEAPS 5
DONALD BROWN 2	RICHARD LONGDEN 6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 3	WILFRED MOSS 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4	*HAROLD LONGDEN Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the centenary of the first peal of Stedman Triples in the North of England, which was rung at St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, on Wednesday, February 27th, 1835, where these bells were then hung. Wilfred Moss has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

SIDNEY MEADOWS Treble	HARRY KEMP 5
JESSE BEAGLEY 2	FRANK KEMP 6
CHARLES WELLS 3	RICHARD HASTED 7
GEORGE UPSHALL 4	THOMAS UPSHALL Tenor

Compiled and Conducted by R. HASTED.

First peal in the method by all, and the first in the method ever rung on the bells by an entirely local band. A wedding peal for Miss N. Langham and Mr. F. O. M. Taylor, who were married at the church earlier in the day. Also rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Clapham, the esteemed captain of the local band, for his 88th birthday. The composition contains 34 combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, with the 2nd never above 4th's place at a course end.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.

On Tuesday, February 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST G. FENN Treble	FRANK C. NEWMAN 5
WALTER BEARD 2	EDWIN G. MOORE 6
SIDNEY J. HOLGATE 3	CALEB FENN 7
ROWLAND FENN 4	ERNEST G. COTTIS Tenor

Composed by ALBERT C. HARDY.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. T. Faulkner, 40 years a ringer at Barking. He served as Master of the College Youths for two years and was a representative of the Ancient Society on the Central Council, a member of the General Committee of the Essex Association and was first secretary of its S.W. Division. He was Reigning Worshipful Master of the St. Erkenwald Lodge No. 2,808 of Freemasons.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*VICTOR E. TOOBY Treble	EDWIN BARNETT 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS 4	WALTER LEMON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Stedman.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK T. GROOMBRIDGE ... Treble	THOMAS BRETT-SMITH 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

First attempt by the ringer of the treble and rung three days before his 15th birthday. Ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are of three generations, 5, 6 and 7 two sons and father respectively, while 4 and 8 require no introduction.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
*MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL 2	CHARLES POULTNEY 6
*MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	*ARTHUR FIRTH 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

BURLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

FRED W. DIXON Treble	†JOHN MCGLENN 5
*FRANK SCHOLEFIELD 2	G. WILFRED SLACK 6
GEORGE W. SLACK 3	†WILLIAM DIXON 7
JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD 4	LEONARD DRAKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. WILFRED SLACK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung to welcome the Rev. G. R. Forder, M.A., to the parish.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 2	THOMAS COLLINS 6
PERCY E. JONES 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
MISS K. M. BRADFORD 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HAROLD E. PENNICK Treble	SYDNEY TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. G. W. Saunders, organist
and choirmaster, who is retiring after nearly 30 years' service.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6
RICHARD G. BELL 3	CHARLES N. LEMAN 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and by
the association.

REDDITCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*H. JAMES TURNER Treble	CHARLES WEBB 5
*HENRY H. FEARN 2	*WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6
*GEORGE E. FEARN 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 7
*C. HOWARD STANLEY 4	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method
as conductor.

GREAT TAY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 5
GEORGE W. MOSS 2	WILLIAM CHALK 6
*GEORGE M. RASHBROOK 3	*WILLIAM DENT 7
*ALAN R. ANDREWS 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal ever rung in the
method by a band all resident in the North-Eastern Division of the
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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	JOHN G. NASH 5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
*MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL 3	*FREDERICK J. CULLOM 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods. The above con-
tains 2,944 of London, 608 of Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and
Superlative, the Cambridge and Superlative being rung in alternate
courses. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. W. Thornhill, M.A., M.C.,
and Mrs. Thornhill, the former having been inducted to the living of
St. John's on February 23rd.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

GEORGE MARRINER Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	W. CYRIL SMITH 6
ARTHUR H. SMITH 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
*WILLIAM C. JAMES 4	WILLIAM J. WHITING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITING.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, March 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM J. TEYNG 5
*WALTER BINGHAM 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
JOHN W. SYKES 3	NORMAN C. LEWIS 7
*ARTHUR S. ROBINSON 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by N. C. LEWIS.

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

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MARSTON MAGNA.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 14 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALBERT SAYERS Treble	†EDWARD BARRINGTON 4
†JACK R. BATSON 2	PERCY N. G. RAINEY 5
†FREDERICK PRIDDLE 3	†LESLIE P. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

* First attempt for a peal. † First in two methods. ‡ First peal.
The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd were elected members for the peal.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 Grandsire and 480 Oxford Bob twice repeated.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WALTER CHAPMAN Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
ROBERT HOWARD 2	FRANK HAYNE 5
WALTER MANSFIELD 3	†VICTOR G. LEE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. TACK.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. Rung with the
bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Arthur Howard, who passed
away on February 22nd. Mr. Howard was the father of Mr. Harry
Howard, a local ringer, and a friend of the entire company, who
would like to express their sympathy with the bereaved family.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GARDNER Treble	JOHN TAYLOR 4
*FRANK E. PERVIN 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS 3	*WILLIAM A. STOTE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of London Minor.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven spliced extents in 30 methods, viz.: (1) Rostherne, Ely, Wilmslow; (2) Knutsford, Bagedone; (3) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburg; (4) Willesdon, Marple, Bocking, Old Oxford, Poynton; (5) Norbury, Morning Star, Trowell, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise; (6) Wragby, Braintree, College Bob IV., Neasden, Grove Delight; (7) Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GAYES... .. Treble	*WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
*JAMES A. MILNER 3	*JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in 30 methods. † First peal in 30 methods away from treble.

NASH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, comprising Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

HENRY A. BOLLOCK Treble	KENNETH KNOWLES 3
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	GEORGE POPNELL 4

JOHN W. JONES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.

First peal on the bells, which were recently restored and hung in a new metal frame by Taylor and Co. It is hoped a new treble will be added, the frame for which is provided. The tone and general workmanship are excellent.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores of Plain Bob and 36 of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*V. WILLIAM MUNNS... .. Treble	FREDERICK E. TOOLEY 4
†WALTER J. MUNNS 2	W. REGINALD BUTCHER 5
†HERBERT W. ABBOTT 3	†WILLIAM R. ABBOTT Tenor

Conducted by W. R. BUTCHER.

* First peal away from tenor cover. † First peal and first attempt. ‡ First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Munns.

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WILLIAM T. PATES.

CHELTHENHAM VETERAN CELEBRATES HIS 80th BIRTHDAY.

'Age shall not weary him.'

The hoary traditions of ages of worshippers which brood beneficently over the magnificently hewn walls of the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Cheltenham—thickly studded as they are with memorial tablets—have inspired several living persons to pass their working lives in its shadow and in its service. Such a one is William Thomas Pates, who for the past 60 years has given of his best in loyal and faithful service in the belfry, and who on Saturday last celebrated his 80th birthday in true ringer's style by taking part in a peal of Stedman Cinques.

Born at Charlton Kings on February 28th, 1853, Mr. Pates remembers being carried on his father's shoulders to the Charlton belfry when peace with Russia was proclaimed. Inspired by his father—whose name was also William Thomas—he started ringing at the age of 15, and rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples with the Cheltenham Society in 1876. He joined the Prestbury Society for a short time, but returned in 1883 to the Parish Church, with which he has been actively associated ever since. Of his 200 peals, he is particularly proud—and justly so—of having called Holt's Original from the tenor, but his two outstanding achievements are the then record lengths of Stedman and Grandsire Caters. With the aid of such famous contemporaries as G. H. Phillott, F. E. Ward, C. H. Hattersley, T. Reynolds, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Canon (then Rev.) G. F. Coleridge and others, the 13,054 Stedman Caters was rung in 1888, and the 15,227 Grandsire in 1889. Both of these Mr. Pates conducted from the 9th, calling the Grandsire and the first attempt for the Stedman—which failed—without previously having called a bob in either method.

Elected captain of the parish ringers in 1891, the bells, tower and belfry testify in no uncertain manner to the loving care and attention since bestowed on them. A composer of no mean ability, he concerned himself chiefly with his favourite method, Stedman, and this survey could not be complete without a reference to his exceedingly clever productions of one-course touches of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques. To the best of the writer's knowledge, these have never been published, but are neatly tabulated and framed, and adorn the walls of St. Mary's belfry.

So much for the ringer, what of the man! Known best to ringers of a past generation, it were perhaps fitting that this tribute should come from one who has only known him a comparatively short time. Enjoying robust health, it would be more correct to describe him as '80 years young,' for his invariable reply to inquiries is 'I'm very well, thank you.' His cheery greeting and hearty welcome, together with his good companionship, stamp him indelibly with the hall mark of the English gentleman. With the tyros of the art, he is the last word in patience. His remarks when ringing, 'Nicely now, gentlemen, nicely,' or again, 'Strike me next time, please—thank you,' are only a proof of the natural courtesy meted out to all, and many a present-day conductor could well profit by his example. The writer well remembers an occasion several years ago when a band met at Cheltenham for a peal of Stedman Cinques—six of the band never having previously rung a peal of Stedman Cinques—and after four unsuccessful attempts to negotiate a pretty hefty starting course, the usual inquest was about to be held; all peal ringers know of that tense atmosphere which is apt to exist when things simply will not go right, and all hopes of a peal that day had been given up—when Mr. Pates spoke up, 'Come along, gentlemen, please; we've met here for Stedman, we can ring it and we're going to ring it if we're here all night.' The bells were sent away for the fifth time, and with the personality of William Pates dominating the ringing, a good peal was rung.

For his birthday peal Stedman Cinques was, of course, selected and a mixed band arranged. With a lusty youth of 79 summers striking his customary regular beat from the tenor box, the peal was duly brought home as reported elsewhere. For 3 hours 26 minutes 'my little treble' was rung without a single misblow, or deviating by a hair's breadth from the twelve-bell rhythm.

For the next celebration the aforesaid youngster of 79 is to ring the treble, while the grand young man of Cheltenham rings the tenor. One sad fact emerges. Mr. Pates' son—also William Thomas—was a keen ringer, but died a few years ago, and it is unlikely that there will be anyone of the name to carry on the fine traditions created by three generations of William Thomas Pates. J. D. J.

A STEDMAN CENTENARY.

According to a peal board which hangs in Eccles (Lancs) tower and which was removed from St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, on the demolition of the latter church, it is recorded that 'Eight members of St. John's Society of Change Ringers ascended this tower on February 27th, 1833, and in 3 hours 2 minutes rung 5,040 "Tripples" on the "Stedman's Principle," composed by ————, Leeds. This is the first peal in the method in the North of England.'

This centenary was duly observed by a band of Manchester, Eccles and District ringers on the 100th anniversary. Strange to say, although one of the band was in a hurry to catch his train, the peal refused to come round in less than 3 hours and 2 minutes. The brothers Richard and Harold Longden, who took part, were both members of the last band to ring at St. John's, Deansgate.

A BELL FOUNDRY BROADCAST. ENGINEERS' RACE AGAINST TIME.

A feature of last week's Midland Regional broadcast programmes was one from Loughborough on Wednesday, which included a talk on bells and bell founding by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, from the Loughborough Foundry, with accompanying effects, and a recital on the Loughborough carillon by Mr. W. E. Jordan.

Mr. Taylor spoke of the history of bell founding, and referred to the old bells in some Leicestershire churches.

He described Great Paul, which was cast at Loughborough in 1881. This bell, the largest in the Empire, weighs over 16 tons, is 9ft. 6in. in diameter, and is now hung in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Talking of change ringing, he mentioned the great Loughborough record of 18,027 changes, made on the ten bells of the Parish Church in 12 hours 18 minutes.

The B.R.C. engineers had a race against time to complete the arrangements at the carillon tower, and only finished a few minutes before the end of Mr. Denison Taylor's talk. The microphone was tried out in numerous positions in and outside the tower, and its final position was in the loft above the bell-chamber, with the trap-door closed to get a balance of sound.

In his enthusiasm to get the best noise effects at the bell foundry by holding the microphone in gloved hands a few inches from the molten metal, one of the engineers was slightly burned above the eye by a splash of metal.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—On February 26th, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. H. King 1, Mrs. Tomlinson 2, Miss M. Pack 3, Miss G. Pack 4, D. Pink 5, J. E. Miller 6, H. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8, J. Armstrong (conductor) 9, G. Plater 10.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 15th, for evening service, also as a birthday compliment to Miss K. White, daughter of the secretary of the local company, on the occasion of her coming of age, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: Miss D. Wacey 1, Rev. F. W. Lane 2, F. Springham 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, H. Bull 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Sunday, Jan. 1st, before evensong, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): R. Higham 1, W. Watson 2, W. Tandy 3, F. Baldwin 4, E. Pearson 5, F. Selwyn 6, T. Impey 7, H. Impey (conductor) 8, J. Simons 9, F. Woods 10. First quarter-peal of Caters on the bells by a local band and as a conductor.

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ORMESBY.

The attendance at the meetings of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association does not compare in size with several of the larger associations, but what they lack in size they make up for in enthusiasm.

An example of this was afforded in the pre-Lent meeting held at Ormesby on Saturday, March 4th, when some 25 members attended from Ripon, Sharrow, Kirby Wiske, Darlington, Hartlepool, Saltburn, Skelton and Middlesbrough. The local band was, of course, in full attendance.

Ringing in the various standard methods (including Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman) was indulged in on the beautiful peal of eight (tenor 18 cwt.) from about 3 o'clock to 8 p.m., and several of the members present had their first ring in methods new to them, under the supervision of the more expert ringers. All present were unanimous in expressing their appreciation of still another successful and happy Cleveland meeting.

The next meeting of the association is fixed for Whitby on Easter Monday, and it is mooted that this is to be the venue for several tower 'outings,' so a 'bumper' meeting is expected. All who wish to have a good ring on the wonderful ten at Whitby are advised to book that date.

J. C. P.

A DEVON JOINT MEETING.

FACILITIES FOR REACHING BUCKFASTLEIGH.

In connection with the joint meeting of the South-West and Mid-Devon Branches of the Devon Guild, which is to be held at Buckfastleigh on Saturday, March 18th, the following information may be useful to intending visitors. A 'limited stop' bus leaves Plymouth at 12.30 p.m. for Buckfastleigh, returning again at 9.15 p.m., whilst a 'limited stop' bus leaves Exeter for Buckfastleigh at 1.5 p.m., returning again at 3.30 p.m. Buses leave Paignton for Buckfastleigh at 1.15 p.m., 2.15 p.m. and 4.15 p.m., returning again at 7.15 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. Devon 'General' buses run to and from Buckfastleigh every half-hour. They leave the Market Place, Newton Abbot, at twenty-five to and ten past every hour, and they leave Buckfastleigh at five minutes to and twenty-five past every hour. Visitors may alight at Dart Bridge for either the Parish Church or the Abbey if they wish. Mr. A. J. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, is responsible for all the arrangements, and he will be very pleased to supply any further information to intending visitors. Cars may be parked in the school yard at the rear of the National Schoolroom during the tea hour.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Another attempt for the peal of 14,144 London Surprise Major is to be made on Saturday at Warnham by a band of the Sussex County Association. On Boxing Day they rang about four hours.

Another great feat in Spliced Minor ringing has been accomplished in Cheshire, where at Sutton last Saturday 30 methods were included in seven spliced extents. Six-hall ringers who want to learn how this sort of thing is done and to do it for themselves should purchase 'Method Splicing,' obtainable from 'The Ringing World' Office, 1s. 3d. post free.

Our readers will learn with regret that Mr. Uriah Braven, chairman of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, underwent a serious abdominal operation on February 21st in the Bristol General Hospital. The latest information which we have received is that he is going on as well as can be expected.

NEW CHURCH TOWER.

RING OF EIGHT TO BE INSTALLED.

Work on the erection of the tower of St. Thomas' Church, Westfield Street, St. Helens, Lancs, has begun.

The tower will cost £3,750, and will probably be completed by the end of the year. The scheme includes the addition of two bells to the six that were in the old St. Thomas' tower. The Rev. J. W. Glendenning, Vicar, states that of the cost £2,685 has been raised.

MEMORIAL TO RINGING ADMIRAL.

BELL TO BE RECAST AND OTHERS TUNED AT WOKING.

A memorial to the late Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., is to be provided in Woking Parish Church, where he was churchwarden for 25 years. A bronze memorial tablet, mounted on marble, is to be placed in the church itself, and the bells are to be tuned and the sixth recast. The scheme is to be carried out in conjunction with the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which the Admiral was hon. treasurer.

In the later years of his life church bell ringing was one of Admiral Walker's greatest personal interests, and it was due largely to his efforts that the ring of bells was increased from six to eight in 1929. It was his desire that the six old bells should be tuned, and the carrying out of this work, which would doubtless have been done in his lifetime had funds permitted, is a very fitting memorial.

THREE GENERATIONS IN PEALS.

FAMILY ACHIEVEMENTS AT CRAYFORD AND IPSWICH.

Two families well known in the Exercise have scored a three-generations peal. Last Friday, Frederick T. Groombridge, of Crayford, rang his first peal, three days prior to his 15th birthday. He is the son of Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., and grandson of Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., who proudly shared in the boy's success. The peal was called by 'Grandad.' The remainder of the band consisted of a father—Mr. Robert Brett-Smith—and his two sons, Thomas and Cyril; and Mr. Edwin Barnett and his son, Edwin A. The band would like to couple with the peal the name of the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen. It was one of his cherished ambitions to see 'young Fred' through his first peal, which was to have included three generations of the two families.

Edwin A. Barnett, who is still only 14, rang in three peals last week, topping all his previous performances on Saturday by taking part in a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods.

The other three-generation performance was at Ipswich, where a peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung, in which Phyllis E. Tillet, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. John F. Tillet and granddaughter of Mr. Frederick J. Tillet, rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary-le-Tower. Father and grandfather took part in the peal, and it is also interesting to record that while this young lady is only 14 years 2 months old, Mr. Robert H. Brundle, who rang the fifth, has reached the advanced age of 81. In his young days he rang peals with earlier generations of the Tillet family. Phyllis Tillet is the youngest girl to ring a peal on twelve bells; it would be interesting to learn the age of the youngest boy to do this.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. F. H. Dexter's 5,600 Superlative Surprise, quoted in your issue of 24th February, is the composition of H. Hales, who conducted it at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on February 9th, 1850.

Ipswich.

W. J. G. BROWN.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have no wish to enter into any argument concerning the above, but the following may be of interest to some of your correspondents:—

The first time the late J. W. Washbrook called this peal no composer's name was given to the peal, and the footnote read as follows: 'The above is Thurstans' composition, coupled together with six singles instead of extras and omits.'

W. PYE.

MARCH THE 4th AT APPLETON.

A VILLAGE CELEBRATION.

March 4th is Appleton's 'great day.' Ever since the year 1818 it has been annually celebrated, and, although the original object of the festivities has been largely forgotten, the event has lost nothing of its interest to ringers with the passing of the years.

Appleton is still an unspoiled, old-world village—well, almost unspoiled. The finger of modernity is beginning to lay hold upon its ancient character. An ugly bungalow or two have made recent appearance; untidy electric wires thread their way overhead, portent of the advance of 'civilisation.' But it still has its old half-timbered, thatched cottages, its carefully clipped yews, which stand sentinel over the village street. Its moated Manor House remains cheek by jowl with the ancient Parish Church, and the village clings to its ancient traditions and its old love of its bells. No little ringing history has been made at Appleton, and great names have been associated with some of the performances. The famous peals which have been rung there have been recalled in these columns only recently, and two names that have been associated with all these great events are White and Holifield.

The story of 'March the 4th' is interesting. It is said that in the land enclosure of 1815 the then Lord of the Manor took more than he was entitled to. There was an outcry against his action, and to appease the village he gave a ring of six bells to the Parish Church, and, when they were opened on March 4th, 1818, he gave a feast to all the parishioners. That was the beginning of the celebration of March the 4th in Appleton, and it has never been allowed by the ringers to drop. March the 4th has sometimes been a 'moveable feast'—moved to the nearest Saturday—but it has always been observed.

There is in Appleton to-day a living link with the events of 1818. Mr. George Holifield, sen., who was born in 1858, knew and talked with villagers who were present at that first feast, and he has a still closer connection with the first Appleton ringers. The first recorded change ringing on the bells was a 720 of Bob Minor rung in 1821 by Joseph Trewell 1, Edwin Selwood 2, Alfred White 3, James Newman 4, James Maslin 5, Richard King 6. It was conducted by James Newman. Mr. Holifield rang his first peal on June 5th, 1875, and in that peal were Alfred White and James Newman. Alfred White died in the following year at the age of 73 and James Newman was 80 when he died in 1880. It is a wonderful record that these two generations of Appleton ringers, linked by a peal, should cover more than 110 years of ringing at one church.

So, too, with the Whites, successive generations have spanned the whole ringing history of Appleton, and worthy representatives of the family form the bulk of the present Appleton Society, as well as carrying on the well-known bellhanger's business established in the village two generations ago. Six brothers shared last Saturday in the celebrations, which were given an added interest by the unveiling of a tablet commemorating the record peal of 16,271 changes of Grandsire Caters rung in December last. This ceremony was performed in the afternoon by the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). On account of the limited capacity of the ringing chamber, the ringers assembled in the church.

The unveiling of the peal tablet in a church, said Mr. Jenkyn, was something quite unique in that it was not like a memorial tablet to a great life that had been lived, or like a window or anything of that kind. A peal tablet was something different; it commemorated something that had been done by men who took a pride in doing it and were proud of the fact that they were able to do it through the various gifts which God had given them—gifts of strength and physical powers. The record was something which was going down to succeeding generations as a memorial of what had been done. The tablet to be unveiled that day was to record a peal of 16,271 Grandsire Caters, the previous record having been held by Cheltenham. The attempt started in very favourable conditions, because the composer and conductor received an exceedingly warm letter expressing warm wishes shortly before the peal. He (the speaker) heard the peal in the morning and was much struck by the excellence of the ringing. He was told that the ringing in the afternoon and evening was



MR. G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

even better than in the morning, and, putting those two things together, he could only say it was a very fine peal. That was the sort of ringing they wanted in all peals. A peal was not worth very much if it had to be continually saved from one end to the other. They talked a good deal about the accuracy of striking and the accuracy of composition, but he did not think some people thought seriously enough about the accuracy of the actual ringing. That was a thing they might well take to heart. Continuing, Mr. Jenkyn said he thought it would be some time before either of the two records recently established in Appleton tower was surpassed, not because there were not people who would like to start, but because there were very few places in the country where it was possible to do so. Towers where such peals were possible were getting fewer and further between. Appleton had been very favourably situated in that respect, and they had been fortunate in having been able to start for record peals which had been safely accomplished. There was something peculiar about Appleton bells. Although anyone listening to the ringing of that last peal would have said that the bells seemed to go as easily as it was possible for bells to go, yet he knew perfectly well that they might have ten other men, all good ringers, who, if they did not know anything about Appleton bells, would have found considerable difficulty in ringing them as they were rung in the long peal. They might do it exceedingly well on other bells of similar weight, but on Appleton bells they would not find it so easy. The reason was there were certain men in that village who had acquired the peculiar 'quiff,' as it was sometimes called, of ringing the specially difficult bells in that tower, and there were very few other people who could ring them as well. When he spoke of the Appleton ringers he included, of course, not only those born and bred in the village of Appleton, but also those who, through friendship and fellowship with the Appleton men, had had considerable experience in the tower. In the name of the Oxford Guild he congratulated all those who took part in the peal, and expressed the hope that all the ringing done in the future by those who rang in that famous peal would be as carefully and as well done as it was when they made this record.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, accompanied by the new Rector (the Rev. S. H. Rendall), the churchwardens (Messrs. H. C. White and B. H. Blackwell) and the long peal band, then went to the ringing chamber, where Mr. Jenkyn unveiled the tablet and dedicated it with suitable prayers. A perfectly struck touch of Grandsire Caters was next rung by the long peal band, the striking, it was said, being typical of the ringing that went on throughout the day on December 27th.

The tablet has been placed on the wall in the ringing chamber window, where it faces one of similar design recording the record peal of Stedman Caters. It is of slate, with silvered incised lettering, and has been admirably executed by Mr. A. E. Lock, a member of the Abingdon band. The wording is as follows:—

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

On Tuesday, December 27th, 1932, in 9 hours and 20 minutes, a peal of

GRANDSIRE CATERS. 16,271 CHANGES:

Cuthbert G. White treble, William Simmonds ii., Francis E. Taylor iii., Richard A. Post iv., Walter F. Judge v., R. Thomas Newman vi., F. Donald Boreham vii., George Holifield, jun., viii., Richard White ix., Fred White tenor. Composed by G. Holifield, sen. Conducted by G. Holifield, jun. G. E. B. Scanlan, Rector; B. H. Blackwell, H. C. White, churchwardens; C. G. White, Parish Clerk. Longest peal yet rung in this method.

Much of the afternoon was spent in ringing, and then an adjournment was made to the Thatched Tavern (now, incidentally, roofed with tiles), where at 4.30 dinner was served to a company numbering 42. The traditional 'spar-rib' of pork was the outstanding dish, and plum pudding and other substantial fare figured in the menu. There was no question as to the 'ample justice done to the good things provided.' The company included the Master of the Oxford Guild, the Rector (the Rev. S. H. Rendall), Miss Vera Robinson (daughter of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, whose early ringing days were so intimately associated with Appleton), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary) and Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer of the Oxford Guild), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), the Rev. Elliott Wigg (High Wycombe), Miss Stella Davis (Buckleybury), Miss P. Holloway (Reading), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock (Abingdon), Messrs. H. Miles, J. P. Fellow, H. T. Wisdom, G. Caldwell, G. Cook (Oxford), A. A. G. Thurlow (Cuddesdon), W. Hibbert (Reading), F. Pritchard (Heyford), F. Sharpe (Launton), E. Holifield (Cumnor), E. Pearson and Mallings (Deddington), T. Bond (Eynsham), all the band who took part in the long peal and who had been photographed earlier in the day, and a full muster of the Appleton Society. The whole proceedings were marked by informality and good fellowship, and were never lacking in mirth and entertainment. Song and story and handbell ringing were kept up against an all too quickly moving clock until the visitors had to disperse, and the enjoyable evening came to an end.

The Rector complimented the ringers upon their great achievement in ringing the record peal of Grandsire Caters, and spoke of the fine traditions that lay behind the ringing done in Appleton tower. Although he had only recently come to the parish, he was proud to be Rector of a church where such a wonderful record had been made,

and he thanked the Appleton ringers for their services to the church throughout the year.

Mr. George Holifield, sen., replied in a reminiscent speech. He referred to his first introduction to ringing in the early '70's through the Whites and to the fact that this was the 61st year he had attended the 'March 4th' celebration. He spoke of the days of James Washbrook, when many record peals were rung, and said the people of Appleton liked the bells, but all they wanted was Grandsire Caters. Any other method was 'all rubbish' in their opinion. He referred to the record peal on December 27th (of which he was the composer), and said he waited ten years for a suitable opportunity to get it rung. The ringing, he said, was excellent all day, but once there was a bit of a break in it, and when he went to the church he found that someone had 'hallooed up the hole on the other side of the tower and upset the ringers a bit. I didn't get far away from the tower after that,' he added, 'but it was the longest day I ever lived, because there they were ringing and if they had made a bit of a jumble I know I should have heard of it, for they always go for me if there's anything to grumble about (laughter). There is no one in Appleton that finds fault with good ringing, but to be "extra" it must be Grandsire Caters. The man that lives nearest to the church is the gardener at the Manor House, and I went to him in the afternoon to tell him I hoped he was not finding the bells a nuisance. He said, "No, they're no nuisance, but I've got their bent in my head so that I could not stop indoors to have my dinner because I couldn't hear them properly" (laughter). There was half the village round the church when they stopped, but they had been chattering and making such a noise that I didn't hear the last course as I wanted to, but when the bells came round they stopped talking and sent up a cheer and went home contented (applause). I have never heard a complaint since,' concluded Mr. Holifield, 'and Appleton ringers can reckon they are nearly at the top of the tree for striking their bells' (applause).

A letter was read from Mr. John Monk regretting that he was prevented from being at Appleton, because 'illness kept the aged Monk in the monastery.'

Mr. Tom Hibbert proposed 'Success to the Appleton Society,' which, he said, had practically done all that was left to do in 'the little pigeon box.' They had 'brought home the bacon' (laughter). They rang 10,080 Double Norwich, 12,000 of Stedman Caters and 13,000 and 15,000 of Grandsire Caters in one year, and had now once more rung the longest length of Grandsire Caters. He thought it was 50 years ago that day that he first came to Appleton and heard a beautiful peal of Stedman Caters. He was so young that he held his father's hand. He had been there a great many times since, and he asked them to drink to the Appleton ringers. 'May there be a band here as long as the tower and church stand,' said Mr. Hibbert. 'May they be able to do as their ancestors have done and ring Appleton bells as well as they have ever been rung with the Whites and the Holifields at the ropes' end as long as man can twist hemp into a rope' (applause).

Mr. Richard White replied, and said that in Appleton they had got a band living in the village that could ring Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples. During the last year they had been very successful, having rung seven peals, including the 16,371 (applause). He hoped the new Rector would be as kind to them as the old one had been and that they would have pleasure in ringing as many peals this year as last (applause).

Mr. George Holifield, sen., proposed 'The Visitors' in felicitous terms, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in reply, joined in the congratulations to the long peal band and thanked the Appleton ringers for the cordial welcome extended to all who had been present at that day's festivities.

The handbell ringing of the brothers White—six of them manipulating the 20 bells—was a feature of the programme, while the old songs sung by members of the company were worth going a long way to hear.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At the Parish Church, Loughborough, on Wednesday, February 22nd, was rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,313 changes) in 1 hour 10 minutes, with half-muffled clappers, as a tribute of respect to Mr. F. G. Webber, churchwarden, who was interred the same day: Wm. Smith 1, J. Towell 2, G. Ballard 3, E. Cartwright 4, C. Allsop 5, J. Grundy 6, J. Saddington 7, C. Harrison (conductor) 8, E. Reader 9, F. Stubbs 10.

On Monday, February 13th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, Cirencester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter): F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 2, J. C. Eden 3, J. E. Waters 4, H. C. Bond 5, H. S. Parsons 6, W. H. Hayward 7, F. J. Lewis, jun., 8. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. Jobbins, a generous benefactor to this church and the town.

At Tipton, Staffs, on Sunday, February 5th, for evening service, at St. Martin's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Rowley (conductor) 1, J. Griffin (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, B. Windsor 3, G. Hughes 4, T. W. Cattell 5, H. N. Williams 6, C. N. Winwood 7, W. Williams 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. M. W. Tossal, for many years an ardent supporter and worker for St. Martin's Parish Church. All the above ringers are members of the local band.

THE LATE MR. T. FAULKNER.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT BARKING FUNERAL.

Public bodies, bellringers and Freemasons were largely represented at the funeral on February 28th of Mr. Thomas Faulkner, of Barking, whose death at the age of 57 years we recorded last week. Mr. Faulkner had actively identified himself with local life in Barking, and the last sad rites were performed amid many manifestations of sympathy and esteem.

A service was held in St. Margaret's Parish Church, which was conducted by the Vicar, Canon H. C. Robins, and the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, a former Vicar and personal friend of Mr. Faulkner's, who is also a Past Master and Chaplain of St. Erkenwald Lodge of Freemasons, of which the deceased was Reigning Master. Despite the nature of the service, its note was one of joy and thanksgiving, this being, it was announced by the Vicar, the wish of their brother. The hymns sung during the service were 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven,' 'Light's abode celestial Salem' and 'Jesus lives.' Mr. F. J. Tarris presided at the organ and at the close of the service played 'O rest in the Lord.'

The interment took place in the Borough Cemetery in the presence of a large assembly.

The mourners were the widow, Mr. Charles Faulkner (son), Messrs. Fred and George Faulkner (brothers), Mrs. Smith (sister), Mrs. F. Faulkner and Miss Basey (sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Pyner (uncle and aunt), Miss Lewis, Mr. A. Thatcher (cousins), Mr. J. R. Leffley, Mr. F. Leffley, Mr. J. Garbett, Dr. G. O. Pierce, Mr. Alfred Carter and Mr. Arthur Taylor (friends).

Among those also present were the following, who, in many cases, were representative of a number of organisations with which deceased had been associated:—

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman J. W. Garland, O.B.E., J.P., Alderman S. B. Hearn, Councillors A. Blake (who is also president of Barking Ratepayers' Association and represented Warrant Officers Chapter of Freemasons), A. G. D. Glennie (also founder and Past Master of St. Erkenwald Lodge of Freemasons, of which deceased was Reigning Master), W. J. Parker and A. Whiting, J.P., with Mr. H. R. Hoad, representing the town clerk.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. W. T. Cockerill (secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. E. J. Butler (secretary of the South-Western Division of Essex Association), Mr. E. A. Young (formerly secretary of the Central Council), Mr. C. S. Burden and Mr. Fenn (members of the Ancient Society of College Youths).

There was a large attendance of Freemasons and residents of Barking. The Barking Ratepayers' Association and the Barking Town Club were officially represented, and the firm of Messrs. Randall (Maltsters), Ltd., of which Mr. Faulkner was manager, was represented by Messrs. Sherwood and A. P. W. Bowley (directors), members of the staff and workmen.

There were many floral tributes.

In the evening, as recorded elsewhere, members of St. Margaret's Society, Barking, rang a half-muffled peal of Bob Major.

THE SEPTUAGENARIANS' PEAL.

TABLET UNVEILED AT ST. OLAVE'S CHURCH.

On Sunday, February 26th, an interesting gathering took place in the belfry of St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, London, when a handsome tablet was unveiled and dedicated by the Rev. Prebendary Wellard, B.A., immediately before the evening service. It records the names and year of birth of the eight veterans who rang a peal of Stedman Triples there last December, whose ages totalled up to more than 594 years. Fortunately, all the team were able to be present and took part in various 'touches' of Stedman before and after the dedication ceremony, thankful to survive the recent influenza epidemic and the arctic weather conditions, and happy to join in the evensong, with an address by the Rector from St. Luke x., 36 and 37. Mr. E. Alexander Young (Bromley) and Mr. F. W. Romaine (Salisbury) were also present and shared in the ringing, whilst Mr. H. Willson, vergier and towerkeeper, was most helpful in attendance upon the Rector and the visitors. He it was who provided the 'veil' to cover the well-written peal board, a Union Jack—its tricolor representing the Trinity, its name the fellowship of the art.

Two front pews were kindly reserved for the septuagenarians, and, gazing upon the quaintly handsome walls of the interior of this church, crowded thoughts of London's past history overmastered one's present circumstances. Eight men who have attained the allotted span of life had rung upon bells cast nearly three centuries ago and taken service together in a building which survived the great fire of London in 1666. The marble bust of Samuel Pepys seemed to bid them a smiling welcome to the dear old Parish Church, which his remarkable diary has made world famous. Twice during the week his the Lord Mayor of London showed the City's appreciation of St. Olave's by personal attendance in connection with the observance of the tercentenary of the birth of Pepys, who with his wife is buried here. The five old bells of 1662 still peal out from the tower as in Pepys' day, and who shall say they were not rung on by Fabian Stedman on his visits to London?

The veteran team parted after service with brief farewell—there were no tears—just a hearty handshake; it may be, perhaps, for the last time. Who knows?

W. H. F.

HISTON'S RESTORED BELLS.

ELY ASSOCIATION'S FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT.

A very successful meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held on Saturday at Histon, Cambs, when the restored and rededicated bells were made full use of by nearly 40 ringers, who were present from Cambridge, Chatteris, Croydon, Dry Drayton, Easing, Fen Ditton, Great Staughton, Hemmingford Abbots, Ickleton, Melbourn, Over, St. Neots, Sawston, Sutton, Trumpington, Willingham and the local band. The 'go' of the bells is excellent and Histon is to be congratulated.



HISTON CHURCH A CENTURY AGO, FROM AN OLD ENGRAVING.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. O. Olston), who gave an inspiring address on the use of the gifts God has given us.

The Vicar and the Parochial Church Council very generously provided tea for the visitors, during the course of which the Rev. Alston spoke words of welcome, and this was followed by a few very informal speeches from several of those present.

Mr. T. R. Dennis, replying to an inquiry from the Vicar, stated he was very satisfied with the work, but there was too much noise in the ringing chamber. He hoped they would cover the floor of the bell chamber with thick felt to reduce that noise.

Reference was made of the formation of the new Haddenham District.

Mr. F. Hurry, Sawston, pointed out that it looked as if a cycling club was also being formed.—Mr. F. Warrington, in answer, pointed out the mistakes which Mr. Hurry had (incidentally) made in a hurry (laughter), and, after explaining the position, all is left in order for the time being.—Mr. Dennis supported the idea of a new district

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. Mary's, Potterne, on Saturday, March 4th, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. H. Kewley). Some good practice was put in in various methods.

The Vicar conducted the Guild Office, Mrs. W. H. Kewley presiding at the organ and Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chairman) reading the lesson. The Vicar, in a brief address, touched on the following points in connection with bellringing: The object, concentration and persevering energy.

Tea was prepared in the Parish Room and 34 sat down, including the Vicar and Mrs. Kewley. Special mention must be made of the way in which this was arranged, and Mr. J. Wells and helpers are to be heartily congratulated. All present obviously enjoyed themselves.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding and extending his usual welcome to the visitors. The arrangements for the proposed lectures by Mr. C. F. Andrews were left in the hands of the secretary. Mr. F. Green, assistant secretary of the Guild, presented a complete list of peals rung by the Guild for 1932. These numbered 36, of which 18 had been rung by the Devizes Branch. Several of the performances deserve special merit, one by the Holt band, which was first by a local band and first as conductor; also one at Southbroom, which included four 'first pealers', the conductor having the honour to conduct his first peal. By a coincidence both peals were rung as a welcome to their respective Vicars.

The usual votes of thanks were then passed, and the ringers returned to the tower, where ringing was continued until 8 p.m. The towers represented were Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Rowde, Trowbridge, Warminster, Longbridge, Deverell, Urchfort, Market Lavington, Bradford-on-Avon, Holt, Melksham and Potterne, and visitors from Buckland Newton, the following methods being rung: Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

very strongly, with Ely as a centre, but the matter is left for the annual general meeting to decide.

Everyone spent a very happy afternoon and evening. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Oates for having given so much careful thought to all the necessary arrangements.

Histon bells have been retuned and rehung in a new steel frame on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A somewhat ambitious programme was recently tried by East Berks and South Bucks Branch when both an eight and twelve-bell tower were advertised as being available for practice. Although the weather was particularly severe, a little band of enthusiasts climbed the snowy heights of West Wycombe and announced their arrival with Stedman, Cambridge and London. The return journey was not without excitement, one of the party having to console himself (and his feet) with the saying that 'snow is good for chilblains.'

Tea at Mrs. Martin's was quite an event, with a large fire to add to the cheer. The weather then made a special effort to depress the party by 'sending it down in buckets.' However, 'the twelve' was eventually reached, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Royal, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major being successfully brought round. All too soon came 8.30 p.m., when the spartan representatives of some eight different towers departed to 'dry their clothes,' at the same time recording a not unsuccessful meeting.

SOUTHOVER (LEWES) GUILD.

The annual dinner of the Southover Bellringers' Guild, Lewes, was held on February 22nd, when the Rector (the Rev. D. G. Matthews), president of the Guild, presided over a company of about 25. Among the company were the Master of the Sussex Association (Mr. J. T. Rickman) and other former members of the Guild.

The toast of 'Success to the Guild' was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who expressed the hope the members would rally to the support of their new captain (Mr. A. J. Turner) and maintain the Sunday service ringing and also score further local peals.

Mr. G. P. Elphick (hon. secretary) replied. The other toasts were 'The Sussex County Association,' proposed by Mr. W. Ward and responded to by Mr. Rickman; 'The President and Vice-Presidents,' submitted by Mr. C. J. Rugg, who has just retired from the secretaryship, and acknowledged by Mr. E. W. Townsend; and 'The Guests,' given by Mr. C. T. Lloyd and replied to by Mr. G. Richardson.

There was an enjoyable programme of songs and handbell ringing.

THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD ROOTED IN 1755.

Responding to the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' at the Johnson dinner at Birmingham, Mr. T. H. Reeves first announced apologies from the Bishop of Birmingham, Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of Central Council), Sir Walter Butler, the Vicar of Aston, Mr. G. R. Newton (Liverpool), Mr. R. Richardson (Surfleet), the Rector of Solihull, Mr. and Mrs. Martineau (Solihull), etc. He also thanked the artistes and accompanist for the delightful musical programme, and, in congratulating the band who rang the Treble Bob 14, which many had heard for the first time, recalled the fact that it was at Johnson's 80th birthday celebration that Stedman Cinques on handbells was heard for the first time in Birmingham. Continuing, Mr. Reeves referred to the fact that at the annual meeting of the Guild it was decided to write up an album of all the notable ringers connected with the Guild. Up to the present he had not been able to do much in the matter, but he had been able to find out how glorious was the inheritance which had come down to them. The Guild was founded in 1755, when it was known as St. Martin's Youths. Later on the title was changed to St. Martin's Society, afterwards it became St. Martin's Guild, and then, when the diocese was formed, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. They were, however, only one society, founded, in 1755, and they should not forget that fact. Some time ago a peal was rung and was described as the one thousandth peal rung by the Guild. That was quite right as far as the 'Guild' was concerned, but if that went down to history as the one thousandth peal rung by the Guild, what became of all the other peals rung before the change of name? He would, therefore, ask everyone to be very careful when making statements, to remember that the Guild was established in 1755, and that they were one society right the way through. Mr. Reeves went on to say that in looking through some papers recently he came across one which began with this preamble: 'The Company of St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, being desirous of bequeathing some memento of their labours which may excite posterity to emulate them in the noble science of change ringing, caused this circular to be printed recording four scientific peals rung by them in 1848.' That went to show, he added, that even the ringers of that day wanted ringers of the future to realise what they were inheriting. The circular recorded four peals, two rung at Aston and two at St. Martin's. The Guild, he continued, was prospering; there was no doubt about that. They were going from strength to strength and they need have no fears whatever regarding the future of the Guild (applause).

Mrs. Boyce (daughter of the late Mr. Bryant), in a graceful speech, thanked the members of the Guild for the respect which they had shown to her father. Ringing, she said, was his one hobby in life, and his happiest days were spent among the ringers. If he could have known the honour paid to him, she was sure he would have been very proud (applause).

'BALDERDASH AND BUNKUM.'

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed 'The Visitors,' and expressed the pleasure which St. Martin's Guild had in welcoming them to Birmingham. He said he used to wonder, when, as a boy, he first used to attend those gatherings, what exactly all the visitors came to Birmingham for. He thought then, of course, that it was, as doubtless it was and still is, to do honour to the memory of that grand old man of change ringing, Henry Johnson. But as the years wore on he thought there might be other reasons as well, such as the excellent ringing which they could get in the Bull Ring, and which, perhaps, they could not get anywhere else; but he had heard that day the real reason. It was because at no other ringers' gathering in this country did they see such a handsome lot of ladies present (laughter and applause). In any case, there they were, and, in the words of the apt quotation on the toast list, 'Our true intent is—all for your delight.' He hoped and believed all the visitors were enjoying their trip to Birmingham, and St. Martin's Guild looked to them to make their gathering a success. Mr. Smith went on to refer to the representatives of other guilds and associations present, and mentioned Mr. P. E. Dawe, who presided over the gathering 21 years ago. He said there was one absent who he wished could have been there, and that was their friend the Rev. Herbert Drake. Mr. Drake had been trying to teach them how to strike—from his angle. Whoever heard, said the speaker, of such a 'balm' suggestion as putting patches of bad striking into good ringing, because the public would like it better? It was as absurd as suggesting that the organist at Birmingham Town Hall should put a few bars of jazz into a great oratorio like the 'Messiah.' If a man thought such things, they could not stop him, but he did not know why it should be printed. He had heard it suggested that it was because bad striking was Mr. Drake's great delight (laughter). The suggestion of Mr. Drake was what Tom Walls would call 'all balderdash and bunkum' (laughter), and in the recent words of Mr. Churchill, spoken in the House of Commons the other day, it was time to put an end to 'the copious stream of pontifical mugwumpery with which we have been dosed so long' (loud laughter). In conclusion, Mr. Smith expressed the hope that the

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MEMORIAL TO MR. T. HERVEY BEAMS.

CHOIR STALL DEDICATED AT BRADPOLE CHURCH.

The memorial of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild to the late Mr. T. Hervey Beams, of Bradpole, was dedicated on Saturday, February 25th, by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry). The memorial, a new choir stall, is of native grown English oak, and was made and designed in conformity with the style of the existing choir stalls of the church. Assisting the Rev. R. H. Gundry in the service of dedication were the Rev. C. W. d'Ombrain (Vicar of Bradpole) and the president of the West Dorset Branch (the Rev. C. Carew-Cox).

The Master performed the actual ceremony with the words: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this choir stall to the glory of God and to the memory of His servant, Thomas Hervey Beams.' Afterwards he delivered a dedication prayer, and the Nunc Dimittis was sung. The choir stall has a silver plate, on which the following is inscribed: 'To the glory of God and in memory of T. Hervey Beams, for 20 years, 1910-1930, pioneer and faithful servant among ringers, this choir stall is placed here by the Salisbury D.G. Ringers.' The sermon was to have been preached by the Rev. F. J. Edwards, general secretary of the Guild, but, in the unavoidable absence of that gentleman, the Rev. R. H. Gundry delivered an extempore address from 2 Samuel xii, 19: 'Is there not a cause?'

Following the service a meeting was held in the Forster Institute, when members were present from Bournemouth, Bradpole, Bridport, Beaminster, Bishop's Cleeve, Poole, Wimborne, Upwey, Lyme Regis, Wyke Regis, Linton Cheney and various other towers. Members of the West Dorset Branch present included the Rev. C. C. Cox (chairman), Mr. F. Bugler (Ringing Master), Messrs. W. S. B. Northover and A. Winter (Deputy Ringing Masters) and C. H. Lathey (secretary). Others present included the Rev. C. A. Phillips, C. H. Jennings, the Rev. A. B. Hutton, Dr. Watts and Capt. Pester (churchwardens of Bradpole Church). Subsequently the Chairman voiced a welcome to the visitors. He thanked the Rev. R. H. Gundry for performing the dedication, and, proceeding, referred to the life of Mr. T. H. Beams, whose name had now been added to the Langford Memorial. He added that it was gratifying to know that the Guild had been able to raise the necessary money for the purchase of a memorial to one who was a change ringing pioneer.

Mr. R. H. Beams expressed the gratitude of Mrs. Beams and family for the memorial to his father. 'I should also like to say,' he added, 'how we appreciate the form the memorial has taken, because I know full well that my father liked things that were useful as well as ornamental.'

Mr. Bugler spoke of the effort being made at Corscombe with regard to the bells there being rehung, and the sum of £2 2s. was voted towards the fund.

The Rev. C. C. Cox tendered the thanks of the meeting to the Vicar and churchwardens of Bradpole for the welcome extended to the visitors, also for the use of the bells, to Mr. B. Elsworth, who presided at the organ, and to the ladies who waited at tea.

During the afternoon various methods were rung, including Kent Treble Bob and Stedman.

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visitors would find that occasion no less enjoyable than those which had gone before it. He reminded them that the gathering did not end with that day, and hoped to see them on the morrow (applause).

Mrs. C. F. Johnston, the first lady to respond to a toast at a Johnson commemoration dinner, first replied, and on behalf of the ladies thanked the Guild for including them in the invitation. Mrs. Johnston said it was her first attempt at speech-making and the first time she had raised her voice in the ringing world. It was a world of such clever men and women—for such all ringers must be—that she was proud of being connected with it, if only by marriage (applause).

Mr. A. J. Hughes (Bradford) also responded, and thanked St. Martin's Guild for the excellent dinner and wonderful entertainment. He looked upon that, he said, as the greatest social gathering of ringers in the year.

Mr. J. Jagger submitted 'The Ringing World,' and quoted from letters which he had received to show how much it was appreciated by ringers overseas.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in responding to the toast, said there were two sides to every question. In regard to striking, there was Mr. Drake's side and Mr. Smith's side (laughter), and if for no other reason Mr. Drake's article was worth while for the entertaining speech it had produced from Mr. Smith (laughter).

The concluding toast was that of 'The Health of the Chairman,' proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. W. G. Robinson, and acknowledged by the Rector.

The musical programme was again a very delightful one. The part songs of the St. Martin's Quartette, which have for many years been a feature of the entertainment, were again greatly enjoyed. Songs were sung by Mrs. D. Smith and Mr. A. S. Downes and received with warm applause, while the handbell solos of Mrs. Hughes, played with characteristic charm, once more gave great pleasure and were encored.

STRIKING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In what I wrote on striking, I thought I had guarded against the interpretation you have put on my words. I said nothing about 'welcoming' bad striking. On the contrary, I said: 'Of course, I do not mean that one should cultivate this as a new method of peal ringing.' Ringing is not the only art in which a trace of what is bad is a relief and a foil to what is good. That does not mean that we must welcome the bad, or 'do evil that good may come.'

Nor did I suggest that 'the lay listener would desire to hear bells jangled at intervals in a peal.' I maintain most emphatically that bad striking should never be tolerated: in fact, I agree entirely with all the rest of both your articles.

You do not say what is wrong in your first quotation. It is certainly true, as I said, that those who are opposed to ringing altogether would not be appeased by good striking: as it is true that some people love to hear bells jangled, though no change ringer does.

I understand your point to be that good striking increases the enthusiasm of those who, not being ringers themselves, yet appreciate good ringing; and that such enthusiasm outweighs the influence of those who want to stop ringing. My points were not contradictory, but complementary to this.

There are two words that are wrong in my article, owing, I fear, to my bad writing. 'Only' should be 'first', so as to read: 'Striking can first be taught by listening when you are not ringing.'

In the last paragraph but one, 'even' should be 'Erin.' What I meant was that Erin on four bells is excellent both for music and for striking.

HERBERT DRAKE.

If Mr. Harry Mason, Mr. A. H. Pulling and the others who have misquoted my words do not strike more accurately than they read the articles in 'The Ringing World,' we shall begin to think that there must be something wrong with their hearing! What I said was that bad striking might be 'a relief to the ordinary listener,' who, I had said, often did not appreciate good striking. Which position are these gentlemen taking up? Do they claim to be ordinary listeners—i.e., non-ringers? Or are they pretending not to appreciate good striking? I immediately afterwards pointed out that we must not give that relief. Thus the 'advocacy' and the 'advice' which they have discovered must reside in their own imaginations. It does not appear in mine.

H. D.

'PEAL GRABBERS.**SURPRISE RINGERS ANXIOUS TO HELP.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—From reading the letter of Mr. N. G. Leech appearing in your issue of February 24th, one might gather the opinion that large numbers of ringing novices found great difficulty in finding a competent band willing to help them through their first peals in the elementary methods. We have had this kind of suggestion made before, but most of us will agree it is, in these days, as distinct from years ago, far from being the case.

I do not know Mr. Leech, so shall not be considered personal if I ask what these complaints amount to, for I know, and have rung with, quite a few different 'cliques' who ring Surprise peals, but I cannot call to mind one 'clique' who would not gladly invite any young ringer, who showed the least aptitude, to join in their ringing. I strongly suspect that some of these disgruntled correspondents are people who have ambitions to ring advanced methods, but who have not even succeeded in becoming reasonably proficient in simple methods. I have come across a number of such instances.

It must be apparent to Mr. Leech that there are 'cliques' who take pleasure in ringing advanced methods, whilst there are other 'cliques' who take equal pleasure in ringing peals in the simpler methods. I cannot imagine why he should wish those whom he describes as 'Great I Ams' to take part in peals which no longer afford them pleasure, when there are other ringers who are both capable and desirous of taking part in such peals.

I do not know of any district where there is an expert Surprise 'clique' which has not also a complement of capable ringers who would gladly help the novice through peals in the elementary methods. If there are any such areas, then I believe the 'Great I Ams' would invariably be found willing and anxious to arrange peals designed to help forward anyone who showed even a minimum of promise.

It is ridiculous for Mr. Leech to suggest that peals in the higher methods are 'more often than not' badly struck. Experience teaches that the reverse has to be the case if advanced method ringing is to be successful. Further, it should be realised that the footnote, 'First peal in the method,' is nearly as commendable as that of 'First peal.' Far too many promising young ringers ring their first peal and shortly afterwards drop ringing altogether because no fresh method was learned and practised to sustain their interest.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

Colchester.

(Other letters on this subject are held over.)

NOTICES.**PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.**

As the 10 bells at Duffield, which was the home of Sir Arthur Heywood, and where he was a Sunday service ringer for many years, are about to be recast, the committee of the Midland Counties Association invite subscriptions from all ringers towards the expenses of recasting one of the bells and adding a suitable inscription.

Sir Arthur was, as is well known, the founder of the Central Council, and its president for a quarter of a century. He was also president of the M.C.A. for 29 years, and the committee feel that there are many, particularly those who knew him personally, who will welcome this opportunity of being associated with the scheme, and it is with confidence that they appeal for generous support from one and all.

Donations, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the hon. treasurer of the M.C.A.,

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 30th at 8 p.m.; St. Magnus' on the 23rd; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgelev Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45 p.m.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham Parish Church, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nether Winchendon on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (5) available from 2.45 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Cuddington bells (6) available during the evening. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on March 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Church House at 5.30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey, St. Thomas, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nail Street, Milnrow.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Dodderhill, Droitwich, on Sat., March 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea, 1/- per head, and meeting to follow.—F. S. Hawkes, Sec., Dudage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bourton on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. All ringers cordially invited.—E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11th, at Tonbridge. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's (bells 12 and 8), on Saturday, March 11th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea can be had at the nearby cafes.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—(South & West District).—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) from 3.30 and after tea. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, March 11th. The bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. L.N.E.R. main line cheap fares. Buses from all parts every 20 minutes. As this is the last meeting of the year do make an attempt to make the meeting a big success.—Don. Mears, Dis. Sec., Ofley, Hitchin.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. The bells of All Saints' will be available after tea, and St. Saviour's from 7 till 8 p.m.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Please advise me. Wood Green bells available after business meeting. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Yorkshire Association on Saturday, March 18th, at Doncaster.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

DEVON GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches will be held at Buckfastleigh on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available: Parish Church (6), from 1.45 p.m., St. Mary's Abbey (12) from 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) in the National Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Applications for tea should reach me not later than Wednesday morning, March 15th. All ringers welcome.—A. L. Bennett, 9, Bossell Terrace, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Cafe, Printing Office Street (three minutes from church), 5.15 p.m., at a moderate charge. Please notify me by Thursday, the 16th, for tea. The business meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held in the Clergy House, adjoining church, at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due and the annual report available.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing 2.45 to 5.15 and 6.30 to 8. Tea and business to follow at 5.30. Postcards from tea-takers appreciated by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Puttenham on Saturday, March 18th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Please send me numbers for tea by Monday, March 13th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting at Daresbury on Saturday, March 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Members requiring tea please advise me by the 15th inst.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Grappenhall.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, March 18th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LADIES' GUILD (NORTHERN BRANCH) AND SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting 3 p.m., Saturday, March 18th, at Long Eaton. Lady ringers interested invited to join the Guild. Subscription, 1s. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Hickton, Claremont, Thorneywood Road, Long Eaton, by Thursday, the 16th.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Lawton (eight bells) on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. It is necessary that those who intend to be present should send word to me on or before March 15th.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) and meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Horbury (via Wakefield) on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. Apply to Mr. H. Pickles, 8, Manor Road, Horbury, not later than Thursday, March 16th. All ringers welcome. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on March 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's Church, Eccles, on Saturday, March 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A special practice will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Tuesday, March 14th, commencing 7 p.m. Look up Double Norwich and Cambridge.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Allesley, near Coventry, is the meeting place for Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Rainbow Inn, 1s. each. The Vicar will preside. Frequent bus service from Coventry.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gayton on Saturday, March 18th. Service 3 p.m. Notify for tea before March 15th.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. Tea in schoolroom near church at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., immediately after tea. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due, and annual report available at this meeting.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Holly Bush, 1s. 3d. each, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting, and bells available again afterwards.—J. M. Cripps, Div. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham, Sussex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Easter Monday, April 17th. Tower open at 10. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon, with reasonable

refreshment, at one o'clock, 1s. each to members, 3s. 6d. non-members. Business meeting to follow. Nominations for Central Council representatives must reach me by April 3rd next. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 17th. All members are requested to attend. Gloucester deserves and expects every support. Resolutions and items for agenda should be sent in soon. Alterations, additions or deletions to the general rules must be given notice of by March 20th in accordance with Rule 15. The Davies Memorial Committee and the Management Committee will meet at 3 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. respectively on Saturday, March 25th, Spreadeagle Hotel, Gloucester. Full details later.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol, 2.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. The annual committee meeting will be held in Reading (D.V.) on Saturday, April 22nd. Will all branch secretaries and representatives please note? Details later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday, May 6th. Details later. Please make a note of the date.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, is now 6, Gatwick Road, Southfields, S.W.18.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. C. W. Roberts is now 327, Fulham Palace Road, London, S.W.

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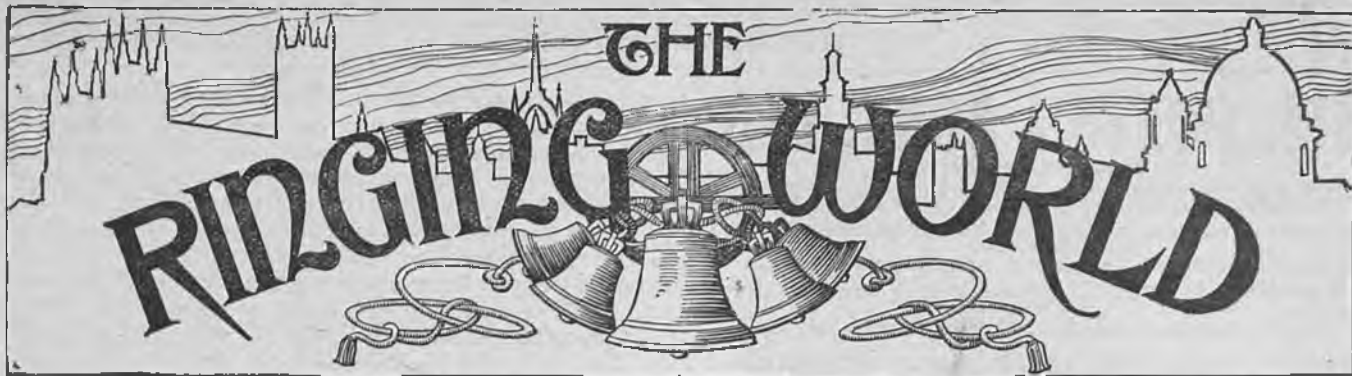
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A CAMBRIDGE ATTACK.

An attack has just been levelled against the ringing of the celebrated bells of the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, and it has originated in the Town Council. One of the members, who dislikes the bells on practice nights, found that the Corporation was paying five pounds a year for bellringing purposes, and this apparently set him thinking. His idea is, presumably, that this payment gives the Council the right to say when and how the bells shall be rung, but the ultimate length to which the General Purposes Committee was prepared to go was to recommend that representations should be made that the bells on practice evenings should be muffled. The Council appears to have been nearly evenly divided on the subject, and eventually the matter was referred back for further consideration.

The reasons given for the proposed 'representation' are that the bells cause annoyance to the neighbours and disturb the studies of the University students who have rooms nearby. It is probably just one more of the sporadic outbreaks against bells, which burst into flame from time to time, but which is here given prominence because it emanates through the Town Council. While the feeling at the moment is against the weekly practice, nothing is said against the nightly ringing of the curfew for which, actually, the five pounds is paid by the Corporation, and which, we believe, plays an official part in connection with College regulations in Cambridge. For two hundred years the bells of Great St. Mary's have been rung; generations of townsmen and students have come and gone, but it is left to the people of an age turned hideous with other noises to try and muffle the voices of these bells for the one hour a week during which, apart from Sundays, they are usually rung.

We are glad to hear that the Vicar of Great St. Mary's does not view these 'representations' with favour. To suggest the regular ringing of muffled bells is in itself ludicrous, and reveals the customary ignorance of matters relating to bells which frequently characterises these protests. The Vicar appears to have gone a long way towards meeting any genuine cause for complaint, but, like Oliver Twist, the Council are asking for more. We hope the Vicar and the Church authorities will take a firm stand on the matter. Every concession leads to further demands; but usually behind the air of injured innocence assumed in these cases are personal feelings of no great importance. Presently, however, the storm in the teacup will doubtless blow itself out, and the bells of Great St. Mary's will go on ringing as they have done since Stedman's days. At the same time it might be well

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AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ERNEST COTSFORTH Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 6
BENJAMIN THORPE 2	WILLIAM PYE 7
*NORMAN HEAPS 3	FREDERICK PAGE 8
*WILFRED HALLIWELL 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 9
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5	JAMES TURNER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First touch of Stedman Caters as conductor. Messrs. F. Page and W. W. Wolstencroft's 200th peal.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*F. ROWLAND RIDGWELL Treble	LEONARD E. PITSTOW 6
HAROLD SKETCHLEY 2	*FREDERICK RIDGWELL 7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 3	ALFRED H. SIMMONDS 8
GEORGE S. SPARROW 4	FREDERICK DENCH 9
T. REGINALD DENNIS 5	WALTER PARISH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. DENCH.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells. It was the 41st anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HART Treble	ALFRED H. GREENWOOD 6
KEITH HART 2	ALBERT D. STONE 7
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Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN DEARLOVE.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

J. CARTER'S NINE-FART.	THOMAS J. HULL 6
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM Treble	*GEORGE B. COLLINS 7
JOHN W. MALYAN 2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 8
HAROLD V. FROST 3	†ALFRED J. HOUSE 9
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 4	JOHN DRYDEN Tenor
FREDERICK J. SPICER 5	

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Grandsire as conductor. Rung on the eighth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. H. Gathorne Crabbtree, M.C., M.A.). It also marked the 46th anniversary of the ringing of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells (non-conducted) by Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, J. C. Mitchell, C. F. Winney and the late Mr. G. T. MacLaughlin.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BOTTON Treble	THOMAS W. LAST 5
ALBERT E. WHITING 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
GEORGE BENNETT 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	JAMES BENNETT, SEN. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 7, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST W. PYE Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
FRANK G. RINGE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*CHARLES TINDALE Treble	ALBERT V. COATES 5
*JOHN WALLER 2	WM. A. BRECKON 6
ALFRED E. OXLEY 3	HARRY SHORT 7
GEORGE WHITE 4	RICHARD HANSELL Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SHORT.

* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. SWINFELD'S ODD AND EVEN BOB IRREGULAR TWENTY-PART, No. 2

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	JAMES GEORGE 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	WALTER WALLACE 7
CHARLES DRAFER 4	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and was a birthday compliment to J. Charles Dicken and J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF NORTHFLEET LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	GEORGE L. BUTCHER 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6
EDWARD J. BEER 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

This method is now rung for the first time.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*SAMUEL WARNE Treble	*BASIL RIDGWELL 5
*MISS ELSIE E. PETTITT 2	†ALBERT WIFFEN 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
*GEORGE WIFFEN 4	*HERBERT C. REASON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. Miss Pettitt is the first lady to take part in a peal of Bristol Surprise in the county and for the association. With the exception of the ringer of the 3rd, all are regular service ringers, and the band wish to associate with the peal Mr. C. H. Howard, who had practised with the band.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 9, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. Treble	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. 5
CHARLES H. WALKER 2	CHARLES DAVIS 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	JACK DAFTERS 7
JOHN J. LAMB 4	*ARTHUR H. ROWE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.

* First peal. Specially arranged and rung as a 70th birthday compliment (March 15th) to the conductor, who has been a ringer at this tower for 43 years and captain of the band for 37 years. He called the same composition for his first peal as conductor on June 10th, 1893. The peal was also a birthday compliment (March 14th) to the ringer of the 6th and the wife of the ringer of the 7th (March 12th). The ringer of the 3rd has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER AYRE Treble	FREDERICK C. REEVE 5
FREDERICK J. REEVE 2	HARRY BULL 6
*HAROLD BRACKLEY 3	†CHRISTOPHER BADRICK 7
HAROLD BISHOP 4	*NATHAN BRACKLEY Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Miss M. Bright, who had the bells restored in memory of her parents. Also as a birthday compliment to Master John Wedgwood T. Wood, son of the Vicar. First peal on the bells since restoration. All are members of the local company except the conductor.

PRESTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*JOHN T. BIMSON Treble	*JOHN BOOTH 5
*JOHN CHARNOCK 2	E. ROGER MARTIN 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	*JAMES W. GROONDS 7
FRED HARWOOD 4	*WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells. Ring as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Morris, M.A., who left on the above date to take up duties near Canterbury.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
HARRY C. INGRAM	Treble	CHARLES SHARPLES	5
GEORGE MARIES	2	PETER CROOK, JUN.	6
WILFRED HALLIWELL	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
*JOHN H. FOSTER	4	EDWARD IDDON	Tenor

Conducted by P. CROOK, JUN.

* First peal of Grandsire. † 50th peal. ‡ 150th peal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
JOHN E. BEAMS	Treble
JOHN BEAMS	2
JOHN B. HESSEY	3
JOHN H. WHITE	4
JOHN HOYLE	5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	6
JOHN GILL	7
JOHN H. B. HESSE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

The first 'John' peal of Bob Major. All the band are resident members of the Guild.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
JAMES W. BAKENDALE	Treble
SAMUEL WARD	2
WILLIAM H. SENIOR	3
WILLIAM BARTON	4
JOHN AMBLER	5
GEORGE AMBLER	6
*WILLIAM AMBLER	7
PERCY J. JOHNSON	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

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

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*ARTHUR J. SMALLS	Treble
GEORGE HOWCHIN	2
GEORGE MAYERS	3
FREDRICK J. HOWCHIN	4
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	6
WILLIAM E. BASON	7
WILLIAM CLOVER	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal in the method.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.	
GEORGE GREEN	Treble	WILLIAM CHALK	5
WILLIAM KEEBLE	2	WALTER SMITH	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	ERNEST W. FURBANK	7
FRANK G. RINGE	4	ARTHUR HEAD	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The band represents eight towers from four divisions of the county.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
THOMAS LINCOLN	Treble
CHARLES T. COLES	2
GEORGE R. PYE	3
WILLIAM LINCOLN	4
SIDNEY TAYLOR	5
ERNEST J. BOTLER	6
JAMES BENNETT	7
WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.	
CHARLES H. SONE	Treble
*HORACE GILBERT	2
MRS. H. BAKER	3
HARRY BAKER	4
TOM SAUNDERS	5
THOMAS E. SONE	6
WILLIAM BOTTON	7
LUTHER J. HONESS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First attempt for a peal of Major. The composition (No. 382) is now rung for the first time.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
JOSEPH OGDEN	Treble	BENJAMIN THORPE	5
STEPHEN PARRY	2	WILLIAM H. SLACK	6
JAMES LEES	3	VERNON SYKES	7
GEORGE BARLOW	4	HERBERT BARLOW	Tenor

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Lees, whose birthday was on March 9th.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.	
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Treble
WILLIAM HEWETT	2
*JOSEPH MARKS	3
EDWIN F. PIKE	4
FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
JAMES E. DAVIS	7
REUBEN SANDERS	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
FRANK SKIDMORE	Treble	ERNEST PALMER	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	JOHN AUSTIN	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	JOHN G. JEFFERIES	7
*SIDNEY G. RICHES	4	*ALBERT C. BAKER	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Stedman and first on eight bells. The conductor's 400th peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.	
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	Treble
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	2
GEORGE LILLEY	3
*WILLIAM WATHEN	4
KEITH W. WHITTELL	5
GEORGE W. ABLITT	6
SHIRL FORD SPARROW	7
HARRY D. LISTER	Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. The tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

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.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

NORMAN H. SMITH Treble	BENJAMIN DALTON 5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
ROBERT PICKERING 4	THOMAS W. BATE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

Mr. R. Pickering has now completed the 'circle' twice in this tower. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Griffiths, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
CLIFFORD SEIDMORE 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	CYRIL TANSSELL 7
JAMES HEMMING 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Cambridge.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 College Exercise and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. WHITE Treble	CHARLES J. MANN 4
JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM 2	ARTHUR APPLETON 5
JOHN R. OWERS 3	BENARD C. MANN Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. MANN.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the conductor, and was his first peal in that capacity. It was also a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with varied callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

NORMAN STATHAM Treble	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS 3
*CLAUDE A. COE 2	FRANCIS R. DEACON 4
ERNEST E. PICKERING Tenor	

Conducted by E. E. PICKERING.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. Mills to the living of Kirkby Mallory, whose induction by the Bishop of Leicester took place on this day.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM DOWNES Treble	LOUIS PIERCE 4
FREDRICK OWEN 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	DAVID EVANS Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

First peal by all except the conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, February 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): S. Miles (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Rolph 2, J. Dale 3, J. Cross 4, J. G. Macdonald 5, G. Playle 6, J. Blay 7, J. Cornford (conductor) 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

STANLEY NOBLES Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
WILLIAM GAYES 2	JOHN WORTH 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	JACK WADMSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Mr. W. Gayes' 50th peal.

ULCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, ten of Stedmann and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALAN MISSING Treble	WILLIAM J. HENNIKER 4
JOSEPH T. PACK 2	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 3	C. FREDERICK GOOD Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

First peal in four methods by all. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MR. T. GROOMBRIDGE, SENIOR'S 700 PEALS.

The peal of Superlative at Eynsford on February 4th was the 700th peal rung by Mr. Thomas Groombridge, sen. This total is made up as follows:—

Method	Rung	Conducted
Doubles	1	—
Minor	18	15
Grandsire Triples	82	45
Oxford Bob Triples	4	1
Bob Triples	1	—
Erin Triples	1	—
Stedman Triples	147	72
Bob Major	44	12
Hereward Bob Major	1	—
Double Oxford Bob Major	4	—
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	73	12
'Real' Double Norwich Court Bob Major	3	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	69	28
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	—
Granta Treble Bob Major	1	1
Little Bob Major	1	—
Erith Little Bob Major	1	—
Superlative Surprise Major	30	5
Cambridge Surprise Major	51	4
New Cumberland Major	3	—
London Surprise Major	19	1
Bristol Surprise Major	8	1
Grandsire Caters	3	—
Stedman Caters	32	—
Bob Royal	3	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	15	4
Forward Royal	2	—
Dnfield	1	—
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal	1	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	10	—
Grandsire Cinques	1	—
Stedman Cinques	43	—
Bob Maximus	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	6	1
Superlative Surprise Maximus	2	—
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	16	3
Total ...	700	207

Of the above peals, one each of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were 'non-conducted,' 168 have been rung with his son, Mr. T. Groombridge, jun. (including 'father and son' peal of Cinques). He has taken part in peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, including the 12,675 of the latter, and peals of Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus, including 7,392 of Cambridge Maximus. Fifteen peals were rung on handbells, of which he conducted two.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On February 8th, at All Saints', a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,257 changes) in 53 minutes: T. Gunning 1, H. H. Yeats 2, T. Ferris 3, Mrs. H. Knight (first quarter-peal on ten bells) 4, J. Gait 5, A. Ferris 6, F. Nipper 7, T. Brice 8, H. W. Knight (conductor) 9, H. Vowles 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to William Axford, who was sidesman of the Church for many years.

'PEAL GRABBERS.' DAYS OF 'OPPORTUNITY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was delighted to see Mr. E. P. Duffield's excellent reply to Mr. N. G. Leech's letter in your issue of February 24th. I support the whole of his remarks. There is not an atom of justification for the statements made by Mr. Leech, and if he attended meetings, as I have done for a number of years, he would see for himself who gets the greatest part of the ringing, the learner or the 'Great I Ams,' as he terms them.

If he has ambition and mental ability, he would find no trouble to advance to any method in these days of 'opportunity.' Had he lived over 50 years ago he might have found difficulty in getting practice with a change ringing band at all, as it was only by cycling 15 miles each way that I was able to get my first plain course of Grandsire Triples. Now it is only to learn to handle your bell first, learn up the method you want to ring, go to district meetings and take the opportunity offered you.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

PROMINENT RINGER'S VIEW.

Dear Sir,—There appears in your Feb. 24th issue a letter from Mr. N. G. Leech, of Dudley, to which I, for one, take strong objection. Evidently his views of what constitutes progress are of a very one-sided nature. I have no wish to blow my own trumpet; results will always speak for themselves. There may be some talented ringers who refuse or neglect to give a helping hand to beginners, or, shall I say, less apt pupils than they may have been themselves, but they are few and far between. Each case must be judged on its merits. May I point out to Mr. Leech that there are many factors to be taken into consideration, to few if any of which he has given a thought. In one case to my knowledge a Surprise band who were continually ringing peals have been very hard hit by the depression, and at one time 15 of them were unemployed. Yet they have managed to keep the band together, and, besides ringing Surprise peals, have taught several young ringers in their own tower. Now I come to my own district and what is being done there. Having rung nearly into the seventh century, including nearly 100 peals of London Surprise Major and five rung double-handed, I suppose Mr. Leech will term me a 'peal grabber.' He is quite at liberty to enjoy his point of view, but I would like to ask him whether we were not making greater progress by keeping our band select, if you so like to term it, practising London double-handed and ringing peals of the same. I submit that if we had devoted our time to teaching others instead of ringing London double-handed, the first peal might have yet had to be rung. One more point for Mr. Leech's information. Quite recently I rang 16 peals in three weeks, including two Surprise, two Treble Bob, three Double Norwich and two of Bob Major on tower bells besides handbell peals. These were rung with 51 ringers, 11 of whom scored their first in the method, one first in two methods and five first peals. I ask Mr. Leech to draw his own conclusion, as doubtless many of your readers will do.

W. KEEBLE.

Feering.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL.

Dear Sir,—Correspondence on the subject of 'Peal grabbers' has before appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and I trust you may find space in your valuable paper to insert my humble reply. With reference, first of all, to Mr. G. Gilbert's letter in the issue of the 17th February, I must quote the old saying 'Those in glass houses should not throw stones.' With reference to the remarks in the issue of Feb. 24th, I would like to know what business Mr. Leech has to criticise the creditable performances of other ringers and openly accuse them of bad striking? He writes rubbish. In the first place, he cannot know the men he describes as 'Great I Ams.' If he is an 'all round' man, he will understand why Surprise peals are rung. He has no right to judge what men should or should not ring, for, so far, 'our beautiful hobby' is not limited to anything where the range of methods is concerned, and ringers are free to go for whatever method they desire.

Why does not Mr. Leech state who he considers are the 'Great I Ams'? Naturally we have an idea who he means, but I am confident of one thing when I state that peals rung by men like the Pyes, Coles, Roberts, Hewitt, Kippen, Pink, Sippells, Keeble, Pulling and the Ipswich, Helmingham and Leiston towers leave nothing to be desired where good ringing is concerned. I feel sure that if any ringer expressed a wish to stand in a peal, Plain or otherwise, with any of these bands, it would be arranged and they would be met with a welcome.

I risk stating that if Mr. Leech has at any time heard a second-class peal by the 'Surprise cliques,' it was quite probably when he himself has been pulling with them, or else when his complaining friends, afraid of putting their backs into a method by learning it thoroughly at home first, have to be driven through the peal after previously explaining to the conductor that it was most important the peal be rung for some particular reason.

These are the people who voice their complaints against their more brilliant friends, especially when the conductor brings the attempt to

a finish through lack of knowledge of the method of one or two men who expect good ringers to waste their time and money over them.

I am of the opinion that if Mr. Leech and his colleagues care to go to the trouble of thoroughly learning a method on PAPER FIRST and then travel a few miles to practise it, they would find out if they have the ability to ring it. If they can absolutely master the method and strike it, they can be fairly certain of finding favour with our Surprise bands, who have had to tread the elementary stages of practice solely by determination, self-will and study.

On the other hand, if Mr. Leech wants a peal of Plain Bob he can easily follow the example of the 'Great I Ams' by getting the tower, choosing his ringers and going ahead. He has the liberty, and the credit would be his.

CECIL W. PIPE.

Staines.

PEAL RINGERS AND BEGINNERS.

Dear Sir,—The letter of Mr. Norman Leech is most opportune. Surprise peal ringing, like everything else, is all right in its place. No one minds it being rung if those who take part in these peals would be a little more public spirited and help the learner with a peal in a simpler method, too. The majority of the men when they have reached that stage usually, however, want the whole thing to themselves. Whenever anything turns up which is likely to affect the lesser ringer, these Surprise eight, ten and twelve-bell men are generally the first to criticise and say what ought or ought not to be. I am reminded of that by the recent Doubles and Minor controversy. For a considerable time past I have been keen to try to score my first peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside,' having rung a number of peals of Doubles and the treble to some 30 of Triples, Major and Caters. Until a fortnight ago I had still to ring my first of Minor 'inside.' This I have now done, thanks to the assistance of Leicestershire friends, and to get this I had to do a return journey of 78 miles.

I suppose there are some who will say I need not go far to find all I want. I once put this question of a peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside' to a well-known Surprise conductor. His reply was, 'If I could ring Grandsire, why not Double Norwich or Treble Bob?'

Is it not asking a bit too much of a learner to jump from Doubles to these methods? Others have been asked, too, but, as Mr. Leech puts it, the reply is generally 'otherwise engaged.' If the learner happens to be one GIVEN to the art and who within a few months could ring his first peal in some Treble Bob method, these men are usually eager to help, but in most cases only for the notoriety they are going to get in turning out such a ringer. WHAT A CHRISTIAN SPIRIT!

P. AMOS.

Wellingborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A PLEASANT AFTERNOON AT CHISWICK.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association visited Chiswick on Saturday last, some 30 members and friends attending. The weather was springlike and the old Chiswick Mall and river were looking their best. Naturally, however, the bells of St. Nicholas' Church claimed most attention, and many methods were rung, including some 'Chiswick Surprise' by the locals! A very enjoyable service was held, in the course of which the Vicar (the Rev. C. Mayne) delivered a very fine address. He mentioned the wonderful change that had been effected in helphies all over the country during the last 50 years. He congratulated members on the excellent reputation that bellringers now had, and asked them to do all in their power to keep it.

A very nice tea was served in the old National Schools. The Vicar, who was unable to stop for this part of the proceedings, said a few kind words before his departure, and was heartily thanked by the vice-president, Mr. J. A. Trollope.

During tea music was provided by 'our 'Enery and his boys' over the radio. It would have gladdened the heart of the famous 'Kate' to have seen association stalwarts listening to 'Darling, I love you,' and the like! It was decided to postpone the commencement of the business meeting until football fans had heard the results. It was hoped the delay was justified!

Miss F. Humphrey (Kensington) and Messrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey (Wealdstone) and C. G. Lovegrove (Ruislip) were elected ringing members. Members were reminded that the association annual meeting was to be held on April 29th at Clerkenwell. It was decided, therefore, that the next district meeting should be held in May at Feltham.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) announced that he had copies of 'The Ringers' Handbook' and Mr. Cave's 'Cambridge' for sale. Several sales were effected. The meeting concluded with expressions of appreciation of the warm welcome extended to the association by the Vicar and his ringers. Members were particularly grateful to Mr. T. Thurley and his sister for preparing the tea—and the radio!

Further ringing on the tower bells ended an excellent meeting, and a happy commencement of Mr. E. C. S. Turner's term of office as Master.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Eastbourne on Saturday, March 11th. The gathering was a very representative one. The bells of St. Mary's, the mother church of Eastbourne, were kept going to various touches in the standard methods, and service was conducted by the Vicar of Eastbourne (the Rev. R. P. Hughes), assisted by the organist and choir. The Vicar gave an interesting and inspiring address, eulogising the efforts of church bellringers, with special reference to their team work, and emphasising the fact that through the endeavours of the ringers the voices of the bells reached those who never heard another preacher, thus bearing a message to those who may have wandered from the fold to return. Tea was served at the Pitman Institute, and between 30 and 40 sat down. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. W. D. Smith presided at the business meeting which followed. Three new members were elected—Messrs. A. Coggan, H. Webb and J. Marshall, of St. Mary's, Eastbourne.

The whole of the executive officers were re-elected. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his interesting address, also to the organist and choir for their very kind assistance at the service. Thanks were also given to the Vicar of St. Saviour's (8) and All Saints' (8) for so readily placing their bells at the disposal of the members of the association.

SPICED MINOR.

The enterprising band at Lamberhurst, Kent, have rung a 720 Spiced Cambridge and Primrose Surprise: E. Woodage 1, T. Fuller 2, J. Bassett 3, J. Waghorn, jun. (first 720 of Surprise) 4, A. Relfe (conductor) 5, W. Durham 6.

This 720 was rung to a five-part composition, given below, from which it will be seen that one of Mr. J. W. Parker's 2nds-6ths courses are rung between each lead of the plain course. It will serve for both groups that splice by this plan.

23456 H Group	23456 N Group
— 35642	— 64235
42563 L "	52364 K "
26435	35426
63254 H "	43652 N "
54326	26543
— 42635	— 35264

Four times repeated.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH CHAIRMAN RETIRING.**

A very pleasant meeting of North Bucks Branch was held at Old Bradwell on Saturday, March 4th, and was well attended by about 40 members from Bletchley, Fenny Stratford, Hanslope, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Whaddon, Weston-under-Wood and the local ringers, with several visitors, including Mr. Shepherd, of Swindon. It had been many years since a meeting had been held at Old Bradwell, and a very hearty welcome was given to the branch on this occasion. Ringing took place both in the afternoon and evening, and service was conducted by the Rev. Conway Davies (Vicar).

After tea the business meeting was held, the Rev. L. Moxon presiding—The secretary (Mr. W. Sear) said how pleased he was to see the chairman of the branch, who had come from Weston Turville on purpose to preside at the meeting. He felt sure all the members would appreciate the action. He added that as the usual Saturday for the annual festival fell on Whit Saturday, it would be inconvenient to hold the meeting that day. He had, therefore, arranged for it to take place on June 17th.—This was agreed to. The secretary also said that they had to find another chairman by the annual festival to succeed the Rev. L. Moxon, who was then retiring owing to having left the district.

The Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Old Bradwell and to the ladies responsible for providing tea.—The resolution was passed and suitably responded to.

Good practice was given to all those who were willing to ring and learn, the methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Minor.

A CENTENARIAN'S BIRTHDAY.

On Saturday, March 4th, when Mrs. Horwood, of Goring, Oxon, mother of General Sir W. Horwood, celebrated her 100th birthday, the congratulations which she received from a large number of friends, both in the village and out, included a telegram from His Majesty the King. Flowers filled her room and a basket of South African fruit came from her son, arriving in splendid condition. A good many friends visited the house and admired the lovely flowers and presents.

The ringers did their part to celebrate the interesting event by ringing two good touches of Grandsire Triples. Several of the ringers rang on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Those who took part were J. Bower, G. Wilson, L. Haynes, R. Barkas, sen., R. Barkas, jun., H. Tull, W. Napper, J. Napper and W. Perry.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The attempt on the record peal of London Surprise Major at Warnham, Sussex, on Saturday, was short-lived. The ringers did not settle down, and, a trip causing a shift course at the end of an hour, the bells were stopped. Later in the day the band rang a peal of Bristol Surprise.

The new treble bells at Newbury are to be dedicated on Sunday afternoon, April 2nd. About £25 is still needed to meet the cost of the work, and donations should be sent to Mr. H. W. Curtis, captain of the tower, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

The Johns, who have previously provided bands for London and Superlative Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques, made a modest effort on Saturday, when they rang a peal of Bob Major. In this instance, however, they were all resident members of one Guild.

The bells of St. John's Church, Hoylandswaine, Yorks, have been rehung in ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and will be reopened on April 1st.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of Eastleigh, will learn with regret that Mrs. Williams had to undergo an operation in a Southampton nursing home last week. The latest report is that she is going on as well as can be expected, and we hope she will have a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Williams was the first lady to ring a pair of bells to a handbell peal. This was at Brighton on March 24th, 1892, and was conducted by Mr. Williams. Mrs. Williams rang two other peals on handbells in 1897.

The conductor of the peal of Rutland Surprise Major, rung at Bushey Heath, Herts, on March 4th, asks us to say it was not the first peal in the method by the association, as claimed, a peal in the same method having been rung at Edmonton some years ago.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Dore, Sheffield, was rung on Saturday, March 4th, not Sunday, the 5th.

The Chester Guild meeting at Daresbury has been postponed to March 25th.

AMERICA'S 'YOUNG IDEA.'

PROSPECTS AT KENT SCHOOL.

When Mr. I. J. Attwater, the ringing instructor at Kent School, Connecticut, returned to the U.S.A. last autumn, he had to make what was virtually a fresh start with his students, as six of the best ringers had graduated at the end of the school year. He now has two bands going, numbering 15 in all. The seniors are at present ringing short touches of Grandsire Triples, the longest length having been 336, which has been rung several times.

Some very promising students have started this year, and as they will be at the school from three to four years before they graduate—if their interest can only be held while they are being got through the initial stages—they should have the making of a Caters band for the school year beginning next September, as all but one of the present first band will be at the school next year.

Hymn tunes and set changes are played regularly twice on Sundays, after the ringing for the morning service, and, while the school students naturally prefer to hear the tunes, the change ringing, on the whole, is appreciated, especially in the town of Kent, half a mile away. The chairman, L. Roche, a '6th former,' helps Mr. Attwater to control the ringing practices etc., while R. Abbe, a '5th former,' is his first student conductor. Several of the youngest ringers have to stand on boxes to reach the sallies, and all the ringers are between 13 to 18 years of age. They ring regularly four times a week.

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES MEMORIAL.

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THE BELLS OF GREAT ST. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE.

TOWN COUNCIL WANTS THEM MUFFLED.

The Town Council of Cambridge entered upon a solemn discussion with regard to the ringing of the bells of Great St. Mary's Church at their meeting on Thursday in last week. It arose on the minutes of the General Purposes Committee, which stated: 'The town clerk submitted a suggestion of the Finance Committee that representations should be made that the bells of St. Mary's Church on practice evenings be muffled. It was resolved that the committee approve of such representations being made.'

The Mayor explained that representations had been made, and the Vicar had pointed out that practice had been reduced by half an hour, from 7.30 to 8.30, instead of going on to 9 o'clock. The muffling would prove a laborious business. The early morning 'peal' had been stopped.

Alderman Franklin thought everything had been asked for that could reasonably be asked of Great St. Mary's, and Alderman Pollock moved that the Council proceed to the next business.

Councillor Freyer, who had raised the matter in committee, on finding that the Council 'paid £5 out of the rates for ringing the bells,' did not want 'to proceed to the next business.' He wanted the bells muffled, as he had had, he said, a good many complaints about them. He demanded to know how much justification there was for the suggestion that it would be difficult to muffle the bells.

Councillor Cameron, who is master of Caius College, testified 'willingly and gratefully' that a great deal had been done, the time had been shortened and the half-hour knocked off was a very important half-hour for many of those living in the neighbourhood.

'By what they have already done,' he remarked, 'they have done more to encourage Christian feeling than might be accomplished by many sermons' (laughter). More might well be done, however, and he was very anxious they should not be weary in well-doing (laughter).

Capt. Longley pointed out the £5 was for ringing the curfew, and he thought it was an asset to the town. It might annoy those who had no ear for music, but he thought there was nothing more beautiful than to hear that peal of bells a little way out in the outskirts. Muffled bells would sound most mournful.

After other members had talked on the subject, the motion to proceed to the next business was three times voted on before it was formally lost, the second voting being 25 for and 26 against, and the third, when the names were taken, being 27 for and 29 against.

Alderman Raynes then formally moved that the matter be referred back, and there was then an opportunity for further misstatements, such as made by one Alderman, who said that 'three times a year they had a kind of competition of bellringers which lasted all day long.'

Councillor Wing said there were people who never got used to the bells or enjoyed them. He hoped something definite would be done to abate the nuisance. 'There was all the difference in the world between a dumb peal and muffled bells.'

Alderman Brown said it was not everybody who understood the difference. People coming into Cambridge would ask at once, 'Who's dead?' (laughter).

The motion to refer the matter back to the committee was carried unanimously.

VICAR'S ATTITUDE.

And now, what next! The Town Council cannot dictate, and without the acquiescence of the Vicar the bells cannot be silenced. We understand that the attitude of the Vicar is that every concession that can reasonably be asked has been made, and he does not concur with the view either that the bells should be muffled or that ringing should be suspended. In spite of the hostility abroad, the Cambridge Youths will endeavour to keep the bells going and concentrate as far as possible on ringing for the Sunday evening services, which they do, wherever a hand is available, on the first and third Sundays in the month. At the same time, it may be well for outside ringers to realise that there may be difficulties in the way of obtaining the use of the bells either by those visiting Cambridge during the forthcoming outing season or for peals.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Bourton on Saturday. The peal of six was raised at 3 p.m. and kept going in various methods up to Cambridge and London during the afternoon. The Guild office was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. B. Roden), who also gave a short address and extended to the members a hearty welcome to Bourton. Tea and meeting followed in the Vicarage Hut, nearly 70 being present, including visitors from Bruton, Buckland Newton, Chilcompton, Cucklington, Evershot, North Cadbury and Warminster.

New members were elected from Longburton and Siltton, the latter adding another five-bell tower to the Guild.

It was decided to make a collection at the next quarterly meeting towards the Sherborne Abbey Bell Restoration Fund.

Ringing was afterwards continued till 9 p.m., Zeals and Siltton bells also being available.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

WASHBROOK'S OWN DESCRIPTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following is the footnote to a peal of Stedman Triples rung at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, February 15th, 1890, conducted by J. W. Washbrook (see 'Bell News'):

'This peal is produced by Thurstans' four quarter-peals and is the first peal of Stedman Triples rung without the use of "extras," and all the four bob sets being while the 6th is behind. The four quarter-peals are united by the use of common singles at 2 and 14 only, only six of which are used.'

Also for the same peal in J.W. Washbrook's MSS.: '5,040 Stedman Triples. A variation of the late Thomas Thurstans' four-part. Footnote: In this variation the sixth dodges 6-7 up whenever four consecutive calls are made. (Date and place same as above.) Conducted by the Arranger.'

Another variation of Thurstans', conducted by the arranger, J.W.W., using Brooks' three-course blocks and six singles, thus giving quadruple calls throughout. First rung on January 23rd, 1904, at St. Saviour's, Arklow, by the Irish Association (J.W.W.'s MSS.).

A. F. BAILEY.

TWO VARIATIONS.

Dear Sir,—Appended are two variations of Thurstans' Four-part, which I think you will agree makes it into a 20-part. I have made inquiries, but it does not seem to be known. The 'T' is an ordinary part of the peal; the 'T(E)' is an ordinary part with extras; the 'T(O)' is an ordinary part with omits; the parts marked 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' are as set out herewith:—

No. 1.	No. 2.	231456	S	H	L	v.	vi.	Q
231456	231456							
532146 A	342516 T	A—	246351	x	x			
315426 T	134526 C		532146	x	x			
412356 T(O)	351246 T		246351	x	x			
324156 B	523416 T	B—	432561	x	x			x
215546 T	514233 D		142365	x				x
152436 T	435216 T(E)		412356	x				
541326 T	324156 T							
125346 T(E)	532146 C	C—	523416	x	x			
421536 A	315426 T							
254316 T	412356 T(O)		246351	x	x			
342516 D	453126 D		432561	x	x			x
453126 T	245136 C	D—	45231	x				
514236 T	143256 T(O)		524361	x	x			x
435216 T(E)	421536 T		254316	x				
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351246 T	213546 D							
523416 T	152436 T							
245136 T	541326 T							
143256 T(O)	125346 T(E)							
231456 B	231456 T							

W. A. CAVE.

A VETERAN PASSES.

Another stalwart of a past generation of pioneers has passed away in the person of Edwin Jordan. He was the last of the brothers who, with the band in the little village of Capel, on the Surrey and Sussex border, made ringing history in the early 'nineties. One of their achievements was a peal of 14 extents in different Surprise and Treble Bob Minor methods. The late Mr. Jordan also took part in the long length of 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Warnham in 1891, and in the then record length of Superlative Surprise Major (9,312), rung at Crawley in 1894. He was a member in those days of the Sussex and Surrey Associations, the Winchester Diocesan Guild and the Royal Cumberland Youths.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Tuesday, February 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, for the wedding of Miss N. Langham (daughter of Mr. E. W. Langham, churchwarden) and Mr. F. O. M. Taylor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. W. Denyer 1, C. Edwards 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, C. Wells 5, F. Kemp 6, T. Upshall (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Also 672 in the same method, with F. Hammett ringing the treble.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Peter's Church, Hook Norton, on Saturday evening, February 11th, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1,933 changes) in 1 hour 10 minutes, with 6, 4, 8 covering: F. K. Hopkins 1, J. E. Fairbrother 2, A. E. Borsberry (conductor) 3, E. Hull 4, Rev. Nind 5, E. Phipps 6, F. Davis 7, E. Marshall 8.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

On February 22nd, at St. Mary's, Banbury, in honour of the 74th birthday of Mr. G. Bliss, for over 50 years one of St. Mary's band of ringers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Higham 1, W. Watson 2, E. Pearson 3, F. Selwyn 4, T. Impey 5, W. Tandy 6, H. Impey (conductor) 7, W. Aston 8.

EDINBURGH RINGERS' ANNUAL DINNER.

A GENEROUS BENEFACTRESS.

A company of 90 people spent a delightful evening on Shrove Tuesday on the occasion of the annual dinner of the St. Cuthbert's Parish Church Society, Edinburgh. The gathering took place at the Caledonian Hotel, and was presided over by the Very Rev. Dr. Norman Maclean. The dinner is given every year out of funds provided by the late Mrs. Anderson, the donor of St. Cuthbert's bells. Her portrait during the proceedings hung on the wall, and she benignly looked down on the diners.

The Chairman proposed the principal toast, 'The Memory of the Donor of the Bells.' He assumed that the kindly lady was really looking with approval on that gathering. Mrs. Anderson, he said, was one of the most generous benefactors of St. Cuthbert's, having given them the great peal of bells and provided the endowment so that every Shrove Tuesday they should fortify themselves for the six weeks of Lent with this banquet (laughter). They were greatly indebted to Mrs. Anderson for the enrichment she had given to St. Cuthbert's.

She had provided a wonderful discipline for the change ringers. He did not know whether there was any discipline better than that of being a change ringer. A change ringer, unlike a child, was heard, but not seen (laughter). It was a great thing to serve without having the inspiration of being seen—except once a year, on Shrove Tuesday (laughter). She had ensured that the whole of the West End of Edinburgh should be made musical by this calling to worship. Mrs. Anderson would be a firm believer in what the Americans called a wet climate (laughter). She would have felt sympathy with that dear old lady who said to him twelve years ago, 'I do dislike teetotallers; they are all hypocrites' (laughter). Looking round the table, she would realise how few hypocrites there were that evening (laughter). Mrs. Anderson was one of those splendid Scotswomen of whom the generation had never passed away, who kept their feet firmly upon the earth, but whose heads soared up into the realm that was unseen. As they looked on her portrait, they realised she was not far away from any of them. He asked them to stand up and, turning their faces towards her, express their deepest gratitude and devotion to her memory.

The toast was honoured in silence.

Dr. Fergus Hewat proposed 'St. Cuthbert's Society of Change Ringers'. In the bellry of the church, he said, a great deal of hard, arduous labour was done. They had with them bellringers who had been ringing St. Cuthbert's bells since their initiation in 1902—thirty-one years of bellringing. They were unique in Scotland, because they had five ladies amongst them (applause). These ladies had been there since 1916, ardently pulling these bells.

Mr. James Ballantine, who replied, said the gathering that evening recalled many happy reunions. Two ladies came up in 1914 and offered their services, and since then the society had been always supported by the ladies. But for them he did not think the society would have been able to continue (applause).

Mr. T. Muirhead Jenkins proposed 'Kindred Societies,' and Mr. W. B. Sampson replied. The toast of the guests was proposed by the Rev. W. White Anderson, and the Very Rev. Dr. Harry Miller replied. Dr. James Robb proposed the health of the chairman.

A feature of the programme was the ringing of Grandsire Caters on the handbells which quite captured the imagination of the visitors.

BAND MEETS AFTER TEN YEARS.

Just over ten years ago the first peal was rung at Earl Shilton on the new eight, installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1921. This peal (Grandsire Triples) was rung by the then local band, who, fortunately, are not scattered very far apart, P.C. F. E. Wilson, of the Leicester City Police, being the farthest away. Father Time has been very kind, as the band is still in good preservation, and, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. E. Pillifant), they met and rung together, standing in the same order as in the peal, a touch of 336 Grandsire Triples, conducted by the same conductor who called the peal ten years ago. There is also a very strong band of young ringers under the excellent leader Mr. George Newton, and many of these met the old band and rang with them. A touch was also rung by the youngsters, who have nearly all rung their first peal. It is worthy of note that Mr. Newton and his young band have rung three quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples on three consecutive Sunday evenings for service with three different conductors. A coincidence is that three of the old band called quarter-peals on the bells.

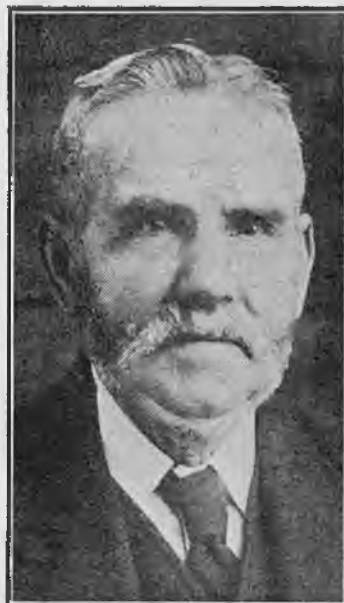
Several ringing friends were invited to be present, including Mr. A. Callard, of Stoney Stanton, who conducted a very nice touch of Stedman Triples. Three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major concluded the ringing. As soon as the bells were lowered in peal, Mr. Cecil Nixon, the newly-appointed organist, gave a short recital on the new organ, this being quite enjoyed by the ringers who stayed to listen. After this, a convivial hour was spent with the handbells, young and old ringers taking part in tunes and courses of Grandsire Triples. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Arthur Waters, of the original band, for his kind hospitality during the evening. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells.

C. H. W.

JOSEPH J. PARKER, 1853—1933.

A large number of ringing friends met at Farnham Royal on Tuesday, March 7th, to do honour to Mr. Joseph J. Parker on the 80th anniversary of his birthday.

A retrospect of his activities would fill many columns, suffice it to say that as beekeeper, chorister, composer, entertainer, musician and ringer, he has made a wide-spreading circle of friends, and although the 'twelve-part' will live for ever, there are some who will agree that the qualities of his honey and mead are in every way as excellent.



MR. JOSEPH J. PARKER.

Various methods were rung, and mention should be made of a touch of Stedman Triples by T. S. Smith 1, J. J. Parker 2, R. Buckland 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, W. H. Fussell 5, J. Blackmore 6, F. Boreham (conductor) 7, Mrs. A. D. Barker 8; also a course each of Cambridge and London Surprise, Mrs. A. D. Barker ringing the tenor to the London.

Nine o'clock came all too soon, the evening being brought to a close with a few words from the secretary and Mr. Fussell, Mr. J. J. Parker responding.

The bells having been lowered in peal, the party dispersed by hike, bike and mike (in a bus), some having time for a 'cup o'

kindness' with their old friend.

A peal of London Surprise Minor was rung at Stoke Poges to commemorate the occasion, and will be recorded in the proper column.

Mr. Parker has been associated with ringing at Farnham Royal since 1877, when the six bells were opened in a rebuilt tower, and he collected the funds in 1897 to add two trebles to commemorate Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. He was tower keeper as well as captain for many years. Altogether Mr. Parker has rung 131 peals, of which he has conducted 56. Of these no fewer than 101 have been rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which Mr. Parker was one of the first members.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at Charlwood on Saturday, when ringers were present from Aldershot, Beddington, Buckland, Croydon, Hillingdon, Horley, Merstham, Reigate and the local band. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 o'clock, but owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rector, the usual service did not take place.

At the meeting which followed, with Mr. C. H. Kippin in the chair, it was proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Leigh, and Mr. J. Wallis, jun., of Buckland, to be the conductor.

Combined practice is to be held at Kingswood in April.

Thanks were tendered to Mr. A. Kuapp for making all arrangements. Afterwards the tower was again visited and ringing enjoyed until nearly 9 p.m. Touches in various methods were rung from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

NORTHFLEET LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

BY E. A. BARNETT.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	5,040 by N. J. Pitstow.
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 8	23456 W M H
2 3 1 4 5 7 8 6	
3 2 4 1 7 5 6 8	54236 — 8
2 3 4 1 5 7 8 6	42535 — 2
3 2 1 4 7 5 6 8	34526 — 3
3 1 2 4 5 7 8 6	52346 — —
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8	32645 — 3
	56243 — —
1 3 5 2 7 4 8 6	52463 — 2
Calls as in Bob Major.	23465 — 2

Five times repeated, bob for single, except in 4th part.

First rung at Northfleet, March 8th, 1933, conducted by T. Groombridge, jun.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. ANNUAL MEETING AT DUDLEY.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 4th, in splendid spring weather. The bells were kept merrily going from three o'clock until 4.30, when the beautiful form of service used by the Guild at its meetings was conducted by the Rev. A. P. Shepherd, M.A., D.D., Vicar of Dudley, who also gave a very interesting address. A substantial tea was served in the Parish Hall, provided by funds collected by the secretary (Mr. Herbert Sheppard) from prominent ladies and gentlemen of St. Thomas' congregation and other friends, and was admirably served by a contingent of ladies, from among whom the following presided at the tables: Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. P. S. Blaker, Mrs. T. W. Watson, Miss Bessie Sheppard, Miss M. Dovey and Miss Rees. Upwards of 50 members and friends sat down to tea, and it was regretted that not more members availed themselves of the glorious afternoon to be present to partake of the good things that were provided.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. K. F. Morris (assistant priest), Mr. Harry Mason (vice-president), Mr. S. J. Hughes (treasurer) and the secretary. Apologies were announced from Councillor and Mrs. Shuttleworth, Mr. and Mrs. Winbow, Mr. Arthur Spittle and Mr. C. W. Cooper.

After Mr. Mason had briefly introduced the new Vicar of Dudley to the members, the Vicar said how pleased he was to be among them and gave them a hearty welcome to his church and to Dudley.

The balance sheet for the past year, as presented by the secretary, was passed, and, having regard to the strenuous times in which we are living, it was considered favourable. It was stated that the membership, both honorary and performing, had increased, and, financially, the Guild was still in a prosperous condition.

Mr. Mason, in a happy speech, proposed that the new Vicar of Dudley be elected president. This was seconded by Mr. T. A. Townsend (Netherton) and carried with acclamation.

The following gentlemen were again unanimously elected vice-presidents: Messrs. J. W. Naylor, Arthur Spittle, Dr. P. S. Blaker, Mr. Harry Mason, Councillor Shuttleworth, Mr. A. Winbow and the Rev. K. F. Morris (assistant priest at Dudley Parish Church). The following were added to the list: The Rev. E. L. Warren (Vicar of Netherton), Messrs. T. W. Watson and A. E. Meredith.

Mr. John Goodman, jun., was again elected Ringing Master, and Mr. Herbert Sheppard hon. secretary.—The latter was accorded a special vote of thanks for his valuable services to the Guild during the past year.

Mr. S. J. Hughes was re-elected treasurer, and Messrs. P. Justice and T. A. Townsend (the auditors) were also re-elected and thanked for their services.

Mr. Fred Colclough (Bilston) was elected the Guild's representative to the Central Council in the room of Mr. S. J. Hughes, who wished to resign for various personal reasons, his resignation being accepted with regret. He was thanked for his services as their representative for upwards of ten years.

It was proposed that the arrangements for the next quarterly meeting be left with the secretary, and it was also proposed to attempt the annual peal for the Guild at Dudley, the necessary arrangements as to date and the band being left with the Ringing Master.

Several new performing members were added to the roll.

At the close of the business, on the proposition of Mr. Mason, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for conducting the service in church, also for the address, for presiding at the meeting, also for the use of the tower and bells. Special thanks were also given to the donors to the tea fund, to the ladies who presided at the tables and those who prepared the tea and kindly looked after the comfort of those present. Thanks were also given to the organist. At the close of the meeting further ringing took place in various methods, and this brought another happy and enjoyable afternoon at Dudley to a close.

THE LAST OF HIS RACE.

DESCENDANT OF KENTISH BELLFOUNDERS.

There has just passed away at Lenham, Kent, Mr. James Troup Hatch, a descendant of the great Kent bellfounding family, and one who loved his county and especially the village in which he passed so many years of his life. Deservedly, remarks the 'Kentish Express,' he was known as 'The Squire,' and there was nothing of a public character beneficial to the place in which he did not take the keenest interest, and, all the time, with hand unseen, he was helping the poor with lavish generosity.

He was stricken with illness in the last few years of his life and lived in complete retirement.

The actual founder of the family was Thomas Hatch, of Ulecombe, who died in 1599, but the foundry became more famous under Joseph Hatch, who died in 1639, leaving behind him for evidence of his great industry over a hundred and fifty bells that were placed in Kent church towers by him. All over the county you can see bells inscribed 'Joseph Hatch me fecit.'

Nothing is now left of the old foundry, and Mr. James Troup Hatch was the last of his race. The bellfounding had ceased to exist at the time of the Stuart Civil War.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICTS ANNUAL DINNER. RECORD GATHERING SPENDS HAPPY EVENING.

On Saturday, March 4th, there gathered together a good company of ringers of the local towers and surrounding country churches for the Leicester and Districts annual dinner, there being present members from Burbage, Croft, Loughborough, Melton, Husbands Bosworth, Theddington, Lutterworth, Syston, Stoke Golding, Great Glen, Wigston Magna and South Saddington, etc. Among the welcome visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Coles (London), Mr. and Mrs. F. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. W. White (Coventry), Mr. A. H. Ward (Derby), Mr. P. Amos (Wellingborough). Ringing was indulged in at All Saints' (5), the Cathedral (10), St. John's (10) and St. Margaret's (12). At the latter at one period there were some 40 members in the belfry at once! The ringing included rounds for those who could not join in the higher methods, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Kent Minor and Maximus, Cambridge Royal and Maximus.

At 6.30 p.m. the company proceeded to the George Hotel, and on being counted up numbered 78, which just beat the previous record by about four. A very good dinner was served, to which full justice was done. Later a 'free and easy' convivial was held, the local president (Mr. A. James Harris) announcing that it had been decided to cut out the usual set programme, also speeches, the latter being restricted to one only and its reply. During the very pleasant time which followed the company were entertained by an impromptu turn or two, songs being given by Messrs. T. Vallance, J. Morris, H. J. Poole and J. P. Fidler, and Mr. Colin Harrison on the piano led some community singing. St. Martin's Quartette sang tunes on handbells, and a course of Stedman Caters was also rung. The Chairman gave the toast of 'The Visitors,' welcoming all those who had supported this venture by their presence, and especially those from a distance.—The Rev. W. Groome-Merrilees responded and thanked the Leicester ringers for such a splendid entertainment. 'Rupert the Great' (in more ways than one), when called upon, said he was no public speaker, but, after Mr. Coles had said a few words, would give a recitation, which he did in his inimitable style.

Mr. Coles said he had not—as someone had facetiously suggested—come to Leicester specially to get a good feed! He had come to visit old friends, and in reminiscent mood recalled his first visit a number of years ago when H. J. Poole astonished him by ringing double-handed London Surprise, he then being little more than a boy! He had seen more of his great achievements since then. He recalled, too, when on a visit to Derby to win the chess championship, Mr. Ernest Morris meeting the party and conducting them to a 'pub'! and another occasion when peal ringing (a voice interjected 'grabbing') they had made Mr. E. Morris' sides ache by the tales told, especially of the man who wanted land. It was all very pleasant to recall, and, on behalf of all the visitors, he thanked the Leicester Society for providing such a good afternoon and evening's entertainment.

Detective-Sergeant Turner kept the company rocking with laughter by his 'stories,' which reached a climax when the colonel told the tramp to 'go and get a hot one.' A very fine musical interlude was provided by Mr. C. Grimes, who on various 'gadgets' not only made farmyard noises, but 'rendered sweet music' in most unexpected ways. A great tribute must be paid to Messrs. J. Harris and E. H. Bagworth for their work in arranging such a treat, and all hope they will repeat it again for many years to come.

BOURNEMOUTH RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

MR. C. FORFITT'S SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

It must fall to the lot of very few change ringers to ring in celebration of their own golden wedding anniversary, yet to judge by the manner in which Mr. C. Forfitt, of St. Peter's band, Bournemouth, turns up to service ringing and also by the excellent quarter-peal that was rung in honour of the occasion, he must have many years' useful ringing yet in front of him. The ringers of St. Peter's trust so, for no band in the country can possess a better example of unflinching devotion to service ringing. If 'Charlie' shows half a dozen 'absences' at the end of the year it is a lot and due to unusual circumstances. Over 70 years of age, he is a reliable 'rope' in all the standard methods, and is always prepared to assist anyone in difficulties. One must of necessity number him amongst the 'grand old men' of the Exercise, but we must warn the reader only to whisper the 'old' when 'Charlie' is within earshot.

A member of St. Peter's band for upwards of 30 years, Mr. Forfitt has taken part in several peals, and has hopes of adding yet one more to the list shortly in celebration of the happy anniversary. Service ringing, however, is his 'forte,' and both he and his wife are justly proud of his record in this direction. The anniversary fell on Sunday, February 26th, and the quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples attempted on that day unfortunately went to pieces within six leads of home. Success attended the attempt made on the following Tuesday, however, the ringers being H. Osborne 1, L. V. Davis 2, C. Lovell 3, R. Dear 4, C. Forfitt 5, E. Waters 6, A. V. Davis (conductor) 7, C. Chandler 8.

THE SINGLE BELL NUISANCE. RESTRICTION NEEDED NOW.

To the Editor.

Sir,—What Mr. Ernest Morris writes about French bells is very interesting, but it hardly bears on what I wrote. I was not referring especially to French ringing, but to that abroad generally; nor did I refer to the ringing of two bells, which is what his French correspondent writes about.

Many years ago someone who evidently knew what he was talking about (it may have been Mr. Dennison Taylor's father) told me that they had rings of bells in some towers on the Continent which were not unlike our rings; but that they never rang them or chimed them as we do, but only jangled them all together, the object being to make as much noise as they could.

The only place where I heard this done was in the Roman Catholic Cathedral in St. John's, Newfoundland. There they had six or eight bells which may have been English ones. I heard them every Sunday for a year, but never saw them. From the sound, I should say that they got a number of men to pull them half up, and keep them there, without any attempt at a succession of sounds, but merely clashing as much as possible. It may be that there were only one or two men, who rang each bell half up in turn, leaving it to fall, and sound with the others while so doing. I was told again that this was the way bells were rung on the Continent.

In France I have not myself noticed any church where there were more than the usual two bells, but I believe there are a few. In Dinard in Brittany I saw through the open west door the sexton come and pull the bell more than half way up, and then leave it to fall unattended, while he went away, presumably to attend to other matters, afterwards coming back and repeating his efforts.

In Provence, the church bell is usually on the top of the tower giving a curious effect on the skyline. At Antibes in the ancient Roman tower there are two bells, more than an octave apart I think. Usually only one was rung, but for special services both were rung together, one being chimed and the other rung up, quite correctly, and with a regular stroke. My recollection is that this was done for an hour, or at least for half an hour. I certainly did not notice here or in Brittany any restriction to five minutes. But this may be either that those two provinces are the most Catholic in France and the law is not strictly enforced there. Or it may be that the ringing was broken off at five minute intervals without my noticing it.

The fact that the ringing of church bells is restricted by law in France adds point to what I wrote about the Church Assembly. There is no doubt whatever that the ringing of a single bell, when prolonged, causes much irritation and leads many people to dislike ringing altogether.

When this is pointed out, three forms of excuse are made: (a) The custom is a legal one. (b) Those who complain knew when they came to live where they are now that they would be near church bells. (c) If anything is done about it, it will be the thin end of the wedge to have bells stopped altogether.

I cannot say that I think these reasons either fair or adequate; and if ringers persist in them, they will only have themselves to blame if unreasonable laws are passed later on. If there is a genuine cause of complaint, and if ringers are wrongly connected in most men's minds with it, it is surely up to them at least to do what they can (and they can do a lot), both to remove the cause of complaint and to dissociate themselves from it.

The Enabling Act was passed to enable the Church, through its Assembly, to formulate laws which could be sanctioned by Parliament, in cases where legislation of a hostile character was threatened, if the grievances were not attended to by the Church itself in time. There cannot be a case to which this applies more exactly than in that which we are now considering. It is true that the threat at present is not very serious, but if we wait until it is, it will clearly be too late for us to act. Our opportunity will be gone, and the State will insist on a law on the lines of the French one, allowing us to ring bells for five minutes at a time. If we act at once, while we have the chance, we shall show the electorate that we wish to be considerate and reasonable; and if a Measure is now passed such as is generally acceptable, we shall be safe from further legislation for at least a generation. We cannot hope to do more than this, but we ought not to do less.

HERBERT DRAKE.

DAVENTRY SURPRISE MAJOR.

To replace the false peal of Daventry Surprise, rung at Helmingham on December 12th, another was rung on January 19th, the following being the composition:

5,120 BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.
23456 W 54 M

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43526	—	x
35426	—	x
45623	—	—
56423	—	x
64523	—	x

Four times repeated.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. SUGGESTED CHANGE OF PLANS FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

The pre-Lent meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Darlington on Saturday, February 25th, and although one of the worst snowstorms for many years had been raging for some days, 23 members, from Saltburn in the south to Newcastle in the north, gathered together in the 'Quaker Town' and had a good time. The fine peal at St. Cuthbert's (tenor 17 cwt.) was found to be in good order, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Superlative and Cambridge were rung during the afternoon. After an excellent tea at the Cameron Hotel, a short meeting was held, the president (Mr. J. Anderson) being in the chair.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicars of St. Cuthbert's, St. John's and Holy Trinity Churches for the use of the bells, on the motion of Mr. W. Storey, and visitors from the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association were welcomed, on the motion of Mr. G. W. Park, Mr. T. Metcalf replying. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. G. W. Park, on the motion of Mr. W. J. Davidson, for the excellent arrangements he had made for the meeting.

This being the first meeting of the association since the death of the late president, Mr. E. E. Ferry, it was decided to send a letter to his relatives expressing sympathy with them in their loss, and the members stood in silence for a short period. Sympathy was also expressed with Mr. William Storey in the recent death of his wife, and, in replying, Mr. Storey said that among the many condolences he had received, he valued that of his ringing friends very highly.

The annual meetings of the association are, according to rule, held alternately at Newcastle and Durham, but as the ringing facilities in Durham are very poor, the Chairman suggested that in future the meetings be held at Newcastle, Durham, Sunderland, Darlington, or West Hartlepool; that the afternoon be devoted to ringing, and the festival service be held at, say, 5 o'clock, the dinner at 6, followed by the annual meeting, and the remainder of the time be devoted to a social evening. The scheme met with the approval of those present, and they were asked to get the feelings of the other members on the matter, and let the president have any further suggestions.

DEATH OF A COLCHESTER RINGER.

The death occurred on March 1st of Mr. W. J. Button, of 80, Harsnett Road, Colchester, in his 68th year.

A native of Leiston, deceased had taken part in about 30 peals, including a 10,304 Bob Major in April, 1888, at Leiston. For many years he was a member of the St. Peter's company, Colchester, previous to the restoration of St. Leonard's bells at the Hythe (which had been silent for about 100 years), when he took an active part in forming and instructing a young company.

The funeral service was held there on March 7th and was conducted by the Rev. G. A. Newcomen. Mr. F. W. Drake, A.R.C.O., officiated at the organ. The bells were rung half-muffled by Messrs. F. Dale, T. E. Rodgers, H. Finch, P. Grimsey, L. Wilson (local members), W. J. Schofield and G. M. Rashbrook. The interment took place at Ipswich.

On Sunday, March 5th, six of his old colleagues of St. Peter's rang at St. Leonard's Church, previous to evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob half-muffled: H. T. Pye 1, G. M. Rashbrook 2, W. J. Schofield 3, W. Dent 4, R. W. Stannard 5, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 6.

At St. Peter's Church on the day of the funeral, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. T. Pye 1, R. W. Stannard (conductor) 2, G. M. Rashbrook 3, F. L. Bumpstead 4, W. J. Schofield 5, W. Dent 6, W. Chalk 7, G. Wightman 8. The composition was by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, a brother-in-law of deceased.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Mossley, Lancashire, on Tuesday, March 7th, at the Church of St. George, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): R. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. Jackson 2, F. Welham 3, H. Pickles 4, J. Radcliffe 5, R. Walker 6, E. Garside 7, J. Clayton 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Councillor R. Taylor, Vicar's warden and a member of the Town Council, who was laid to rest on that day.

TROWBRIDGE.—At St. James' Church, on Tuesday, March 7th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: J. Francis 1, C. F. Andrews 2, C. Butcher 3, J. Gilby 4, W. Loud 5, S. J. Hector 6, W. Baxter 7, C. Reason 8, N. V. Andrews (first touch of Caters as conductor) 9, S. Francis 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Harding, wife of Mr. S. L. Harding (people's warden at this church), who was interred on this day.

On Tuesday, February 21st, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. W. Bond 1, the Rev. N. E. Hope (Chedworth, first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, J. C. Eden 3, F. J. Lewis, sen., 4, H. C. Bond 5, H. S. Parsons 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, F. J. Lewis, jun., 8. Rung with the clappers half-muffled to the memory of the late Mrs. Andrews, wife of Mr. S. G. Andrews, chapelwarden, and for many years a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, and brother of Mr. Wilfred Andrews, of Winchester Cathedral.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose Church on Sunday, March 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Mrs. F. Skidmore 1, A. G. Baker 2, G. S. Wiltshire 3, E. J. Ridler 4, A. T. Maggs 5, F. Skidmore (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, S. Phillips 7, A. Wiltshire 8. Ring as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who was confirmed on this date. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at St. Ambrose.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday afternoon, March 12th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: S. G. Peck 1, Mrs. E. H. King 2, J. Thomas (conductor) 3, W. Bowden 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. W. H. Strickland 6, E. H. King 7, J. G. Nash 8.

EXETER.—On Sunday, March 12th, for evening service at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Rundle 1, F. Willis (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, J. Hosgood 3, E. Wreford 4, R. Truman 5, W. Willis 6, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 7, E. Hill 8.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's Church on Sunday, March 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. H. Hewett (conductor) 1, W. W. Worthington (Lichfield) 2, R. F. Deal 3, E. F. Pike 4, J. Davis 5, W. Madgwick 6, C. W. Roberts 7, H. Belcher 8. Specially arranged for Mr. W. W. Worthington, who wished to ring a quarter-peal of Stedman in London.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, March 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) by members of the local band: Frank Buckland 1, Miss K. E. Fletcher 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher 3, E. G. Swift 4, J. Harrison 5, J. Blackmore 6, R. Buckland 7, H. Wingrove (conductor) 8. Ring as a birthday compliment to H. Wingrove, also to Mrs. Blackmore, wife of the 6th ringer, and Mr. W. H. Fletcher, father of 2nd and 3rd ringers. Believed to be the first quarter of Surprise Major on the bells by a local band.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church for evening service on Sunday, March 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. Ginn 1, C. Robinson 2, R. Smith 3, B. J. E. White 4, the Rev. E. B. Shepherd 5, A. W. T. Ginn 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. Arranged for Mr. White (Master, Cambridge University Guild) and the Rev. E. B. Shepherd, who preached at this service.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church on Sunday, March 5th, a quarter-peal of Spliced Major (1,440 changes): George Horwood 1, C. Coles 2, R. Post 3, F. May 4, F. Taylor (conductor) 5, F. W. B. Wilkins 6, T. Newman 7, P. W. Wilkins 8. Mr. T. Newman was on a visit from London.

WITCHAM, ESSEX.—At St. Nicolas' Church on Sunday, February 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): B. Rawlinson 1, W. Butler 2, W. S. Butler 3, W. Mellin 4, V. Glass 5, A. Evers 6, E. Bright (conductor) 7, J. Redgewell 8. First quarter-peal of Major rung at this tower by an entirely local band.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 12th, for evensong at St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C., a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,299 changes): C. W. Roberts 1, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, H. Hoskins 4, J. Marks 5, E. F. Pike 6, W. Madgwick 7, J. E. Davis 8, C. W. Grimwood 9, H. Belcher 10, R. Sanders 11, H. Folkhard 12.

EXETER.—At St. Sidwell's Church on Sunday, February 12th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: E. Shepherd (conductor) 1, W. Drake 2, A. Monkley 3, W. Howe 4, T. Bartlett 5, A. Searle 6, W. Richardson 7, G. Betts 8, A. Truman 9, J. Harris 10.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, on January 22nd, for morning service, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: A. R. Glasscock 1, Miss M. Pack (first touch of Cambridge Surprise Royal, aged 16 years) 2, J. G. Nash 3, S. Wade 4, G. E. Plater 5, E. H. King 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, J. Armstrong (conductor) 10. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): Mrs. King 1, E. H. King 2, G. E. Plater 3, D. Ovington 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6, H. Miller 7, J. Miller 8, W. Pickworth 9, A. G. Crane 10.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 15th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, J. Thurbon 2, H. Markwell 3, W. Markwell (first 720) 4, M. Ginn 5, H. Collins 6. First 720 on the bells since they were rehung by Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being excellent. For evening service another 720 by the same band.

TAUNTON.—At St. George's Church, Wilton, on Sunday, January 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Wyatt 1, A. J. Wyatt (conductor) 2, A. W. Hayward 3, H. E. Causley 4, S. A. Wyatt 5, D. F. Sheldon 6, S. G. Coles 7, H. J. Moggridge 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. J. Wyatt 1, A. W. Hayward (conductor) 2, D. F. Sheldon 3, H. E. Causley 4, R. W. Hayward 5, W. A. Sivier 6, S. G. Coles 7, S. A. Wyatt 8. First quarter-peal for the ringers of the 5th and 6th. Ring as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. A. F. Judd, who was leaving later in the week to take over the parish of Christ Church, Forest Hill.

ABINGDON.—On January 8th, for evensong at St. Helen's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Gammon (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, A. E. Lock 3, F. Barrett 4, H. J. Balcombe 5, R. G. Rice 6, G. Caudwell (conductor) 7, J. Gerring 8. The youthful ringer of the treble made his first bob in the method only a week before ringing this quarter-peal.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

As the 10 bells at Duffield, which was the home of Sir Arthur Heywood, and where he was a Sunday service ringer for many years, are about to be recast, the committee of the Midland Counties Association invite subscriptions from all ringers towards the expenses of recasting one of the bells and adding a suitable inscription.

Sir Arthur was, as is well known, the founder of the Central Council, and its president for a quarter of a century. He was also president of the M.C.A. for 29 years, and the committee feel that there are many, particularly those who knew him personally, who will welcome this opportunity of being associated with the scheme, and it is with confidence that they appeal for generous support from one and all.

Donations, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the hon. treasurer of the M.C.A.,

W. E. WHITE,

Ivy Cottage, Cotgrave, Nottingham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 30th at 8 p.m.; St. Magnus' on the 23rd; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Please advise me. Wood Green bells available after business meeting. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Yorkshire Association on Saturday, March 18th, at Doncaster.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) and meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Cafe, Printing Office Street (three minutes from church), 5.15 p.m., at a moderate charge. The business meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held in the Clergy House, adjoining church, at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due and the annual report available.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

DEVON GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches will be held at Buckfastleigh on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available: Parish Church (6) from 1.45 p.m., St. Mary's Abbey (12) from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) in the National Schoolroom at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. L. Bennett, 9, Bossell Terrace, Buckfastleigh.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing 2.45 to 5.15 and 6.30 to 8. Tea and business to follow at 5.30. Postcards from tea-takers appreciated by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Puttenham on Saturday, March 18th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LADIES' GUILD (NORTHERN BRANCH) AND SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting 3 p.m., Saturday, March 18th, at Long Eaton. Lady ringers interested invited to join the Guild. Subscription, 1s.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Horbury (via Wakefield) on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. All ringers welcome. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on March 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's Church, Eccles, on Saturday, March 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Allesley, near Coventry, is the meeting place for Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Rainbow Inn, 1s. each. The Vicar will preside. Frequent bus service from Coventry.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice at St. Mary Bourne, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available from 5.30.—Rev. P. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The branch meeting to be held at Daresbury on the 18th inst. has been postponed until the 25th inst.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Holly Bush, 1s. 3d. each, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting, and bells available again afterwards.—J. M. Cripps, Div. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's (R.C.) Churches on Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready 2.45 p.m. Meeting 4 p.m. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. Tea in schoolroom near church at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., immediately after tea. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due, and annual report available at this meeting.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The fifth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 25th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, at 6 p.m. prompt, His Worship the Mayor (Mr. W. L. Edwards) presiding, supported by Councillor Eggleton and other gentlemen. Tickets 3s. Towers opened during the afternoon: Barnwood 2 p.m., St. Mary-de-Lode 3 p.m., St. Michael's 4.30 p.m. Peal can be arranged if required. Will those requiring tickets kindly let me know by the 22nd inst?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcomed. Please come. Train and bus service from all districts.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on March 25th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea after at the usual place. All friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Badby (six bells) on Saturday, March 25th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me at their earliest convenience?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Davenport, Northants.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) will be provided at 5 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. Members are requested to send their names to me if they require tea.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Winkfield (six bells) on Saturday, March 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 6d. per head for those who notify me not later than March 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A by-meeting of the above will be held at Symondsbury on Saturday, March 25th. Bells available from 2.30. No service or meeting. Tea at 5. Notifications for tea to C. H. Lathey, 10, Newfoundland, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, Mar. 25th. Bells available from 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 Salehurst on Saturday, March 25th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Dullingham on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Oddfellows' Hall, price 1s. each. Stetchworth tower also open if desired.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Kegworth on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (6) ready from 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Selly Oak, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the People's Hall, Oak Tree Lane. Please advise regarding tea not later than Wednesday, 29th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.—The bells of the above church have been rehung in ball bearings by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and will be reopened on Saturday, April 1st. The Bishop of Pontefract will conduct the service, which commences at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6d. per head to all who send their names to the Hon. Sec. before March 28th.—E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—The two new treble bells at St. Nicholas' Church, augmented to ten by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Shaw on Sunday, April 2nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 at 1s. All ringers will be welcome. Come and try Newbury ten. Intending visitors must notify me for tea by Wednesday, March 29th.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Easter Monday, April 17th. Tower open at 10. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon, with reasonable refreshment, at one o'clock, 1s. each to members, 3s. 6d. non-members. Business meeting to follow. Nominations for Central Council representatives must reach me by April 3rd next. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. The annual committee meeting will be held in Reading (D.V.) on Saturday, April 22nd. Will all branch secretaries and representatives please note? Details later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The second annual dinner will be held at Bolton on Saturday, October 21st, 1933.

PUBLICATIONS.

'GRANDSIRE DOUBLES AND TRIPLES, Simply Explained'; also 'Bob Minor and Major, Simply Explained,' for beginners. 6½d. each, post free; 5s. 9d. a dozen post free; from I. Roe and M. Broome, Byways, Hurst, Berks.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

A WEEK OF SPADE-WORK.

The western portion of the Cornish Guild was fortunate in having the president of the Devon Guild and Mrs. Powell staying in the neighbourhood recently. This event was made the occasion of a week of much needed practice amongst the scattered bands struggling with the rudiments of the art.

The comparatively new band of St. Gluvias (new to half-pull ringing, that is, for the grandfather of the tower is 76 and a keen learner at that) were the first to give a welcome, and made a most favourable impression by their striking of Grandsire, whilst one of their members was enabled to get his first 120 of Stedman, without a correction, in a method he had merely studied on paper.

At Truro Cathedral on Tuesday (February 14th) an excellent practice was unfortunately stopped somewhat early by sickness in the vicinity.

At Camborne a very favourable impression was made by the round ringers being in force to give a welcome; and the new band at Tuckingwill were given some Grandsire.

Penzance and Gtval enabled the presidents of the two Western Guilds to meet for the first time: whilst Kenwyn gave opportunity for a quarter-peat of Grandsire by the following: W. H. Southeard, A. S. Roberts, Miss J. Angwin, C. M. Thomas, Rev. E. S. Powell, W. Sleeman, Mrs. Powell and C. Nicholls (first attempt on eight).

On Saturday a most useful week was brought to a close by a peal attempt at Lanivet, which failed after some 2½ hours' excellent ringing. We hope the visitors came safely through the snow which descended that night on the Western moors.

On Saturday, February 18th, for the wedding of the sister of one of the local band, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins.: C. Nicholls 1, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram 2, W. Sleeman 3, A. L. Nicholls 4, W. Wallace (first quarter and first attempt as conductor) 5, C. Bone 6.

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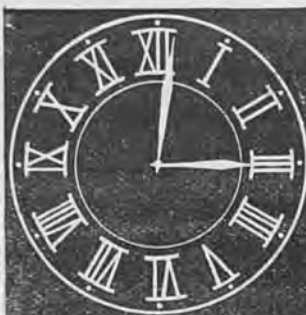
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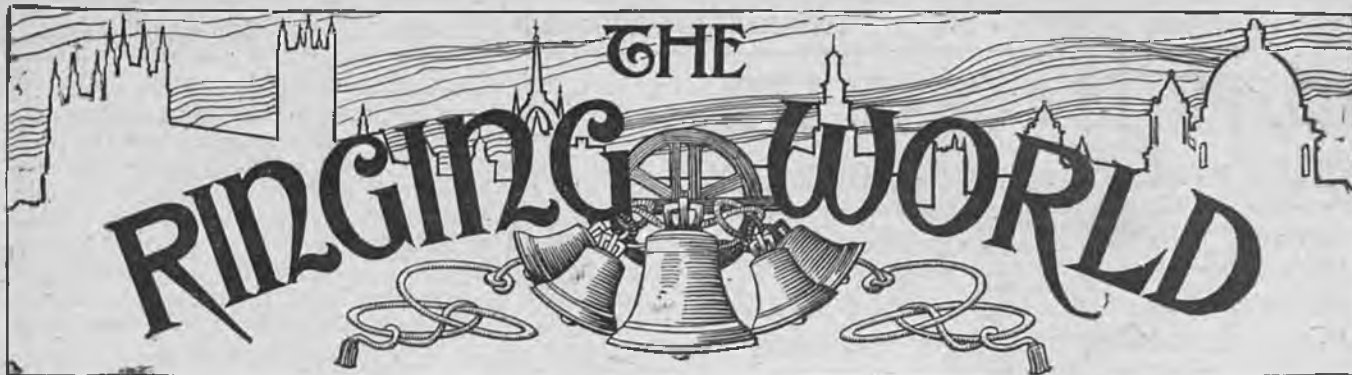
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PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

In another column the Rev. E. S. Powell makes a suggestion which, could it be carried out, would, as he says, be a very graceful gesture to one of the greatest among living composers. Mr. Joseph J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, who recently celebrated his eightieth birthday, has earned a great place among the men from whose work the Exercise is profiting to-day. A generation or more ago, when the scope of compositions of Triples was exceedingly limited, Mr. Parker was one of those who devoted their attention to producing peals in methods such as Stedman, Oxford Bob and Grandsire, and with men like the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Dr. Carpenter, Sir Arthur Heywood and the Rev. H. Earl Bulwer, explored much new ground and opened up new avenues. Some of the work done by these men was the result of years of application, constant disappointment, and only occasional success. They provided the foundations upon which composers of to-day are able to build, but which they constructed, as it were, stone by stone, laid only by laborious effort. The composition of a peal of Triples is by no means an easy matter in any event; every row has to be used; there can be no omissions or substitutions, as is possible on higher numbers—just the employment of every row once. Let those who think it is a simple thing try it for themselves; they will soon realise with what painstaking zeal these masters must have applied themselves to the task, and will appreciate in fuller measure what we owe to them.

Among the many compositions which Mr. Joseph J. Parker gave us is one particularly which has achieved universal use and everlasting fame. It is his twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which in its various forms is perhaps rung for that method more often than all the other compositions of Grandsire Triples put together. It has long ousted Holt's celebrated ten-part from pride of place, and its construction is such that it has lent itself to a number of transpositions, most of which are known by the name of the transposer. The most popular is that by the late Mr. James E. Groves, and so established has this particular form become that reports constantly reach us in which the peal is merely described as 'Groves' variation,' without any reference whatever to its being Parker's peal. The Rev. E. S. Powell's suggestion is that in future the peal, in whatever form it is rung, should be known simply as 'Parker's Twelve-Part.' He points out, what has been known for years to some people, that 'Groves' transposition' was the form in which Mr. Parker originally composed the peal, and the author transposed it himself to make the sixth the observation bell before publishing it for the first time. In

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any event the transposition of the peal into any of the many possible forms requires no exceptional skill—the calling is merely begun in a different place and the peal, however it is rung, is 'Parker's twelve-part.' There is much to be said, therefore, for Mr. Powell's suggestion; although, on the other hand, 'Groves' or some other transposition does identify the form of the peal and to some extent indicates the merit of the conductor's performance, that is, whether he calls it from an observation or a non-observation bell. Apart from this there is no value in any other description than that of 'Parker's twelve-part,' and even the claim for maintaining the present custom could be overcome by a parenthetical note such as '7th observation.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 501½ CHANGES;

Tenor 52 cwt.

ERNEST J. KING	Treble	JAMES GEORGE	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	EDWARD D. SMITH	8
JFFERY R. GAMMON	3	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ...	9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ...	4	JAMES G. A. PRYOR	10
LEONARD H. BAYBUT	5	GEORGE CROSS	11
GEORGE A. CARD	6	JACK A. WAUGH	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.
First peal on twelve as conductor and first attempt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN	Treble	FRANK JENNINGS	5
*MISS JESSIE M. MELVILLE	2	EDWARD G. TALBOT	6
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	3	DANIEL COOPER	7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ...	4	JOHN F. GALYER	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to
Miss J. M. Melville and T. G. Bannister.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT BECKET	Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN	5
JESSE GILLET	2	ERNEST MATTHEWS	6
WILLIAM HARRIS	3	GEORGE CONDICK	7
WILLIAM C. JONES	4	HARRY NEWMAN	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

Rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the
new church of Longlevern, Gloucester.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 1½ cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SWIFT	Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
*GEORGE OLLIVER	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
NELSON ELLIOTT	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* 100th peal.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
JAMES COTTERILL 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
GEORGE W. STEEL 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
FREDERICK SEAGER 4	PERCY J. JOHNEON Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

KINGSWINFOR, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, March 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANCES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*KENNETH J. PARDOE ... Treble	HERBERT T. PIPER 5
HARRY BOSWELL 2	NORMAN G. LEECH 6
†BENJAMIN H. WINDSOW ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
FRANK G. BURLEIGH 4	HENRY W. DODD Tenor

Conducted by W. FISHER.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JAMES W. PHILLIPS ... Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
†EDWARD T. BAILEY 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	EDWIN M. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside' and first attempt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	*CHARLES ALLSOP 5
JOHN GRUNDY 2	JOHN S. HUTCHBY 6
*DAVID S. COLLINS 3	EDWARD READER 7
JOHN S. SADDINGTON 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Specially rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 6th, who attained 71 years the previous day.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD IRILEY Treble	EPHRAIM W. RANDE 5
J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 2	SIDNEY O. CIBNEY 6
HAROLD G. JENNY 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
*DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First 'touch' in a Surprise method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HERBERT FOLCHER ... Treble	CHARLES ROOPE 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES LOOME 4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, March 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT E. WHITING
Arranged as a silver wedding compliment for George and Eliza Whiting. The conductor and treble ringers are their sons. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD ... Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 3	WILLIAM DENT 7
WILLIAM CHALK 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON 5
*THOMAS HILL 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6
*DENNIS HOLDEN 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	BRET HORTON Tenor

Composed by E. H. MARTIN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ERNEST L. SHELTON ... Treble	JAMES T. WARD 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	ARTHUR BIGLEY 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	*ROGER W. DANIELS 7
HARRY CHAMBERS 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 139). Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 89th birthday of Mrs. Wottenall, of Stanwick, grandmother to R. W. Daniels, of Stamford, for whom this peal was arranged.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
ROBERT PICKERING 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

STANLEY SLANEY Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
*JOHN L. GILBERT 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 6
*MISS N. CAWTHORNE 3	WILLIAM H. TWITON 7
THOMAS BETTISON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON 2	DAVID WHITING 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 7
THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 4	GARNHAM A. BLANCELL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLANCELL

The composition (No. 393) is now rung for the first time.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR C. OTWAY Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	SIDNEY ELTON 6
*ARTHUR H. SMITH 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
†W. CYRIL SMITH 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. HARMAN.

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HERBERT G. FULCHER Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 5
WILLIAM E. BASON 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This 25-course composition, containing the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6, is now rung for the first time.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT, BUCKLAND BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*JOSEPH WALLIS, SEN. ... Treble	*JOSEPH WALLIS, JUN. ... 5
RONALD A. TUFFIN 2	HUGH R. THORPE 6
BERNARD H. WELLS 3	FRANCIS J. SANDERS 7
ARTHUR HOLMAN 4	*CYRIL WALLIS Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor on eight bells. This is the first peal on eight bells by the Buckland band.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	ERNEST MINGAY 5
*JOHN RIDGWELL 2	AMEROSSE MASON 6
*WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS ... 3	*WILLIAM S. BUTLER 7
CHARLES W. BURTON 4	GEORGE GREEN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN P. TARLTON Treble	FREDERICK H. BENNETT 5
WALTER ALLWOOD 2	WILLIAM SWAIN 6
JOHN W. ENGLAND 3	FRICKARD REECE 7
LESLIE W. BACON 4	WILLIAM H. WAIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. H. WAIN.

The composition has the 4, 5 and 6 the extent in 6th's place and 5th 18 times at home.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
CYRIL TANSELL 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 7
FRED HAWKES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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

The following peal was not published at the time it was rung:—

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HERBERT G. FULCHER ... Treble	CECIL W. BARRETT 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
FREDERICK J. ROOPE 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CYRIL BARBER 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

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On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob and 21 six-scores of Grandsire.

ARTHUR WARREN... .. Treble	GEORGE CLARKE 3
FREDERICK RANDALL 2	CECIL SARGANT 4
P.C. ALBERT STAPLETON ... Tenor	

Conducted by P.C. ALBERT STAPLETON.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

FRANK WRST Treble	*ERNEST G. STEVENS 4
*GEORGE H. GUITERIDGE... 2	*F. DONALD BOREHAM 5
EDWARD C. AYRES 3	WILLIAM E. REDDUP... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. E. REDDUP.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. J. J. Parker, of Barnham Royal, on attaining his 80th birthday. Also as a birthday compliment to the son of F. West.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Durham, Beverley, Wells, York, Cambridge and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM OLIVER Treble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
*JAMES T. TITT 2	ROLAND PARK 5
*ROBERT T. SIMPSON 3	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

* First peal 'inside' in seven Surprise methods.

MAISEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, March 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*WILLIAM A. LAW Treble	*EDGAR COOPER 4
FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN. ... 2	WILFRED H. HAYWARD 5
STANLEY J. WORSFOLD 3	JOHN HOPE Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

* First peal and first attempt. First in the method for all except ringers of 2 and 6.

DATCHWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Delight, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JEFFREY WILLIAMS Treble	SYDNEY CARTER 4
ALBERT LAWRENCE 2	BARNARD FATMORE 5
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 3	JOHN WELCH Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent, one of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Plain Bob, one of Canterbury and one of Oxford Single Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL EBLES Treble	PETER CHARMAN 4
WALTER CHARMAN 2	JOHN COOK 5
RAYMOND WOOD 3	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STANFORD.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDGAR G. SWIFT Treble	†MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 4
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	GEORGE AYRES 5
*HENRY W. EDWARDS 3	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Cambridge Minor as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall for his 74th birthday.

BASSALEG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BASIL.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.)

HENRY A. BULLOCK Treble	GEORGE HAWKINS 4
ARTHUR HAWKINS 2	GEORGE POPNELL 5
JOHN W. JONES 3	KENNETH KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.

First peal on the bells, which are of cast steel by Vickers, of Sheffield, and were placed in the tower some 60 years ago.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL 4
R. THOMAS NEWMAN 2	ERNEST BRETT 5
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall, Vicar of Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN Treble	FRANK E. WISEMAN 4
*CLAUDE E. NUNN 2	CHARLES SMITH 5
JAMES POTTER 3	EDWIN C. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal and first attempt.

CUCKLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.)

*MAURICE D. PERRETT Treble	LEWIS A. PERRETT 4
H. JIM RALPH 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD 3	*WALTER G. FORWARD Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First attempt for a peal; both members of the local band, who are to be congratulated on their good striking throughout.

HANDBELL PEALS.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT 8, ESSRX HALL ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

GEORGE RASHBROOK 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 5-6
WILLIAM CHALK 3-4	WILLIAM DENT 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE. Rung on the 59th birthday of G. Rashbrook.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At No. 6, LEIGHTON STREET.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALBERT FLEET 1-2	CYRIL HERBERT 5-6
ERNEST HERBERT 3-4	DOUGLAS HARRIS 7-8

Composed by J. BAKER.

Conducted by DOUGLAS HARRIS.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on handbells by all the band, for the association and in the county, and first in the method as conductor.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1933, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At 23, GREEK STREET.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Umpire—MORRIS J. MORRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, March 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

In ST. MARTIN'S RINGING ROOM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

FRANK E. HAYNES 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
ALBERT E. NORMAN 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

At THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ARTHUR J. BARILETT 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	JOHN P. PELLOE 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight 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	* GEORGE W. CREASEY 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—At the Parish Church of St. George on Sunday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for evening service: G. Halksworth (conductor) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, W. Bettley 4, H. W. Else (Hitchin) 5, W. Wagstaff 6, R. Thompson 7, H. Baldwin 8. Especially arranged for Mr. H. Else, of Hitchin, who was spending a week-end at Doncaster.

ST. PETER'S, THANET.—On March 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. L. Hilton 1, Mrs. E. H. Spice 2, A. W. Friend 3, J. Walter 4, L. Porritt 5, W. J. Fairbeard 6, E. H. Spice (composer and conductor) 7, G. J. Appleton 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Thursday, March 16th, at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Hurrell 1, W. J. Jeffries 2, J. J. Lamb 3, T. A. Easterby 4, G. Rawlings 5, J. Hurrell 6, C. A. Bines (conductor) 7, G. Kilner 8. Rung for Confirmation service, which was held at the Parish Church that evening.

NEWBURY.—On Tuesday, February 21st, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: J. Thomas (conductor) 1, A. J. Whitelo 2, C. Poole 3, H. T. E. Curtis 4, R. W. Rex 5, E. W. Smith 6, H. W. Curtis 7, J. Tyler 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman for ringers of 3, 4 and 8. Arranged for Messrs. J. Thomas and J. Tyler, of London, who are hanging the two new bells at Newbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION OFFICIALS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division was held at Doncaster on Saturday, and a very representative gathering of the towers in the area was present to try their skill on this grand peal of eight, the tenor of which is 30 cwt. The following towers were represented: Sheffield Cathedral and All Saints', Ecclesfield, Eastwood, Rotherham, Holsterstone, Wortley, Arksey, Wall, Conisborough, Rawmarsh, Tickhill. The number of members present was about 40, and a variety of methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major, was rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Co-operative Cafe was a very enjoyable affair.

The business meeting was held in the Clergy House and was presided over by the curate (the Rev. R. Machon). The secretary read a letter he had received from the president of the Yorkshire Association in reply to one he had sent to him, conveying the congratulations and good wishes of the division on his appointment as Hon. Canon of Ripon Cathedral.

Three new members were elected, viz., G. Lord (Wath), H. Chaddock (Eastwood) and J. S. Smith (Conisborough).

For the annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Division Area, a very hearty invitation was received from the Conisborough Branch to hold the meeting at that place, and this was gratefully accepted, the meeting to be held on June 17th next.

The retiring vice-president, Mr. G. Lewis, of Ecclesfield, was re-elected for another term of three years, and, in returning thanks to the members for their confidence, assured them of his hearty co-operation in anything he could do for the advancement of the work of the association.

The three retiring members of the committee, Mr. G. Clark (Arksey), Mr. F. C. Wilson (Rawmarsh) and Mr. W. A. Wooler (Wortley), were re-elected and heartily thanked for their services. Mr. G. Clark was further elected to the General Committee for three years.

It was decided that the hearty congratulations of the members be offered to Mr. J. Thorpe, of Sheffield Cathedral, on having rung his 200th peal for the association.

The secretary reported that during the past year the division had elected 29 new members, which is a record for any one year, and he thanked most heartily the members and the secretaries of the local branches for their efforts and co-operation, which had made such a success possible. There were now upwards of 150 members in the Southern Division.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman and to the local company for the arrangements made. The Ringing Master, Mr. G. Halksworth, of Doncaster, paid a great tribute to the chairman, and said how deeply they regretted his departure in the near future, as he has accepted a living at Halifax.

In replying, the Chairman spoke of his very great esteem for the ringers, and hoped that any of them who visited Halifax would look him up. They were assured of a very hearty welcome.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HORNSEY.

A very happy meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Hornsey on Saturday, when about 40 ringers attended, including quite a fair number of real, expert, 'Great I Am' peal-grabbers. The ancient tower of the old Church of St. Mary was filled to overflowing very early in the afternoon, and it was soon noticed that some of the aforementioned great ones were actually assisting learners through Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise! To be quite fair to the learners, they repaid the expert ones by helping them through a touch or two of Bob Minor and some Grandsire Doubles, so, on the whole, honours were pretty even. After a short, albeit bright, service had been held in the new church, some 100 yards distant from the old tower, the members adjourned to the Church Hall near by, where a good tea was greatly enjoyed, especially by the youngest member of the party.

At the subsequent business meeting two new members were elected, viz., Albert Edge, of the Hadley band, and Albert F. Coles, youngest son of the hon. secretary.

The arrangements for the next meeting were left in the hands of the hon. secretary, with a preference for Pinner.

The hon. secretary welcomed Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who was present, saying he hoped they would see 'more of him' at their meetings.

The Chairman, Mr. W. Pickworth, proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of Hornsey and Wood Green, the preacher, organist, etc., which was duly carried.

Some handbell ringing afterwards consisted of Stedman Caters and Bob Major, whilst a party were soon back in the old tower, where the bells were kept going for some considerable time. The ringing at Wood Green unfortunately had to be curtailed, owing to illness, but the visit to that place gave Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., an opportunity of meeting many old ringing friends once again. Quite a variety of methods were rung during the day, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent, Double Court, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, and rounds for the 'some day' will be experts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**TOWCESTER BRANCH'S BIG MEETING.**

A record number of ringers turned up for a quarterly meeting of the Towcester Branch at Gayton on Saturday. In addition to members of other branches, there were ringing friends from North Bucks and Banbury Branches of the Oxford Guild, Bedford Association, etc. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Stokes, of Gayton. Other clergy present included Vicars of Moulton, Blakesley, Cosgrove, and the Rev. R. Howes (Cold Higham), hon. secretary. Tea was partaken in the Schoolroom, and the efforts of the Mothers' Union were taxed to the utmost to provide for the large number present. Thanks were accorded to them and all who helped to make the meeting a success on the call of the Master of the Guild, Mr. F. Wilford.

The hon. secretary, in his report, stated he had sold several hundreds of his book, 'Village Bells,' but only three in his own district—a number which was considerably augmented before the meeting closed.

The Guild Master congratulated Mr. Howes, and said he was not such a 'duffer' now as he had termed himself, the improvement in his striking being due, perhaps, to following the rules in his own book.

Thanks to the preacher (the Rev. W. F. Stokes) concluded the meeting.

MUFFLED BELLS.

The death occurred on March 14th of Mr. Harcourt Palmer Landon, Rector's warden, of Shenfield, Essex, and an honorary member of the Essex Association.

The late Mr. Landon was keenly interested in bells and ringers, and the present tenor at Shenfield was given by him in memory of a member of his family.

The interment took place on Saturday, March 18th, in the parish churchyard. The service was fully choral, and at the conclusion a 720 Bob Minor was rung half-muffled by W. H. Poole 1, E. Sitch 2, R. Plummer 3, T. Street 4, B. Hines 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6. As another funeral was to take place during the afternoon, further ringing was impossible.

On Sunday, March 5th, at St. Peter's Church, Horbury, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. H. Mitchell, one of the Horbury band: W. Taftersall (Ossett) 1, G. W. Pickles 2, H. Dransfield (Earlsheaton) 3, E. Pickles 4, J. Milner 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, R. Thickett 7, G. Goldsdraw 8.

CONTINENTAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your correspondents' remarks on continental ringing are interesting, but not very accurate. It is probable that in the French village mentioned there are only two bells, but in this case, as in many others, it will be owing to lack of funds that more are not installed.

In the village church of Les Houches, in the Arve valley, there are four bells, and at the richer market town of Sallanches, a little lower down, there are nine. Some of them are hung practically in the English fashion, with wheels and ropes, although the latter have no sallies and look rather like old cart ropes.

As regards bells clashed or jangled, the weights and notes are very different from those of an English peal. Generally three or four bells, forming a chord, are swung up to about the horizontal, and no attempt is made to strike them in sequence. The trebles are very light in proportion to the tenors, and may be as much as two octaves higher. For instance, at the Cathedral at Grenoble there are five heavy bells rung mechanically by the Angelus Electro-Automatique apparatus, the weights and notes of which are as follows:—

Treble: 7 cwt. in G.

2nd: 1 ton 2 cwt. in E.

3rd: 1 ton 12 cwt. in D.

4th: 2 tons 2 cwt. in C.

Tenor: 4 tons 7 cwt. in A flat.

Another arrangement for four light bells is: Treble, 2 cwt. in F; 2nd, 5 cwt. in C; 3rd, 9 cwt. in A; tenor, 16 cwt. in F.

Bells of such weights and tuning allowed to clash are not at all disagreeable, but naturally a similar effect would not be possible on an English peal owing to the lack of compass and the amount of metal put into the treble end.

S. E. ARMSTRONG.

12, Semley Road, Brighton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The meeting at Allesley on Saturday was well attended. There were members from Chilvers Coton, Higham, Knowle, Lilington, Nuneaton, Rugby and Warwick, together with the local band. The bells were raised soon after 3.30, and various touches of Doubles and Minor were rung before tea. This was served at the Rainbow Inn and was a very enjoyable meal.

In the absence of the Vicar, the two churchwardens welcomed the Guild members. Ringing was resumed after tea until about 8 o'clock. Cambridge and London Surprise Minor and Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were among the methods rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Last Saturday a peal of Bob Minor was rung at Bassaleg, Monmouthshire, the first peal on the bells, which are of cast steel, and were placed in the tower some 60 years ago by Vickers, of Sheffield. 'It is hoped,' says the sender of the report, 'that before another 60 years are past the bells will be consigned to the scrap heap.'

Mr. George Henry Coombes, of 25, Swannmore Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, the oldest member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, will celebrate his 90th birthday next Tuesday.

The Exercise will extend its heartiest greetings and congratulations to this grand old veteran, who is still an active ringer and declares he feels 'game' for another ten years yet.

Mr. Walter G. Forward, of Cucklington, Somerset, who made his first attempt for a peal on Saturday, has been a regular ringer at this church for 40 years, and previously attended for four years without being allowed to touch a rope! What would some of the present-day ringers, who complain of lack of opportunity, say to treatment of this kind? And how many of them would have 'stuck it'? Congratulations to Mr. Forward upon his perseverance and success.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Would it not be a graceful birthday compliment to Mr. J. J. Parker if the Exercise were to agree henceforth to drop all such designations as Mr. BLANK'S TRANSPOSITION of the twelve-part? As an actual matter of history this composition was originally produced in the form generally known as 'Groves' transposition,' and was transposed by Mr. Parker himself before publication to the form with the sixth as the half-hunt. That Mr. Parker has never taken the trouble himself to assert his rights surely makes it the more incumbent on us to give honour where honour is due.

Obviously Mr. Groves and the rest acted in perfect good faith, but this does not affect the fact that Mr. Parker was aware of all the 30 transpositions (or 60 if those in which the single in the sixth part is moved two calls further on be included) before anyone else in the Exercise knew that there was any such composition as the twelve-part.

E. S. POWELL.

Exeter.

'PEAL GRABBERS'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As one who has been a member of the Peterborough Guild since I started ringing some four years ago, and until a few months ago lived in the Wellingborough area of that Guild, I should like to clear up one or two points in Mr. Amos' letter in your issue dated March 17th.

The reason Mr. Amos has to go outside the Peterborough Diocese for his peals is this: he is not a member of the Diocesan Guild, and indeed takes no part in any ringing in or near Wellingborough. All my early ringing has been done with the Peterborough Guild, and I have received nothing but help and encouragement.

During the last year or two there have been a number of letters in 'The Ringing World' from Mr. Amos all more or less in the same strain. May I point out that, human nature being what it is, he is not likely to find the Surprise conductors very ready to oblige him when he spends his time criticising them in your excellent columns.

One other point re 'peal grabbers'—I don't think it is correct to call the Surprise bands 'peal grabbers,' as it is only by hard practice and study that they have attained their proficiency. The people who are really 'peal grabbers' are those who are content to keep ringing peals in one or two simple methods, usually Doubles, instead of devoting their time to the study and practice of higher methods; also those who persuade a good conductor, who thinks he is encouraging beginners, to 'push' them through peals.

ROGER D. St. J. SMITH.

Heanor, Nottingham.

WHAT IS THE GRIEVANCE?

Dear Sir,—Referring to the letter in your issue of February 24th and the very able replies which have since appeared, I cannot refrain from voicing my own and the opinions of many ringers adjacent to this district, as it would appear to those not conversant with same, that Mr. Leech has had no encouragement whatsoever.

I think I can claim to have spent as much time, in a ringing capacity, with Mr. Leech as anyone, and can testify to the opportunities he has had of practising Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major with some of the leading men of the Exercise, who also have stood in several peal attempts for him, but, unfortunately, owing to his business, he is otherwise engaged at week-ends.

In conclusion, I would ask Mr. Leech what his grievance is, and to define his remarks, 'The Great I Am' and 'Surprise Peal Cliques,' on whom a stigma has been placed, for which an early apology is awaited by the ringing fraternity.

JOHN BASS.

Wollaston, Stourbridge.

APPLETON RECORD PEAL BAND.

MEN WHO MADE HISTORY IN GRANDSIRE CATERS.

When Appleton celebrated March the 4th this year, the band, who, on December 27th last, rang the record peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 16,271 changes, in 9 hours 20 minutes, met again for the unveiling of a tablet recording the performance. The occasion was also made the opportunity for a photograph of the company, which we reproduce herewith.

AN OLD APPLETON NOTE BOOK.

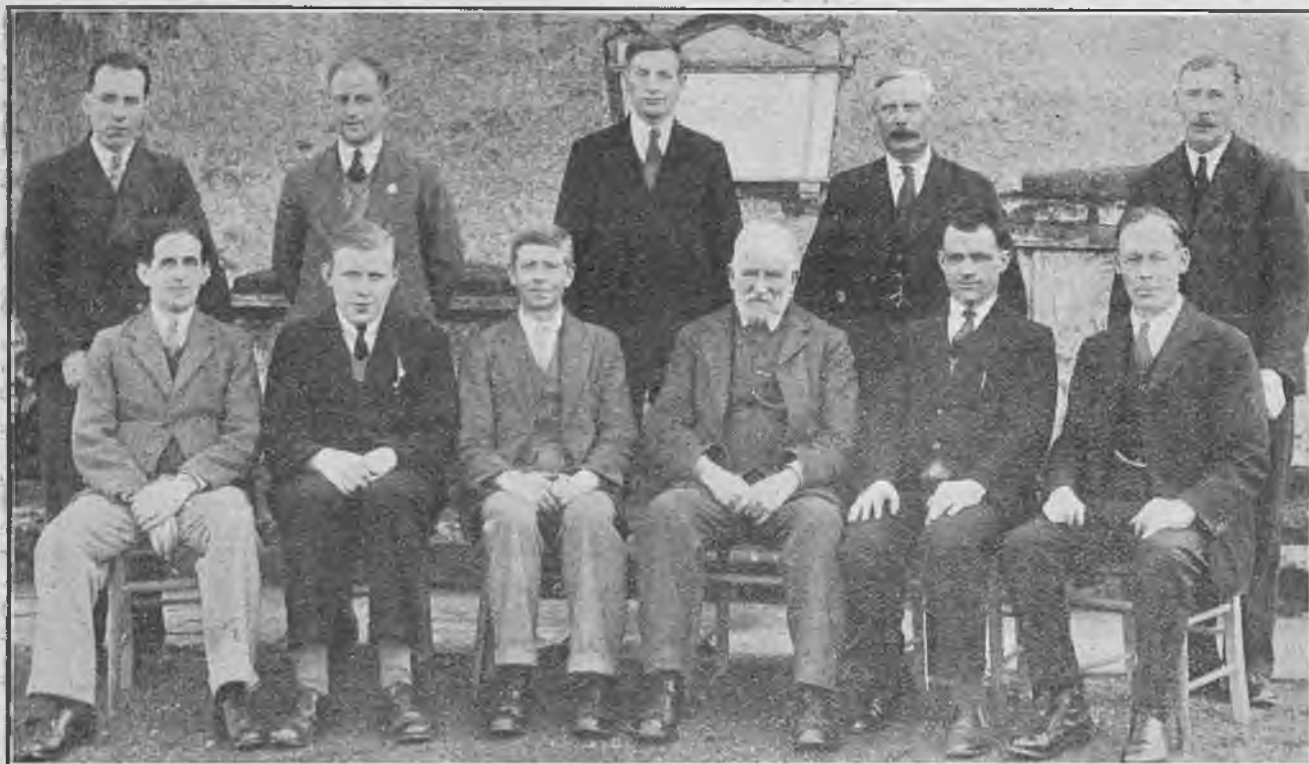
From time to time there comes to light some old note book of a ringer long since passed to his rest, and how interesting it is to look through the entries, and gain some inkling of the activities of the ringers of a bygone generation. Too many of these old tomes have been lost to the Exercise—thrown away as rubbish as soon as the owner has departed. What a lot more knowledge we might have had of the early events of ringing history could all these old note books have been preserved to us! Here and there, however, there

inscriptions that has a local relation and is worth mentioning. In 1856. Hamney, Berks, had a peal of six cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1702, but the second had to be recast. And this is what was put on it:—

C. and G. Mears of London they made me
The second of this peal to be.
I was plac'd here by Alfred White,
Who in change ringing took great delight.

Then followed the names of the Vicar and churchwardens. We wonder what Diocesan Chancellors and Advisory Boards would say to such an inscription to-day?

There is, however, no question as to the delight which Alfred White took in ringing. Alfred White was but a lad when he began his connection with church bells in 1818, the year in which Appleton first had a ring of six, given by the squire. He was in the first recorded 720 on the bells, rung in 1821, and his ringing connection with Appleton was kept up until his death in 1876, in which year he rang his last peal. Much of his ringing was done with three of his sons, Fred, Henry and Noble, the first named also succeeding his



From left to right, seated: Cuthbert G. White treble, William Simmonds 2, George Holifield, sen., composer, Francis E. Taylor 3, Richard A. Post 4, Walter F. Judge 5,

From right to left, standing: R. Thomas Newman 6, F. Donald Boreham 7, George Holifield, jun., conductor, 8, Richard White 9, Fred White tenor.

[Photo by H. J. Warwick, Abingdon.

are extant the carefully recorded notes of some old ringer, and an exceedingly interesting book which we have recently seen is now the cherished possession of the White family of Appleton. It bears on the fly-leaf the inscription, 'Alfred White, His Book. May 21st, 1842,' and appears to have been originally intended as a receptacle for recording the inscriptions on bells, probably of those which passed through the owner's hands as a bellhanger.

Alfred White founded the firm which is still carrying on its industry in the old Berkshire village, having set up about the year 1822. His reputation spread from the surrounding parishes to neighbouring counties, and then still further afield, and this old book seems faithfully to record the particulars of the bells that came under his notice. It also contains a large number of old woodcuts of churches he had visited, collected from a variety of sources, and adding a special interest to the book. Interspersed, and many obviously inserted at a later date than the original writing, for they do not appear in chronological order, are newspaper cuttings recording peals and other ringing performances, many of them relating to various 'March the fourth' celebrations.

There is no need to quote at any length from the many bell inscriptions among the notes, but they form the usual quaint collection of historical records and doggerel verse which in the 18th and 19th centuries used to decorate(?) church bells. Here, however, is one

father in the business. Alfred White's ringing, a good deal of it in conjunction with his work, took him to many parts of England, and his book contains a list of 203 churches in which he had rung, spreading from his own tower of Appleton, south to Portsmouth, north as far as Yorkshire, west to Herefordshire and east to London.

His first peal was rung on the day that Appleton bells were increased to eight. In that year (1855), March 4th, being Sunday, was celebrated the following day, and we read from a carefully preserved newspaper cutting, 'On Monday last this village (Appleton) was a scene of mirth and gaiety, in consequence of the opening of the peal of eight bells. At five o'clock in the morning the Appleton ringers entered the tower, and rang a complete peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5,040 changes, with 154 bobs and 85 singles, in 3 hours and 30 minutes, viz.: John Sparrow, treble; James Newman, 2nd; Benjamin Barrett, 3rd; William White, 4th; Alfred White, 5th; Henry White, 6th; Fred White, 7th; William Woodward, tenor; they were conducted by Henry White. The Oxford change ringers afterwards entered the tower and rang several touches, and then proceeded to the Greyhound, at Besselsleigh, where they partook of an excellent dinner, provided by the landlady, Mrs. White; the band played several airs, and the evening was spent very harmoniously.'

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SOME 17th CENTURY RINGERS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Some months ago, searching through old books and records in the British Museum, I came across a reference to a man who was described as 'the very best ringer that ever was or ever will be in England or in the whole world.' And who do you suppose he was? Not Stedman, nor Annable, nor Doleman, nor any of the other men whose names have come down to us, and about whose doings we know a little, at any rate. But a certain Thomas Wells, whose memory, except for this one scanty reference, is entirely forgotten. All we know of him was that he was the son of the parish clerk at Bray, that he went up to Oxford to Exeter College, that he took Orders in the Church, and died in 1731 of small-pox at the age of twenty-five or twenty-six. Thomas Hearne, the diarist, who went to school with him, says he was a strong, lusty young fellow, with a wonderfully good nature, and was much beloved. We should like to know more about Mr. Thomas Wells.

Another forgotten worthy was John Sacheverell, whose name appears in the list of members of the Society of College Youths for the year 1696, and who held the office of steward in 1702. When I came across his name, I naturally wondered whether he had anything to do with the Doctor Sacheverell, who at that time was making his name famous (or, at any rate, notorious) both in Church and State. I could, however, find no connection. John Sacheverell was an Oxford gentleman who lived at Cumnor, where he died in 1725. He was a very fine ringer, and had the reputation of being an extraordinary judge of ringing. When Dr. Shippen was Vice-Chancellor of Oxford he proposed to have the six bells at St. Mary's (the university church) made into eight or ten, and was desirous that Sacheverell should manage the job. He sent as messenger to him, one Brookland, a printer and one of the local ringers, to ask him to come and see him. Sacheverell reported that if they were made eight or ten, provided the fifth were recast, they would be the best peal in England, but he neglected to go and see the Vice-Chancellor, and the whole scheme fell to the ground.

Two names in the College Youths' list for the year 1687 raise an interesting speculation. They are Gilbert Sheldon and John Dolbin. About that time, Dr. Gilbert Sheldon was Archbishop of Canterbury, and Dr. John Dolben was Archbishop of York. Now it is hardly likely that the Primate of England and the Primate of All England would at the same time be members of such a body as the College Youths; or, if they were, would be entered by their bare Christian and surnames. But that this is not merely a curious coincidence, is shown by a third name which appears between the other two—that of Gilbert Dolbin. Gilbert Dolbin was the eldest son of the Archbishop. He was a Westminster School boy, and was perhaps one of the links by which tradition has connected that school with the Society of College Youths. He became a lawyer, was raised to an Irish judgeship and received a baronetcy. He was also for a time Member of Parliament for Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.

John Dolben, his brother, was also a lawyer, but he fell into bad company, took to gaming, squandered the fortune his father left him, went abroad, married a rich widow, came home and went into Parliament. His reputation was none of the best. Thomas Herne calls him 'that vile Dolben.'

Who Gilbert Sheldon was I do not know. He was not the Archbishop, of course, but obviously a relative both of his and of the Dolbens; for Dr. John Dolben had married Dr. Sheldon's niece. Dr. Sheldon was unmarried, and this Gilbert Sheldon was probably a nephew.

The only record the College Youths possess of their early days is the list of members and officers. It is not a contemporary list, the names for the first hundred years being all written out at the same time. It is not complete, and in several cases members are given titles which they did not possess till years later, when, like as not, they had long since ceased to have anything to do with the society.

This bare list of names, however, is the key by which we can unlock a very great deal of information about some of the men who were ringers in the seventeenth century. Let me give an example.

In the parish accounts of St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, for the year 1699, it is recorded that three men, Richard Castleman, Peter Bradshaw and Elisha Mason had offered to take down and recast the ninth bell and replace it at their own charges. The vestry accepted the offer and referred it to the churchwardens

'to see the bell taken down and delivered to the said persons, weighing the same out and in; they, the churchwardens, taking security from the said persons for the performance of the matter proposed, and that they be obliged to return the said bell of the same weight and goodness as it is now or better. If any of its weight should be wanting, they should pay to the Churchwardens the value thereof, and take care that they do no damage to the other bells.'

On the face of it this entry is rather curious. It is not usual, nor was it then, when a man has offered to recast any cracked bell at his own expense for the benefit of the parish, to make him give security, lest during the process he or the bell founder should steal a few pounds of bell metal. Such a condition would be looked on as an insult, and be an effective deterrent against any generosity.

But the mystery is solved when we realise who these three generous persons were. Castleman and Mason were the two College Youths' stewards for that year. Peter Bradshaw was one of the leading members of the society. He joined in 1682, was steward in 1688, and Master in 1694. I think we shall not be far wrong if we reconstruct the event as follows:—

At that time the only ring of ten bells in London (and, I think, the only one in England that could be rung) was at St. Sepulchre's. The College Youths and the London Scholars had begun to practise Grandsire Caters, and so, though they rang at many other towers, St. Sepulchre's was especially valuable to them. But St. Sepulchre's were a poor mixed lot. Some of them had escaped the Great Fire, others had been added to replace those the fire had destroyed. Edward Webster and Christopher Hodson had both been employed to supply bells, and neither had done much good. And then the notorious Michael Darbie had a hand. His work was so bad that the vestry refused to pay him any more money until he had put right the work he had already done, and, later on, when they let him have some money for work done, his 'recompense for new casting one of the bells was suspended till the same bell be better approved.'

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PRESENTATION TO STAFFORD VETERAN.**MR. ZADOK BAKER'S 60 YEARS AS A RINGER.**

On Sunday, March 12th, for morning service, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Zadok Baker, who on that day attained his 80th birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Stafford, by the following Sunday service ringers: H. Bayley 1, W. Cowan 2, H. F. Evans 3, G. Booth 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, W. H. Jones (conductor) 7, J. Warrilow 8. It was hoped that Mr. Baker would ring the tenor, but owing to his having been accidentally knocked down by a motor van on the previous Tuesday, when on his way to practice, it was thought advisable for him not to do so. Fortunately, he was not seriously injured, and was able to attend the bellry on Tuesday evening, the 14th, when the Rector (the Rev. Lionel Lambert, M.A.), on behalf of the clergy, churchwardens and bellringers, presented him with a gift in the form of Treasury notes. The Rector congratulated Mr. Baker very heartily on attaining so great an age and still being an active ringer, paying him a well-deserved tribute for the splendid service he had given in the ringing of St. Mary's bells for some 25 years. The presentation made to him that evening was, said the Rector, a token of esteem and appreciation for all he had done.

On behalf of the ringers, the hon. secretary congratulated Mr. Baker, thanked him for the help he had given them and for the splendid example he had set to the band, for, despite his years, he had until recently been one of the most regular and punctual members. They, as a band, hoped he would find much happiness in the evening of his days, and that there were still many more 'part ends' to come up in his peal of life, ere the Great Conductor called the last bob to bring it into the honing course with the subsequent 'That's all; stand.'

Mr. Baker, responding, thanked them all very much for their gift. He had been a bellringer altogether for some 60 years, 25 having been spent in the ringing of St. Mary's bells, and he hoped that he would have health given to him to enable him to ring for a few more years. A vote of thanks to the Rector for making the presentation, proposed by Mr. Warrilow (head ringer) and seconded by Mr. Jones (deputy head ringer), concluded what is probably the first event of its kind in the long history of St. Mary's Church, Stafford.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Tuesday, Feb. 21st, at St. John's Church, Silverdale, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor (1933 changes), being 1,080 of Kent, 733 Oxford, 120 Duke of York: W. Howsley 1, T. Dobson 2, J. Holme 3, W. Bolton (conductor) 4, J. W. Hayton 5, T. F. Taylor 6.

SOME 17th CENTURY RINGERS

(Continued from previous column.)

In 1695 the tenor cracked and had to be recast, and then on the top of all these troubles the ninth was broken. You cannot ring Grandsire Caters without a ninth, and so the College Youths brought the matter before the church authorities. But by this time the vestry were pretty well sick of the whole thing. They had been continually spending money for the last twenty years and more, and the bells were no better. They would spend no more. The problem that then faced the College Youths was either to go without their Grandsire Caters or else to try and recast the bell at their own expense. They did not lack moneyed people in those days, and offered to do it. But the parish was under no illusion as to their motives. What generosity there was was not for the sake of the church. 'Yes, you can recast the bell,' so in effect the vestry told the College Youths, 'but we fully realise that you are doing it for your own sakes and not for ours, and we propose to take all precautions that in no case can the parish be any worse off by what you do.'

Eighteen years later in a similar spirit the two societies of London Scholars and College Youths gave the two trebles to St. Bride's, in Fleet Street. They wanted them for their use, so that they could ring Grandsire Cinques, and for a time they took care that they should be used for no other purpose, by keeping them chain and locked. Change ringing in those days was a purely secular sport. It was never used for the service of the Church.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—At long last, and that 'straight from the horse's mouth,' i.e., James Washbrook's own MSS.

So Mr. Washbrook did call the six single variation his variation of Thurstans', as stated by me, and he did not call it an original composition as claimed by Mr. Cave, in spite of his evidence to the contrary. The above is the new evidence asked for by Mr. Cave, although rather ancient, is it not? Well, sir, here I rest my case, but it was most inexcusable of Mr. Bailey to keep the court waiting for so long.

FRED H. DEXTER.

Leicester.

HITHERTO UNPUBLISHED VARIATIONS BY N. J. PITSTOW.

One of the best variations of Thurstans' four-part is that popular one by the late Mr. N. J. Pitstow. It is not generally known, however, that Mr. Pitstow had other variations, and here are three hitherto, we believe, unpublished, which Mr. Frederick Dench, of Saffron Walden, has forwarded to us from among Mr. Pitstow's notes. The singles are described as Mr. Pitstow describes them.

The first he calls 'a peal of Stedman Triples, arranged by N. J. P.'

231456				143256
A 536421	3.4			B 315426
345261	3.4.5.6	12.13		C 346125
435216	5.6			413265
				523416
B 136245	3.4			
321465	3.4.5.6	12.13		R 351246
541326	5.6.7.8			R 134526
				B 412356
B 152436				
B 213546				B 245136
B 324156				C 532146
A 125346				
B 514236				436152
				314562
316254	3.4			2547163
123564	3.4.5.6	12.13		453126
254316	S.2			
				B 342516
B 421536				B 231456
B 143256				

The next is 'a peal without extras or omits'—

231456				532146
A 536421	3.4			A 254316
345261	3.4.5.6	12.13		A 421536
125346	5.6.7.8			
A 514236				C 326541
				253461
B 316254	3.4			541326
123564	3.4.5.6	12.13		
4537261	5.6.7.8	S.14		A 152436
351246	5.6.7.8			C 412356
				A 245136
A 134526				A 523416
B 213546				C 453126
A 324156				A 342516
A 435216				A 231456
B 143256				
A 315426				
A 532146				

The following peal he calls 'a variation by N. J. P. of Brook's variation of Thurstans' peal':—

231456				143256
356412	3.4.5.6			421536
512463	3.4.5.6			
342516	5.6.7.8			236514
				314562
416523	3.4.5.6			2547163
123564	3.4.5.6			453126
254316	S.2			
				514236
532146				435216
245136	omit 7.8 last course			324156
412356				213546
134526				152436
351246				541326
523416				125346
315426	omit 7.8 last course			231456
143256				

Unless otherwise indicated, each part is called as the first.

The first and the last of these compositions bring the 5.6 home at the 'quarter-peal' ends.

'MAIDENS AND YOUTHS' COMBINE.

On Saturday, March 18th, a meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Northern Branch) and the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at the Church of St. Lawrence, Long Eaton.

A goodly number of members and friends arrived, and shortly after 3 o'clock a band of 'Maidens and Youths' opened the meeting with a touch of Stedman Triples, which was followed by touches in most of the usual methods.

By the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Hickton, a hearty tea was served at their home and was much appreciated.

Returning to the belfry, further ringing was indulged in until train and bus time compelled the visitors to disperse. Thanks are given to the local band and Mr. and Mrs. Hickton for their assistance in making a very enjoyable meeting.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. ANDOVER DISTRICT.

A very successful evening combined practice was held at St. Mary Bourne on Saturday, March 18th, when about 40 members attended from various local towers, also several visitors from Devizes, whose presence was appreciated and who were made welcome. Some good practice was put in a variety of methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. It was interesting to note the number of boys who were present and taking part in rounds, Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, some having to stand on mats, etc., to reach the ropes. However, they got their share of ringing at this meeting.

During the afternoon several members visited Long Parish, a neighbouring village, with a peal of five bells. The object in view was to try to get the local band to join the Guild. To the surprise of the visitors they found a band who could ring Bob Singles very well, so it is hoped that this visit will encourage the company to join the Guild and make further progress. Thus a little more spade work was attempted which is badly needed in all districts.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NEW GUILD AT 'ROCHESTER ROW.'

A successful meeting of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster. There was a good band in attendance before the appointed time, and just before 3 p.m. the District Master (Mr. Mance) set the proceedings in motion with a touch of Stedman Triples. These splendid bells were heard to advantage in several methods before the tea break, and it might be well here to remind readers of the marvellous performances which were consummated here some 30 or 40 years ago, evidence of which appear in profusion in the steeple. Some of these stalwarts have unfortunately passed on, but one, Mr. Harry Ellis, climbed to the belfry to renew acquaintance with old friends. Tea was partaken of at the Napier Hall, Vincent Square, and 26 sat down to a splendid meal.

Mr. Mance presided over the usual business, at which 14 new members were elected, including the whole of the newly-formed St. Stephen's Guild, which it is hoped will in time assume the mantle of the one time 'Rochester Row' men, famed up and down the country.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (the Rev. S. Shepley-Smith), to Mr. Carter (local secretary), Messrs. P. Carter and Kemp and to Mr. A. D. Barker for help given.—This was responded to by Mr. Carter. A return was then made to the steeple, where touches in various methods were more or less successfully rung until about 8.30.

It should be noted that the new Guild have done wonders in cleaning, installing electric light, etc., and the work is still going forward.

AN OLD APPLETON NOTE BOOK.

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Altogether Mr. Alfred White rang just over 40 peals, and his last, or nearly his last, was rung at Appleton on February 29th, 1876, to celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the birthday of the veteran. 'This was a more than usually interesting peal,' says the newspaper cutting, '—it was a veritable peal of Grandsire, "Grandsire" White ringing the second bell, his grandson, a lad of 15 years old, the treble, and his son the third bell, the latter being the composer of the peal, and it was the first time that this (or it is believed any other peal) was conducted by a clergyman. The performers were as follows: Stedman White, treble; Alfred White ("Grandsire"), 2; F. White, 3; G. Holfield, 4; J. Avery, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; J. S. Pritchett, Esq. (Balliol College), 7; T. Bennett, tenor; composed by F. White and conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.' Three of this band still survive—Stedman White, J. S. Pritchett and G. Holfield.

Another cutting, stuck into the book by some other hand, records the death of Alfred White, by which 'the whole fraternity of bell-ringers have lost one of their most assiduous devotees.' But the family of White is a sturdy plant. There are still six of Alfred's grandsons interested in Appleton ringing, including Stedman White, who rang his first peal in 1876; and yet another generation is coming along.

'THE TAYLOR FAMILY.'

A HISTORY OF THE LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDERS.

An interesting brochure has just been produced for private circulation on 'The Taylor Family,' in which the history of this well-known Loughborough family is traced through two centuries, beginning with the first authentic member, William Taylor, of Riseley, Bedfordshire. The defective parish registers of that period make it impossible to trace the family tree with certainty beyond that generation, but it is sufficiently far back to encompass all the bellfounding history of the Taylors, which began when Robert Taylor, the son of William, was apprenticed to Edward Arnold, of St. Neots, who had succeeded to the business of bellfounding and clockmaking carried on by the Eayre family. It was not long before Robert Taylor in turn took sole command of the St. Neots foundry, afterwards removing to Oxford, where he died and was buried in 1830 in St. Ebbe's Churchyard.

His son John carried on the Oxford foundry, before removing to Buckland Brewer, Devon, and later to Loughborough, where in 1839 he laid the foundation of the present great business. His sons, John William, Robert Edward and Pryce Jemson Jones Taylor, subsequently shared in the business, which, on the death of the two latter, came solely into the hands of John William, who was succeeded by the late Mr. John William Taylor and Mr. Edmund Denison Taylor, the present proprietor of the firm.

The book deals with all the many members of the family from William downward, and must have involved great research. It is illustrated by numerous interesting photographs.

DEVON GUILD.

JOINT MEETING AT BUCKFASTLEIGH.

A very successful joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches of the Devonshire Guild was held at Buckfastleigh on Saturday last, when there was a large attendance of ringers from Plymouth, Plympton, Kelly, Lifton, Pyworthy, Paignton, Christow, Clyst St. George, Exeter, Milverton (Somerset), Ashburton and some of the local ringers. The bells were raised at about 2 o'clock, and some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. After spending an hour here, a move was made to Buckfast Abbey, where the bells had been placed at the disposal of the visitors for an hour and a half. Rounds were rung on the twelve bells in order that everyone should have a pull, and a course each of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples was afterwards rung. A move was then made to the National Schoolroom, where 85 sat down to a bountiful tea, prepared by an energetic band of ladies under Mrs. Bennett. Following this, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. A. T. Truman 1-2, H. Pawke 3-4, T. G. Myers 5-6, A. W. Myers 7-8.

The Rev. F. W. Moore, Rector of Kelly (chairman of the South-West Branch) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Buckfastleigh for the use of his bells and the National Schoolroom. He mentioned that the Vicar was an old friend of his, and he regretted that the Vicar was unable to spend the afternoon with them through being very unwell. He also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast for the use of his bells, to the Ladies' Committee, under Mrs. Bennett, for carrying out the tea arrangements, and to Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, for making all the arrangements. This was carried with acclamation.

Further handbell ringing was indulged in, and the visitors afterwards returned to the Parish Church, where some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung. The less experienced ones were also given an opportunity to ring. Everyone agreed that the meeting had been highly successful.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery was held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday, February 25th, when, despite the inclement weather, a large number of ringers were present. At the service held in the Parish Church an address was given by the Rector, the Rev. G. Bateman. The tea and business meeting were held in the adjoining hall and presided over by the Rev. E. A. Jullian, chairman of the branch.

The next meeting was arranged for May 6th at Honiton Clyst.

Mr. J. Mellish, of Lymington, was presented with the Guild certificate, while two new towers were reported as having come into contact with the Guild, and 15 new members were elected.

The Chairman expressed his pleasure at the presence of the Acting Rural Dean and of the Rector of Honiton Clyst, and also welcomed the visiting ringers.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, to the organist, to the wives of the local ringers who had prepared an excellent tea, and to the local ringers themselves for defraying the cost of hiring the hall from their own funds.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and some good touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob brought round.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On March 11th, after lost attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. E. Taylor 1, George Limmer 2, G. Limmer 3, J. Jones 4, G. Gilbert (conductor) 5, T. J. Fowler 6, F. J. Russell 7, J. H. Cropley 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

GREETINGS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF CHESTER GUILD.

The Christchurch Cathedral Society, New Zealand, take this belated opportunity of wishing all fellow-ringers a happy and successful 1933.

In a letter dated February 11th, the hon. secretary, Mr. John R. de Lambert, of 69, Reccarton Road, Christchurch, writes: 'Since the jubilee of our Cathedral in October, 1931, ringing here has become very enthusiastic, and we can report having rung several 720's of Plain Bob Minor and touches of Grandsire Doubles, Minor, Triples and Caters, Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles, Minor and Major.'

'We were pleasantly surprised and honoured when, on the Sunday before Christmas, a visitor walked into the ringing room and proved to be none other than the Rev. C. A. Clements, president of the



CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL, NEW ZEALAND.

Chester Diocesan Guild. It was a great help to our small band to have him with us, enabling us to ring methods we otherwise could not have attempted. In the week after Christmas Mr. J. S. Wildo arrived from Dunedin, and we indulged in extensive handbell and tower bell ringing. Visits such as these of experienced ringers are of inestimable value to us, who are keen to learn and also to hear of ringing conditions in the home country, and we extend a hearty invitation to any ringer who may find himself in this Dominion to visit our tower and have a pull on the ropes.

On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve the bell music was broadcast very successfully, and on the latter occasion we were visited by our president, the Very Rev. Dean J. A. Julius, and his wife, ringers' friends also being present in the ringing chamber.

Attendances have been a bit slack during the summer months, but not enough to hinder good ringing. We are plodding steadily ahead and finding the art more and more fascinating as we progress in it, and only wish it were more extensively practised in this corner of the Empire.'

LADIES ATTEMPT LONDON SURPRISE.

Eight members of the Ladies' Guild made their first attempt for a peal of London Surprise Major on Saturday, when they made a splendid effort which lasted 2 hours 10 minutes. The ringing took place at Crayford, and the band was Mrs. G. Cross (London) 1, Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet) 2, Miss K. Fletcher (Beaconsfield) 3, Mrs. D. E. Beemish (Nuneaton) 4, Miss S. Davis (Bucklebury) 5, Mrs. R. Deal (East Ham) 6, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, conductor (Enfield) 7, Mrs. A. D. Barker (Slough) 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WILTON, SOMERSET.—At St. George's Church on Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Hayward 1, D. Sheldon 2, C. Coles 3, E. Causley 4, S. Wyatt, jun., 5, W. Clarke 6, G. Coles (conductor) 7, W. Sivier 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of the 3rd and 6th.

CAMBERWELL.—For evening service at St. Giles' Church on Sunday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss B. M. Mills 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, G. Daynes 3, H. Gibson 4, T. Wyatt 5, A. Harding (first quarter in method) 6, E. J. King 7, T. W. Taffender 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, at the Parish Church of All Saints, by the local band, 1,253 Grandsire Cinques in 54 mins.: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, R. Coles 2, G. Twitchen 3, F. West 4, F. Boreham 5, E. Markham 6, S. T. Goodechild 7, G. F. Hinton 8, G. White 9, E. R. Coles 10, F. D. Boreham 11, W. H. Plumridge 12. Longest touch of Grandsire Cinques by all the band.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At St. Andrew's Parish Church on Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,259 changes): L. Proastidge 1, H. Hill 2, W. Green 3, S. J. Hughes 4, H. Hubball 5, A. Rowley (conductor) 6, T. A. Townsend 7, J. Davies 8. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. R. Townsend (grandmother of the ringer of the 7th, and widow of the late Mr. John Townsend, for many years Ringing Master at the above church) on the 92nd anniversary of her birth. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ben Gough, of Colesey, a most highly respected ringing friend of the above band.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 minutes: Miss M. Field (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, W. Hibbert 4, R. Rice 5, E. Sneller 6, C. Hibbert (conductor) 7, H. Balcombe 8.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, March 19th, for evening service and as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Winney and Ellingham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Odd Bob): W. F. Ellingham 1, F. G. T. A. Goddard 2, C. F. Winney (conductor) 3, J. Herbert 4, A. C. Williams (first in method) 5, C. E. G. Moody 6, W. T. Elson 7, F. Hendy 8. Ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are hon. members of the Putney band.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, March 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss Irene L. Hastie 1, F. Farrant 2, Miss K. M. Purser 3, Walter Strickland 4, Alfred J. Sibley 5, Victor Crabb 6, D. G. Taylor (conductor) 7, Tom Gale 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—At St. Illtyd's Church on Sunday, March 12th, for evening service, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: J. Phillips (first quarter-peal) 1, W. H. Evans 2, E. Bailey (first quarter 'inside') 3, B. J. Toby 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, R. James 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 12th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Edmund, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: H. T. Eastbrook 1, G. W. Clarke 2, H. Patrick 3, R. W. Lawrence 4, E. J. Sargeant (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5.

WONERSH, SURREY.—For evening service on Sunday, March 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: A. Rooke 1, G. Voller 2, R. Thompson 3, R. Skinner 4, W. E. Enticknap (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, F. Rooke 6. Believed to be the longest touch by an all local band at Wondersh, and was the first quarter-peal for all except the conductor.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, January 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. Pulman 1, G. Gray 2, D. Dye 3, W. Greenaway 4, J. Ladley 5, J. Welch 6, S. Carter (conductor) 7, G. H. Ditton 8.—On January 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *M. Pulman 1, C. Rush 2, D. Dye 3, *G. Freestone 4, H. J. Gray 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6, J. Ladley 7, *G. H. Ditton 8. * First quarter-peal.

RINGER FOR 70 YEARS.

On Thursday, March 16th, at St. James' Church, Biddenham, Beds, a quarter-peal of Minor (360 Oxford Bob and 900 Plain Bob) was rung by William West 1, Harry King 2, Charles Branson 3, William Davison 4, Reginald West 5, Edward Frossell (conductor) 6.

This quarter-peal was rung to commemorate the 85th birthday of the treble ringer. Mr. West has been 'one of the six' since he was 14 years of age, so that he has had an active ringing career of more than 70 years, and, it will be noticed, is still able to do his bit.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 30th at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Dullingham on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Oddfellows' Hall, price 1s. each. Stetchworth tower also open if desired.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's (R.C.) Churches on Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready 2.45 p.m. Meeting 4 p.m. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcomed. Please come. Train and bus service from all districts.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on March 25th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea after at the usual place. All friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Winkfield (six bells) on Saturday, March 25th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, Mar. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. Tea in schoolroom near church at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., immediately after tea. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due, and annual report available at this meeting.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, March 25th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—A meeting will be held at Henstridge on Saturday, March 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Holly Bush, 1s. 3d. each, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting, and bells available again afterwards.—J. M. Cripps, Div. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham, Sussex.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Selly Oak, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the People's Hall, Oak Tree Lane. Please advise regarding tea not later than Wednesday, 29th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.—The bells of the above church have been rehung in ball bearings by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and will be reopened on Saturday, April 1st. The Bishop of Pontefract will conduct the service, which commences at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6d. per head to all who send their names to the Hon. Sec. before March 28th.—E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Meeting at 6.15. For tea please notify Mr. S. Percival, 71, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows, not later than Wednesday, March 29th. This tower has been newly decorated, and a new extra floor has also been added.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, April 1st. Tea at Lane's Cafe at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Necton bells available in the evening.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Those for tea please notify me by the previous Wednesday. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Woodchurch (six bells) on Saturday, April 1st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8, tenor 28 cwt.) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—The two new treble bells at St. Nicholas' Church, augmented to ten by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Shaw on Sunday, April 2nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea

4.30 at 1s. All ringers will be welcome. Come and try Newbury ten. Intending visitors must notify me for tea by Wednesday, March 29th.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Please send me numbers for tea by Wednesday, April 5th. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, April 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Kegworth on Sat., April 8th. Bells (5) will be available from 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday at Nottingham. Bells of St. Mary's (10), St. Peter's (10), Basford (8) open from 10 a.m. Committee meet 2.45 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d. each) 4.30 p.m., followed by annual general meeting, all at Co-operative Hall, Parliament Street (Derby Road end). Towers closed at 4 p.m. till after meeting. Those requiring tea must advise Mr. W. E. White, Cotgrave, Notts, not later than April 13th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon (10 bells), on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Swan and Sugar Loaf Hotel. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 12th. All ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 53rd annual general meeting will be held at Chislehurst, on Easter Monday, April 17th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting at the Rectory at 11 a.m. Association Service at 12 noon. Preacher, the Rector, Rev. O. Hardman. Luncheon in the Church Hall, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will also be open during the day: St. Luke's, Bromley (8); SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley (8); Eltham (8); Beckingham (8); St. Mary Cray (6). Application for luncheon tickets (1/- to members, 3/6 to non-members, including moderate refreshments) must be made to the undersigned before first post Tuesday, April 11th. Remittance must accompany application. Election of Central Council Representatives (last day for nominations April 3rd).—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. The annual committee meeting will be held in Reading (D.V.) on Saturday, April 22nd. Will all branch secretaries and representatives please note? Details later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 22nd. Further particulars later.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice. The second annual dinner will be held at Bolton on Saturday, October 21st, 1933.

BIRTH.

CANN.—March 15th, at the Maternity Home, Woking, to Capt. H. J. Cann (ringer at Pirbright Parish Church, and nephew of Canon Coleridge, ex-president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers) and Mrs. Cann, a daughter.

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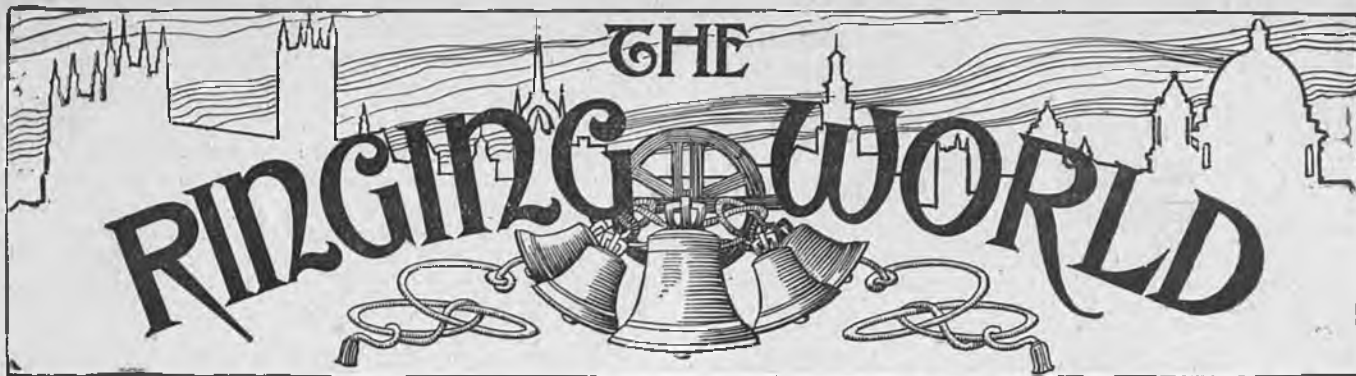
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THE ASSOCIATIONS & THE COUNCIL

Many of the most important ringing associations are now preparing for their annual meetings. There are quite a number of such gatherings between Easter and Whitsun, leading up to the meeting of the Central Council, which is held on Whitsun Tuesday. This year there is a closer relationship between the meetings of the associations and that of the Council, as the triennial election of Council representatives has to be held. For some time past there has, happily, been a growing recognition of the importance of these elections. At one period there were associations who regarded this item of business as quite a casual part of the agenda and often chose their representatives with little regard to their knowledge of ringing and ringing affairs. The whole outlook with regard to the Council meetings has, however, gradually changed. The associations realise that the central body plays an important part in the organisation of the 'universe' in which they revolve, and have chosen their representatives accordingly. While each has its own work to do in its own sphere, it is recognised that there must be some kind of authority to weld the Exercise together, to guide the development of the art, to represent the united voice of the ringing fraternity; and the Central Council is filling this role. With the passage of years, and the growth of the recognition of its representative position, the Council has been able to speak with increasing weight for the Exercise, its expanding prestige being due to the greater importance with which it is regarded by the associations. The value of the Council, as has so often been said, is exactly what the societies make it, and the increasing care with which representatives are now selected is giving the Council an added authority, felt even outside the ranks of ringers.

The time has now arrived when the internal organisation of the Council should be tightened up, and at the next meeting it is proposed so to amend the rules that the constitution of the Council will be based upon affiliated societies instead of upon merely a body of elected members. The members will still represent their societies; but the Council will be the kernel, as it were, of the societies themselves. This, it is believed, will bring the associations into closer relationship with the Council, because the Council will really be a part of themselves; they will have a more direct interest in the Council's proceedings and a positive responsibility for the Council's work. This alteration in the constitution, and other changes that follow in its train, will be worked out in the next session of the Council. It will be well, therefore, if the associations study the situation with a view to discussing it, if necessary, at their

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forthcoming meetings and electing members of the Council who can adequately represent their views. The proposed new rules were published a year ago and have been held up during this last twelve months to give everyone concerned ample time to consider them. There is unlikely to be any material alteration in the draft rules between last year's report to the Council and this year's recommendations of the committee, but it is hoped that the proposals will be published in detail in time for consideration at the meetings held at Easter.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

*GEORGE BARLOW Treble	*WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 7
*JAMES CARTER 2	*ARTHUR RIDYARD ... 8
*DONALD BROWN 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 9
*WILLIAM BRAMMER 4	*HERBERT BARLOW ... 10
*MRS M. E. THORP 5	*FREDERICK R. WILLIAMS ... 11
*THOMAS E. LANTON 6	BENJAMIN THORP ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Bob Maximus. † First peal. First peal of Bob Maximus as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JOHN PRICE Treble	HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 7
WILLIAM GREEN 3	CYRIL WINWOOD ... 8
GILBERT GURST 4	HENRY GOODMAN ... 9
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 5	GEORGE BUGHEY ... Tenor

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

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Miss Mildred E. Sheppard, youngest daughter of the ringers of the 6th, on attaining her 21st birthday; also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. B. Gough and W. Green.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5149 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble	*GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	BERT HORTON ... 7
GEORGE W. HUGHES 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 8
THOMAS HILL 4	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 9
WILLIAM FISHER 5	*JOHN W. PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by W. HALLSWORTH.

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN NASH Treble	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 5
ROSE A. BELL 2	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 6
FRANK FILDEN 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... 7
HAROLD HAMER 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILFRED H. TITCOMBE ... Treble	*WILLIAM DEVEREUX ... 5
*WILLIAM WOODWARD ... 2	OLIVER ATWOOD ... 6
*HARRY DEVEREUX ... 3	CHARLES W. DYSON ... 7
JOHN AUSTIN ... 4	*HAROLD J. FELLOWS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
*A. W. DURHAM ... 2	H. MARKWELL ... 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 3	F. WHITE ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.

* First peal in the method and a birthday peal. This composition by C. W. Roberts is now rung for the first time.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

A birthday peal for G. Bennett. G. Whiting has now rung each bell in this tower to a Surprise peal. 300th peal by L. C. Wightman.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*ALDOUS ELSKY ... Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 5
CLEMENT J. MORE ... 2	DAVID WHITING ... 6
ERIC BENNETT ... 3	GEORGE ARCHER ... 7
WILLIAM MUSK ... 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.
* First peal. Ring as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 5th, also to the grandson of the tenor ringer.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

J. C. POLLARD ... Treble	GEORGE WORTHY ... 5
*EDWARD BROWN ... 2	GEORGE KEMBALL ... 6
MRS. WARRIOR ... 3	SAMUEL YATES ... 7
THOMAS METCALFE ... 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by MRS. WARRIOR.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell in the method. This peal was rung to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the first peal of Major rung on the bells, and is in the same method and the same composition as the original peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. BOYHAM ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	WILLIAM PYE ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	HARRY KILBY ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

This composition consists of 20 courses, with the sixth the extent home at ten course-ends and eight times in fifths.

DARLEY DALE, DEBBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, March 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT ALLSOP ... Treble	JOHN H. PAULSON ... 5
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 2	JOHN TAYLOR ... 6
WILLIAM E. BLAGSHAW ... 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
BERNARD ALLSOP ... 4	ERIC DERBYSHIRE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. H. PAULSON.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 4th.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... Treble	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 5
GEORGE GILBERT ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 7th, for the Guild and in the county of Berkshire. Rung without previous practice.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRDRE ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
*ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First Surprise peal away from the treble.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 5
JAMES ROSE ... 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
HARRY D. LISTER ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.

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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
*C. HOWARD STANLEY 2	*GEORGE E. FEARN 6
*WILLIAM C. DOWDING 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM 7
*GEORGE F. SWANN 4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 85th birthday of William Cooper, who has been a ringer at the above church for over 60 years.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM DIXON Treble	GEORGE W. STEEL 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
† MAURICE HODGSON 4	*JOHN MARSHALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Mr. Marshall (of Edinburgh) is believed to be the first ringer from 'ever the border' to ring a peal of Surprise.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

ERNEST COOPER Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	ARNOLD HILL 7
JOHN R. BREARLEY 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the association. First peal of Surprise on the bells, and rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Mission Church in the neighbouring parish of Stainforth.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE Treble	JAMES HAYWOOD 5
MISS LUCY M. KELLY 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 3	CHARLES POULTENEY 7
ARTHUR FIRTH 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBBY. Conducted by Miss L. N. CAWTHORNE

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN 5
FRED STUBBS 2	*HARRY PETTIT 6
LEWIS CHAPMAN 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 7
AMOS SMART 4	FRANK KIRK Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal in the method. A jubilee peal for A. H. Martin, who in 1883 was admitted a member of the above Guild, then known as the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society. The band also wish to associate with this peal Mr. F. Gilbert, of Kalamazoo, Mich., U.S.A., who was also made a member of this Guild at the formation in 1883. This composition has only the 5th and 6th in 6th's place at 23 course-ends each.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation): Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	HERBERT T. PIPER 5
ALFRED BUTLER 2	JACK W. TAYLOR 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
BENJAMIN DALTON 4	THOMAS W. BATE Tenor

Conducted by R. PICKERING.

Rung for the wedding of Lieut. Barney McCall and Miss Mary Strathearn Le Rossignol Boucher, which took place at St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on this date.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT TAYLOR Treble	*ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5
JOHN BASS 2	GEORGE DETHERIDGE, JUN. 6
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY 3	JOHN ROUND 7
CHARLES WM. COOPER 4	RALPH PARTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROUND.

* 80th peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	ERNEST J. OLIVER 5
*ALFRED L. RYMAN 2	*ARTHUR CADSLEY 6
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
BERNARD SAUNDERS 4	SIDNEY W. CHESSON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE PIPER Treble	WILLIAM PIPER 5
*DOUGLAS JENNINGS 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
*HAROLD TOWNSEND 3	ERNEST TOWNSEND 7
FREDERICK SUCKLING 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Major, aged 14 and 13 respectively. All, with the exception of the conductor, are Sunday service ringers at this church, and include two fathers, two sons and two brothers.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*ARTHUR W. JONES Treble	FRANK JENNINGS 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	FRANK E. MITCHELL 6
HARRY E. WILLS 3	DANIEL D. COOPER 7
*HARRY SIMMONS 4	EDWARD G. TALBOT Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

* First peal. First attempt for a peal by the ringer of the treble, who is only 12 years of age. He is to be congratulated upon the way he rang throughout the peal.

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

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*ARTHUR R. BLABY Treble	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
ARTHUR MARTIN 3	†WILFRID EDWARDS 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT (No. 2). Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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

GRAVESEND.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER Treble	†RICHARD CONSTANT 5
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS 2	†E. GEORGE MORRAD 6
RICHARD SMITH 3	GEORGE BUTCHER 7
*STUART SANDFORD 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. † First Surprise peal.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES WILLIAMS Treble	ALFRED VICTOR WILLIAMS 5
HAROLD W. EMMETT 2	FRED KENDALL 6
WILLIAM E. RAWSON 3	JOHN HILL 7
GEORGE BROWN 4	JACK BRACEWELL Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by H. W. EMMETT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and tenor. The ringer of the 4th is connected with Christ Church, Bacup, and the rest belong to the local company.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents in 30 methods, viz.: (1) Rostherne, Ely and Wilmslow; (2) Knutsford and Bogodone; (3) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburg; (4) Poynton, Marple, Old Oxford, Bocking and Willesden; (5) Trowel, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury; (6) Grove Delight, Braine-tree, Neasden, College Bob IV. and Wragby; (7) Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ERNEST BENNETT Treble	WILFRID STEVENSON 4
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal in 30 methods. Also first in 30 methods on the bells.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES NICHOLLS Treble	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 4
*A. LAW NICHOLLS 2	*WILLIAM N. WALLACE 5
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. Ringers of 1 and 2 are father and son respectively. Rung as a compliment to Canon E. S. B. Windsor, a member of the Diocesan Guild Committee, who was installed as Honorary Canon in Truro Cathedral on February 16th.

CHALFONT ST. PETER'S, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*FREDERICK T. BOLTON Treble	GEORGE AYRES 4
†FREDERICK J. BOLTON 2	ERNEST G. STREVENS 5
EDWARD C. AYRES 3	WILLIAM E. REDROP Tenor

Conducted by W. E. REDROP.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas J. Fowler, of Cookham. This peal contained no 6-5's at backstroke.

KELVEDEN, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven true extents. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOTT 4
CHARLES W. BURTON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 5
AMBROSE MASON 3	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of London Minor by all the band, by the society and in the Northern Division of the county. Rung on the 26th birthday of the ringer of the 3rd.

HISTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN Treble	ARTHUR W. T. GINN 4
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This peal contained seven 720's called differently, each starting from and ending with rounds. First peal on the bells. The band wish to thank Mr. Kenneth Oates for kindly providing tea after the peal.

ALDINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

DENNIS HOOKER Treble	FREDERICK WANSTALL 4
*REV. GEORGE S. LONG 2	ERNEST J. WANSTALL 5
WALTER SHERWOOD 3	EDWARD S. ROCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. ROCK.

* First peal.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Kent, (2) Sandal and Oxford (spliced), (3) London Scholars and Oxford (spliced), (4) Kingston and Oxford (spliced), (5) Sandal, (6) London Scholars, (7) Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROBERT ASHMORE Treble	*JOHN N. SMITH 4
†HENRY HAYTHORN 2	JOHN WORTH 5
*ERIC ELLISON 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First peal. † First peal in five methods. First peal as conductor in five methods. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Worth.

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

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT H. J. HODGETTS ... Treble	CHARLES H. J. COLE ... 4
JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... 2	WILLIAM GOODMAN ... 5
ALBERT GOODMAN ... 3	THOMAS REYNOLDS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. JEFFRIES.

First peal by all the band except the conductor.

EDENSOR, DERRYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with various cullings. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN TAYLOR ... Treble	*JOHN C. SAUNDERS ... 4
FRED PAULSON ... 2	GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 3	ERIC DERYSHIRE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. H. PAULSON.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band, and believed to be the first peal on the bells. The band appreciate the pleasure of ringing a peal on the bells of this fine church, which stands so pleasantly in the model village in Chatsworth Park. The ringer of the 4th is from Bakewell, the rest from Darley Dale.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*GEOFFREY JACSON ... Treble	HORACE H. SMITH ... 4
CHARLES W. SMITH ... 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 5
A. EDWARD HANKS ... 3	ALBERT FLEET ... Tenor

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. T. G. Pearson. The ringers of 2nd and tenor have now completed the circle in this tower.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—Charles N. Leman.

The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal. This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung on handbells.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT 8, ESSEX HALL ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE RASHBROOKE ... 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5-6
WILLIAM CHALK ... 3-4	WILLIAM DENT ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Dent, daughter of the ringer of 7-8.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. James T. Potter, the chief ringer at Eccles Parish Church, Lancashire, and formerly one of the band at Walkden, who passed away suddenly on March 13th. He was buried at Peel Green Cemetery on March 17th.

On Monday, March 20th, at St. Paul's Church, Walkden, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells fully muffled as a last token of respect: Miss A. Potter 1, M. Berry 2, A. Potter 3, James Denner 4, John Denner 5, A. Burton 6, John Potter (conductor) 7, R. Denner 8.

'PEAL GRABBERS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the letter of Mr. Roger Smith in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' and must again ask you to excuse me for trespassing on your valuable columns. It is quite an easy matter, as the saying goes, if you have no case, to abuse the other side; and I read of nothing but abuse from start to finish of Mr. Smith's letter. I would first of all ask what he can know of either me or my affairs with the Peterborough Guild, seeing that it is six years since I ceased having anything to do with that body, and, until January of this year, only four years since Mr. Smith came to Northants, during which time he and I have met only once. Previous to this I believe I am right in saying that he was not a ringer. Is not his knowledge of my affairs simply hearsay? Another point where Mr. Smith, like many others around Wellingborough, seems to be mistaken is in thinking that, by my address at the foot of letters being given as Wellingborough, I am referring simply and solely to the ringers of that district, a point which ought to be cleared up. Those who do really know the true facts know that the origin of the grievance between the Peterborough Guild and me was in another part of Northants altogether, where I lived long before I set foot in Wellingborough, and that, like poison, it has spread. Many in the district were prejudiced before they had ever seen me, as, I think I am correct in saying, was the case with Mr. Smith.

Yes, Mr. Smith is quite right in saying that I am not a member of the Peterborough Guild and that I take no part in ringing in or near Wellingborough. Where I get civility I go; hence the reason of my ringing interests being taken to Leicester, Stamford and elsewhere. In quoting Leicester I have in mind a ringer, well known to the Exercise, from whom it might be well if some of these 'Surprise peal grabbers' took a pattern. It matters not whether it is Cambridge Maximus or Grandsire Doubles, anyone wanting help through a peal will find it always forthcoming where this gentleman is concerned. This I say, is the type of ringer that is needed; not the grabbing sort who thinks of no one's pleasure but his own.

Wellingborough.

P. AMOS.

If 'Interested' will send his name and address (not for publication), we will print his letter.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WATH WANTS TWO MORE BELLS.

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, March 11th. Ringers were present from Darfield, Dewsbury, Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Rawmarsh, Royston Sandal and the local company. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. and continued in various methods until 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to Warburton's Cafe for tea. Afterwards the business meeting was held in the Church House, the Vicar (the Rev. L. E. Meredith) presiding.

Mr. F. C. Wilson, of Rawmarsh, was elected a member, and Ackworth was accepted as next place for meeting on Saturday, April 8th.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar for presiding and the use of the bells. In replying, he said he would be pleased to welcome the ringers to Wath at any time it was convenient for them to come.

Mr. Moxon moved that best thanks be extended to Mr. Ricketts for his generosity in defraying the cost of the tea. This was carried vociferously, and Mr. Ricketts replied. He hoped it would not be long before the bells were recast and two more added, thus encouraging more to be present.

A collection was then made towards the Hoylandswaine bell fund, which resulted in £1 being handed over to Mr. E. Brookes, who was taken rather by surprise and expressed his thanks for the donation.

Further ringing on handbells and tower bells followed.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A pleasant meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at the village of Puttenham on March 18th, when over 30 ringers were present from a dozen towers, and some good practice in Minor and Doubles was put in on the light ring of six bells. The Rector (the Rev. S. Power) conducted the service, and in his address welcomed the Guild. He presided afterwards at the tea and meeting, and was cordially thanked for granting the use of the bells and for holding the service. The organist was also thanked.

A collection for the Admiral Walker Memorial Fund amounted to 14s.

A temporary stop was put to the evening ringing by a broken rope, but there were handy men present, and the proceedings were not long delayed.

A DATE TOUCH.

A date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,933 changes) was rung at All Saints', Hastings, on Tuesday, March 21st, in 1 hour 15 mins.: J. White 1, A. Easton 2, W. Bradfield 3, R. Wise 4, S. Driver 5, G. Piper 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, W. Levett 8. Longest length by ringers of treble, 4th and tenor.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society took place at St. Marie's Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 11th. Ringing at the Cathedral of St. Marie took place during the afternoon, several members having their first pull on 10 and 12 bells.

At the business meeting Canon Dolan, who occupied the chair, asked those present to stand in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. E. Robbins, of Bolsover.

The balance sheet was presented and accepted, the auditors' report stating that the accounts were quite in order.

The secretary (Mr. W. E. Wilson) gave his report, stating, on the whole, the society was in a sound position, turning the year with a balance in hand. From a ringing standpoint, progress was being made. A good number of peals had been rung, which included first peals for many.

All the officers were re-elected unanimously.

It was decided not to hold the cup contest for 1933.

The monthly meeting fixtures for the ensuing two years were discussed and accepted.

The President (Mr. C. Haynes) thanked Canon Dolan for coming to the meeting and taking the chair, also for placing the room at their disposal.—Canon Dolan, replying, said the society were always welcome at St. Marie's.

Further ringing took place at St. Marie's and brought to a close a very successful gathering.

PROGRESS AT PERRANARWORTHAL.

The peal rung at Perranarworthal on March 18th, although only Grandire Doubles, is pleasing from the fact that the three who rang their first peal were, up to two years ago, rooted and grounded in 'rounds and call changes.' After a little persuasion on the part of Mr. C. Nicholls, who rang the treble, the local band at St. Gluvias, to which tower they all belong, managed Bob Minimus on the middle four bells with treble leading and tenor covering, and it certainly laid a foundation for further progress.

Although the honour of assisting in their first peal fell to three members of Truro Cathedral Company, the names of Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram and Mr. G. W. Taysom (late of Hereford) should be mentioned, as they have for several months been instructing and assisting the local band at St. Gluvias. Already one of the band has rung his first 120 of Stedman Doubles. It is good to find method ringing rooted in one more tower in Cornwall. May the infection spread!

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT RETIRES.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Horbury (near Wakefield) on Saturday, March 18th. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and divine service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. B. Hill), who based his address on the words from Psalm cl., 'Praise Him on the well tuned cymbals.' In the course of a very interesting address the preacher referred to the ancient customs connected with bells and the manner in which they had played their part in the life of the country.

Tea was served in the Vicarage Classroom, and the business meeting followed, with Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) in the chair. A letter of apology was received from Mr. J. Broadley, who was unable to be present owing to the illness of Mrs. Broadley.

A vote of condolence was accorded to Mr. J. Hardcastle, who had recently lost his wife, also to the local company, who had sustained the loss of two of their members in Mr. Hunt and Mr. Mitchell. The motion was passed by the members standing in silence.

Mr. Cotterell having expressed a wish to retire from the vice-presidency and only one nomination having been sent in, Mr. P. J. Johnson, of Headingley, was elected on the motion of Mr. T. G. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. J. W. Moorhouse.—Mr. W. H. Senior voiced the thanks of the meeting to Mr. Cotterell for his services during his term of office, and Mr. Cotterell suitably replied.

No new nominations were forthcoming for the committee, the retiring officers were re-elected, viz., Messrs. R. W. Jennison, T. W. Strangeways and W. E. H. Ash. It was resolved to hold the June meeting at Heptonstall.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and for his splendid address, also to the organist, was proposed by Mr. J. Cotterell and seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse.—The Vicar, in replying, extended a hearty welcome to the ringers and expressed his pleasure at being present.

A vote of thanks to the local company for the arrangements made and to the ladies for providing tea was accorded on the motion of Mr. J. Lawson, seconded by Mr. C. D. Potter.

This concluded the business and the tower was visited for further ringing.

The following towers were represented: Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bradford Cathedral, Barnsley, Drighlington, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Holbeck, Leeds Parish, Lindley, Lightcliffe, Mirfield, Ossett, Queensbury, Keighley, Pudsey, Sandal, Wakefield and the local company.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There has been very little Surprise peal ringing on handbells in recent years, and the performance of the band at Oxley last week in ringing the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major 'in hand' is not only interesting, but one on which they are to be congratulated. Previously only New Cambridge had been rung on handbells.

The name of the ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Double Norwich at Witham on March 18th was Redgwell, not Ridgwell as printed, and the weight of the tenor should be 18 cwt. and not 15 as stated.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association is to be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, April 22nd, not the 29th as printed in the report of the South and West District meeting.

We are asked to say that the half-muffled peal rung at Eltham, Kent, on July 21st, 1932, should have been credited to the Kent County Association.

The peal of Doubles rung at Grafton Underwood and published last week should be credited to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. We would again ask correspondents to take care that all essential details are included in their reports.

The new Southern Division of the Sussex County Association has been unfortunate in its experience. The first meeting was arranged for Ringmer and had to be abandoned at the last minute on account of illness near the church. An exactly similar experience befel the district last Saturday, when a meeting should have been held at Uckfield. The district hon. secretary wishes to express his regret to any who had a lost journey on Saturday.

THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

As our readers know, the scheme for the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies at Tewkesbury Abbey is in two parts, the addition of trebles to make a ring of twelve bells and the furnishing of a ringers' chapel.

Out of the amount which has already been subscribed, the Management Committee of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association have authorised a cheque for £75 to be sent to Tewkesbury in order that the chapel portion of the memorial may be proceeded with.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am most grateful to Mr. Pye and Mr. Bayley for their letters re the above, although they put me (especially Mr. Bayley's, with its reference to a 'variation,' etc.) in, apparently, rather a difficult position; but I assure you it is more apparent than real, and it has led me to query whether they both refer to a different composition to the one in question. Neither writer gives nor refers to the figures, except to say that the three-course block in one case was Thurstans' and the other Brook's.

Last May I wrote to Mr. Trollope (in view of some work his committee has in hand for the Central Council) telling him, in all good faith, that this particular composition was first rung at Kidlington on August 8th, 1904, and, as I said in my letter of March 3rd, it was 'composed and conducted by James W. Washbrook.' The composition followed the peal report. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn would probably be able to verify this, as he rang the 7th to the peal, a copy of which, taken from the Oxford Diocesan Guild report, I enclosed in my letter to Mr. Trollope.

Now a few words in reply to the letters published on February 10th and March 3rd. As to the first, I do not, and have not, claimed any variation of Washbrook's peal as mine. Then as to the date on the cards I printed and circulated: in view of the publication of the transposition of the peal (for that is all it is) on February 4th, 1927, I decided to put on them the date of printing and not the date of writing the copy out, which was some two months before. Partial proof of this will be found in 'The Ringing World' of February 18th, 1927, where, in a footnote, the Editor says, 'Some variations and transpositions by Mr. Cave will be published at a later date.'

Since January, 1900, when I printed the plain course of Bristol Surprise Major for free distribution, I have printed many odds and ends of touches and methods with the same object. It might interest the band who recently rang the peal of London Surprise Royal at Beddington, for instance, that the method was printed and circulated among the ringers at St. Stephen's, Bristol, some ten or eleven years ago as the production of the Rev. E. Bankes James.

W. A. CAVE.

P.S.—Would Mr. Bayley (or anyone interested) kindly tell us when and where the peal was first called with the singles at 9 and 11, instead of 2 and 14.—W. A. C.

APPLETON RECORD PEAL BAND.

By a misprint, the names beneath the photograph of the Appleton Record Peal Band, which appeared in our last issue, were given in the wrong order. Those sitting down were (from right to left) C. G. White, W. Simmonds, G. Holfield, sen., F. E. Taylor, R. A. Post and W. F. Judge. Those standing were (from left to right) R. T. Newman, F. D. Boreham, G. Holfield, jun., R. White and F. White.

DEATH OF MR. J. A. GOFTON.

A TALENTED WHITLEY BAY RINGER.

One of the most popular and brilliant ringers and conductors in the North, if not in the whole country, has passed away in the person of Mr. Joseph Albany Gofton, known to his friends and relations as 'Jack.' A younger brother of the late Mr. Tom Gofton, he was equally clever in the science; one of those who never lost sight of a bell throughout a peal, especially when conducting, and the more intricate the method, London or Bristol Surprise, for instance, the more he was in touch with every bell, and spotted a fault almost before it was made. This kind of ringer is a heavy loss to the Exercise, as such talents are rare, but when they are found combined with a kindly nature and lovable disposition, it makes the parting doubly felt.

Mr. Gofton was only 50 years of age, but he had put in an enormous amount of belfry work, as his list of 222 peals will show. His health was badly undermined by his war experiences. He had been badly gassed and also suffered the rigours of a German prisoner-of-war camp, so much so that in 1925 he had to forego ringing, his last peal being one of Superlative Major in June of that year. His health improved, but his medical man would not allow him to resume his beloved hobby; even the lesser strain of a handbell peal was vetoed as well. He kept in touch, however, with ringing by attending many of the association meetings in Northumberland and Durham, kindly placing his ear at the service of others when the gathering was some distance away.

He was laid to rest in the family burial place on Saturday, March 18th, in Whitley Churchyard, a large concourse of relatives, friends, ringers and Masonic brethren attending. The choral service in St. Paul's Church, conducted by the Rev. F. L. Dowland, was most impressive, and after the committal prayers at the graveside, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by C. L. Routledge 1-2, J. Anderson (president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association) 3-4, W. H. Barber 5-6, J. E. R. Keen 7-8. This was followed by the usual Masonic anthem.

For the service itself the bells were rung muffled in a touch of Stedman and then the 'whole pull and stand' by A. Tully (North Shields) 1, G. R. Holmes (Tynemouth) 2, J. Anderson 3, J. L. Gray (North Shields) 4, J. Davidson (Newcastle Cathedral) 5, J. E. Scott (North Shields) 6, J. E. Keen (Newcastle) 7, A. Deas (Gosforth) 8. Afterwards a peal of Kent Major was attempted, in which W. H. Barber (Newcastle), W. Brown (Chester-le-Street) and J. Richardson (Gosforth) took part. This, unfortunately, collapsed through the breaking of a stay after half an hour's ringing. And so we bade farewell to one whom we all loved well, a man of principle and infinite talents, a good husband and father, and everything good to his fellow-men. R.I.P.

C. L. R.

THE LATE MR. J. A. GOFTON'S PEALS.

	Tower bells	Handbells	Conducted
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	—	—
Little Bob Maximus	1	—	—
Stedman Cinques	1	7	3
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	—	1
Double Norwich Royal	1	—	—
Little Bob Royal	—	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2	2	—
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	—	—
Forward Royal	—	1	—
Bob Royal	—	4	1
Stedman Caters	17	15	3
London Surprise Major	29	6	15
Bristol Surprise Major	13	—	4
Cambridge Surprise Major	9	—	3
Superlative Surprise Major	16	—	2
Premier Surprise Major	2	—	1
Double Superlative Surprise Major	1	—	—
Cambridge and Superlative (Spliced)	—	—	—
Major	1	—	1
Double Norwich Major	25	3	7
Double Oxford Major	2	—	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	6	4	3
Shipway Major	1	—	—
Bob Major	3	5	7
Stedman Triples	17	2	4
14 Surprise Minor methods	1	—	—
7 Surprise Minor methods	8	—	1
7 Treble Bob Minor methods	1	—	—
7 Minor methods	8	2	4
	170	52	60

Total peals, 222; conducted, 60.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—On Thursday, March 16th, 1.760 of Cambridge Surprise Major in 67 mins.: L. A. Wilson 1, H. W. Bishop 2, S. Palmer 3, H. W. L. Wells 4, E. J. Berry 5, E. Bishop 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the steeplekeeper, Mr. Wilson, and to mark the tenth anniversary of the first Surprise peal on the bells.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO FIVE-BELL TOWERS.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Dullingham on Saturday, when members attended from Cambridge, Epping, Fen Ditton, Fulbourne, Newmarket, Sawston, Stetchworth and Trumpington, and there was a splendid muster of the local band.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, who, in the course of his address, advised ringers to study the wonderful old churches they visited and not to confine their interest to the tower.

It was a great pleasure to elect the local band en bloc. During the evening several visitors had a 'pull' at Stetchworth. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Twitchett for having made all arrangements.

Members are asked to note that a meeting has been arranged at Guilden Morden on April 8th (see notice in advertisement columns). Bourn bells are not available, so the quarterly meeting on May 20th will, all being well, be held at Sawston. A good muster is much desired. If possible, Sawston Imperial will be one of the methods practised. A diagram of this method can be had on application to the district secretary.

PRESENTATION TO A NORTH STAFFS RINGER.

A meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, March 18th, at Lawton, Cheshire, and was splendidly attended, about 50 ringers being present. A very hearty welcome was extended to the Guild by the new Rector (the Rev. W. England), who said it was the first time he had had the pleasure of meeting the members. He was most agreeably surprised to find what a lot of splendid fellows they were, and he sincerely hoped to have the honour of meeting them again. Proceeding, he said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to hand over to Mr. W. Righy a complete list of peals which he had rung for the North Staffordshire Association. The list had been compiled and written by and was the gift of Mr. J. E. Wheeldon to Mr. Righy, who had completed 50 years as a ringer. He thanked Mr. Wheeldon for the great trouble he had gone to in tabulating these peals, and he would that it was surrounded by a suitable frame.

The Rector moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Hollinshead for generously providing the tea, which was heartily accorded.

After tea the Lawton ringers regaled the company with tunes on handbells, which were manipulated in a wonderful manner under the baton of their leader, Mr. W. Righy. The tower bells were afterwards set going until 8.30, the ringing terminating one of the most successful meetings ever held in the beautiful village of Lawton, which is one of the very fine jewels to be found on the Cheshire plain.

J. E. W.

40 YEARS AGO: A MIDDLESBROUGH ANNIVERSARY.

Forty years ago the first peal of Major was rung on the bells of the Middlesbrough Parish Church, and the following record of that peal can be seen on a board hung in the belfry:—

Durham and Newcastle Association.

On Monday, March 20th, 1895, in 2 hours and 48 minutes, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5,088 changes: M. Bradley treble, J. J. Nicholson 2, J. H. Jones 3, R. Alcock 4, C. L. Routledge 5, J. W. Passman 6, A. McFarlane 7, J. H. Blakiston tenor. Composed by W. Royle and conducted by J. H. Blakiston. This is the first peal of Major rung on the bells.

The present ringers of the Middlesbrough Parish Church decided that an attempt should be made to ring the same peal on the 40th anniversary of the original, and our peal columns show that this has been accomplished.

It is interesting to note that, as far as can be ascertained, of the original band only Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle, and Mr. J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesbrough, are still living.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS MEETING.

In striking contrast to the previous monthly practice, the weather for the Winkfield meeting was glorious. Ringers from all four quarters of the branch turned up, as well as some visitors from 'over the border.' Numerous methods were rung, but the London did not go kindly until late in the evening, when 'Grandpa' rang his first course 'inside.'

A 'reportress' from the local paper turned up and was supplied with information by the Branch Ringing Master to such purpose that after tea she was keen enough to have her first lesson at handling a bell, as was also another young lady, both of them showing great promise.

It is rumoured that the secretary is expecting to be appointed as instructor to the Ladies' Guild, in which case the 'Merry Monarch' must look to his laurels.

Some of the other young men present were rather backward. Attention was drawn to the annual meeting of the branch at Slough on April 29th, and grateful thanks were expressed to Mr. Head for his efforts to make all welcome, with a hope that there will not be another interval of five years before the next visit of the branch.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE PLYMOUTH MEETING.

Minutes of the Third Session of the Fourteenth Council (40th annual meeting), held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, Plymouth, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 17th, 1932, at 11 o'clock.

Prior to the meeting the Mayor of Plymouth, in the chair, supported by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth, extended a cordial welcome to the Council. The President tendered thanks.

The Lord Bishop of Exeter visited the Council during the afternoon session.

ATTENDANCE ROLL.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Present, H. R. Newton; absent, W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner, C. F. Winnery.
 Barnsley and District Guild: Absent, C. D. Potter.
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Present, J. T. Dyke, J. Hunt; absent H. W. Brown, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock.
 Bedfordshire Association: Absent, A. King, A. E. Sharman.
 Cambridge University Guild: Present, E. M. Atkins, E. H. Lewis.
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Present, H. S. Brocklebank; absent, the Rev. C. A. Clements, G. A. Taylor, J. C. E. Simpson.
 Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association: Absent, T. Metcalfe, J. C. Pollard.
 Devon Guild: Present, E. W. Marsh, the Rev. E. S. Powell, G. C. Woodley; absent, E. Shepherd.
 Dudley and District Guild: Absent, S. J. Hughes.
 Durham and Newcastle Association: Absent, W. H. Barber, W. Storey.
 East Derbyshire and Notts Association: Absent, J. W. England.
 Ely Diocesan Association: Absent, T. R. Dennis, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake.
 Essex Association: Present, E. J. Butler, G. R. Pye; absent, C. H. Howard, W. J. Nevard.
 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Present, J. Austin, E. Guise, W. E. Rose; absent, E. Bishop.
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: Present, G. Grover, A. H. Pulling; absent, A. C. Hazelden.
 Hereford Diocesan Guild: Absent, J. Clark, A. W. Davis, C. Edwards, W. Poston.
 Hertford County Association: Present, W. Ayre.
 Irish Association: Absent, G. Lindoff, R. Murphy.
 Kent County Association: Present, E. Barnitt, T. Groombridge, F. M. Mitchell; absent, J. H. Cheeseman.
 Ladies' Guild: Present, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson.
 Lancashire Association: Present, G. R. Newton, W. H. Shuker; absent, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, A. Tomlinson.
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Present, J. Phillips, R. Richardson; absent, Rev. Canon H. T. Parry, G. Chester.
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Present, J. W. Jones; absent, J. Phillips.
 London County Association: Present, A. D. Barker, F. E. Dawe; absent, T. H. Taffender.
 Middlesex County Association: Present, C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Hollier, W. Pickworth.
 Midland Counties Association: Present, the Rev. R. P. Farrow, E. Denison Taylor, J. H. Swinfield; absent, W. Willson.
 Norwich Diocesan Association: Present, F. Nolan Golden; absent, C. E. Borrett, A. L. Coleman.
 North Notts Association: Absent, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson.
 North Staffs and District Association: Absent, the Rev. J. B. Frith.
 North Wales Association: Absent, T. Jones.
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Present, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, J. Evans, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin; absent, F. W. Hopgood.
 Oxford Society: Absent, W. Collett.
 Oxford University Society: Present, H. Miles.
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Present, T. Law, T. Tebbutt, F. Wilford; absent, R. G. Black.
 Romney Marsh and District Guild: Absent, A. J. Batlin.
 St. Clement Youths: Absent, G. Cross.
 St. Martin's Guild: Absent, A. Paddon Smith.
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Present, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, S. Hillier, C. H. Jennings.
 Scottish Association (no representative).
 Shropshire Association: Absent, W. Saunders.
 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Present, J. Parker; absent, J. W. Cornford, J. D. Matthews, F. Smith.
 Society of Sherwood Youths: Absent, A. Coppock.
 Stafford Archdeaconry: Absent, T. J. Elton, H. Knight.
 Suffolk Guild: Present, the Rev. H. Drake; absent, C. Moe, C. J. Sedgely, S. H. Symonds.
 Surrey Association: Present, C. H. Kippin; absent, C. Dean.
 Sussex County Association: Absent, J. T. Rickman.
 Swansea and Brecon Guild: Present, A. J. Pitman.
 Truro Diocesan Guild: Present, H. J. Clark, W. H. Southward, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, LL-Col. C. F. Jerram.
 Warwickshire Guild: Present, F. W. Perrens, J. H. W. White.
 Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: Present, G. Williams; absent, H. Barton.
 Worcester and Districts Association: Present, H. G. Bird, J. D. Johnson; absent, R. G. Knowles.
 Yorkshire Association: Present, J. Cotterell, P. J. Johnson, S. E. Palmer; absent, the Rev. C. C. Marshall.

Honorary members: Present, W. A. Cave, E. W. Elwell, J. George, J. S. Goldsmith, J. H. B. Hesse, A. A. Hughes, J. A. Trollope, E. Alex Young, C. F. Johnston; absent, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, J. Griffin, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, H. W. Wilde, S. H. Wood.

Associations	Members	
	Present	Absent
Fully represented	8	17
Partly represented	23	46
Not represented	21	31
	52	67
Hon. members	9	6
	72	73

SOCIETIES AFFILIATED DURING THE YEAR.

The secretary reported the affiliation of the North Staffs and District Association (one representative) and the Scottish Association (one representative), and the re-affiliation of the Gloucester and Bristol Association (four representatives).

The Truro Diocesan Guild had increased their representation from one member to four members. The Ladies' Guild had increased from one to two members.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

It was reported that the subscriptions of the following societies were still unpaid: Durham and Newcastle Association, Irish Association, London County Association, North Notts Association, North Wales Association, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

The President called attention to Rule 5, and intimated that the Standing Committee recommended that the rule be enforced so far as voting was concerned. The rule also implied that members representing societies whose subscriptions were unpaid should not be allowed to take part in the meeting, but the Standing Committee did not wish to insist on this.

Mr. E. A. Young (hon. member) inquired whether, if subscriptions were now tendered, the rule would be satisfied, and the President's ruling was that subscriptions could only be accepted from duly authorised officers of associations.

Mr. Young tendered the subscription of the London County Association, in his capacity of treasurer of this association, and this was accepted.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The following members retired according to rule: The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Messrs. W. A. Cave, J. George, H. W. Wilde.

The resignation of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter was before the Council last year, and the Standing Committee recommended that Messrs. W. A. Cave and H. W. Wilde be re-elected, that Mr. A. Walker, of Birmingham, be elected a member, and that one place be left vacant. On the President's motion, seconded by Mr. J. Parker (Royal Cumberland Youths), the Standing Committee's recommendation was adopted.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO PRESIDENT.

The following members were presented: Messrs. John Austin, Edgar Guise and Walter Rose, of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association; Mrs. R. Richardson, Ladies' Guild; Mr. John Phillips, Lincoln Diocesan Guild; Mr. F. Nolan Golden, Norwich Diocesan Guild; the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, LL-Col. C. F. Jerram and Mr. H. J. Clark, of the Truro Diocesan Guild; Mr. J. H. W. White, Warwickshire Guild.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. A. King, Mr. A. E. Sharman, the Rev. C. A. Clements, Mr. T. Metcalfe, Mr. J. C. Pollard, Mr. S. J. Hughes, Mr. J. W. England, Mr. T. R. Dennis, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Mr. C. H. Howard, Mr. W. J. Nevard, Mr. E. Bishop, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Mr. W. Willson, Mr. A. L. Coleman, the Rev. J. B. Frith, Mr. F. W. Hopgood, Mr. W. Collett, Mr. G. Cross, Mr. J. D. Matthews, Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. H. Barton, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. H. W. Wilde, Mr. S. H. Wood, Mr. J. Griffin.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The death of the following members and past members was reported: The Rev. H. Law James, Lincoln Diocesan Guild; Mr. T. T. Gofton, Durham and Newcastle Association; Mr. H. Argyle, Warwickshire Guild; Mr. S. Wood, past member; Mr. T. Salter, past member.

Canon Coleridge voiced the deep regret of the Council and Exercise at the loss of the Rev. H. Law James, and paid tribute to his work. A letter of condolence had already been sent, and the Council was represented by the hon. secretary at the funeral.

On the motion of the President, a formal resolution of sympathy was passed by the members standing in silence, and the secretary was instructed to write to the relatives of Messrs. T. T. Gofton, H. Argyle, S. Wood and T. Salter.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the last meeting were published in 'The Ringing World' dated March 18th, 1932, and copies had been circulated to affiliated societies.

Mr. G. R. Newton (Lancashire Association) drew attention to the omission of a vote of thanks to Mr. W. A. Cave for acting as honorary secretary during Mr. E. A. Young's absence, and it was agreed that this should be inserted.

On the motion of Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association), seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. member), it was resolved that the minutes be taken as read and be approved.

REPORT OF HONORARY LIBRARIAN.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Oxford Diocesan Guild) reported the presentation of the following books:—

History of the College Youths, 1755-1788, by J. A. Trollope, presented by the author.

History and Rule Book and Service Book of the Ancient Society of College Youths, presented by the society.

Twelve copies of 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' by Sir Arthur Heywood and others, presented by Mr. E. A. Young.

'First Five Hundred Peals of the Oxford Guild,' presented by Mr. Young.

The Council was asked for instructions regarding the twelve copies of 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' one of which had been sold by special request.

SALES OF PUBLICATIONS.

Sales were the best since the present librarian was appointed, and showed a balance of £42 9s. 5d. after paying ordinary advertisement account of £9 2s. and special advertising of £3. Sales by 'sale and return' agents showed £10 18s. 11d., but all returns had not been received. The Lincoln Diocesan Guild had purchased a complete stock of publications. Others had purchased larger quantities and thus availed themselves of the discount allowance. Further method sheets of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise had been purchased.

The report was adopted on the motion of the honorary librarian, seconded by Mrs. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild).

The Standing Committee recommended that the honorary librarian be allowed to dispose of all except three copies of 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging' to representatives of affiliated societies only, at the price of 5s. each. Agreed.

The president, in answer to an inquiry by Mr. J. A. Trollope, suggested that members could watch for old and valuable ringing books with a view to their being secured for the Council's library.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The hon. treasurer presented the accounts for the year, which had been duly audited. Income, including interest on investments £25, affiliation fees £28 5s., subscriptions (honorary members) £2 7s. 6d. and sale of publications less expenses £42 9s. 5d., amounted to £78 1s. 11d.

Expenses, including cost of publications £35 15s. 2d. and grant to Stedman Tercentenary Fund £10 10s., amounted to £64 4s. 9d., leaving a balance to carry forward of £61 11s. 11d.

Investments remained unaltered, with a market value of £125 5s. 6d.

On the motion of Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. member), seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave (hon. member), the accounts were adopted.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young (hon. member) reported on behalf of the trustees. The machine was still at the Victoria and Albert Science Museum and had recently been inspected. Although it would still work, the time was not far distant when the machine would require a complete overhaul. The machine had been demonstrated by official request to an officer of H.M. Office of Works. The treasurer was requested to arrange payment of the demonstrator's fee.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. A. Young (hon. member), seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. member).

A suggestion by Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association) that periodical demonstrations be arranged was left with the trustees.

REPORTS.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The hon. secretary reported that the only meeting for the year had been held prior to this meeting. The agenda had been considered in detail and recommendations would be placed before the Council during the day.

On the President's motion, the report was adopted.

The Rev. F. S. Powell (Devon Guild) proposed, as a recommendation to the Standing Committee, that the constitution of this committee be examined to see whether they were truly representative of the Council, and that the constitution of the other committees be examined and a report made at the next meeting. Mr. J. Hunt (Bath and Wells Association) seconded. The recommendation was adopted, the Rev. F. M. Edwards (Salisbury Guild) suggesting that the Council should appoint the conveners of committees.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported the receipt of fresh material, mainly Royal and Maximus, and this was being examined.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild), seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope (hon. member).

Later it was proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, and carried, that the committee be asked to prepare a collection of compositions in the better known methods.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

The report of this committee was published in 'The Ringing World' of April 29th.

Mr. J. A. Trollope (hon. member) spoke of the loss sustained by the committee by the death of the Rev. H. Law James. The great advance in knowledge of methods was largely due to him. With regard to the work in hand, the book on Triples had been left with

Mr. James, but apparently he had been unable to do anything towards completing it. The book was, however, now being completed, and it was proposed to include Stedman and Erin as methods of pure Triples and about eight other methods which had a treble and six working bells, like New Bob, together with a big selection of touches of Stedman and Grandsire, full courses of certain of the methods and a selection of touches and peals.

Permission to publish the book was asked by the committee.

The committee also asked that the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. James be left open until the London meeting.

The Rev. E. S. Powell referred to the question of rules and decisions governing methods which the committee was requested to consider at the last meeting.

The committee had included this matter in their report, but since publication it had been pointed out that it would require amendment, as the definition given of a plain lead did not cover Little and Alliance methods. The committee had reconsidered the matter, and their proposals were to leave the present definition unaltered and make what adjustment was necessary by adding to the existing notes on definitions. Reference was made to the note on page 24 of Rules and Decisions, which read: 'Methods are formed from principles in two ways,' and the committee suggested the addition of: '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.'

'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.'

'An Alliance method is one in which the hunt has a composite path comprising portions of more than one principle.'

The Council was asked to consider this and vote on it at the next meeting.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. member), as mover of the resolution referring the matter to the committee, intimated that he supported the committee in considering the question in this form, but with regard to the actual report of the committee, he requested the Council to receive it only and not adopt it.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, on behalf of the committee, agreed with this suggestion. The Rev. E. S. Powell concurred.

The report was, therefore, received, and the committee agreed that the printing of the book on Triples methods be left over until a later item on the agenda (No. 12) had been discussed, when it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, that the committee should complete the book and hand the manuscripts to the Standing Committee for publication.

The Standing Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. S. H. Wood (hon. member) to this committee. On the motion of the President, seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Oxford Guild), this was carried.

VARIATIONS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (hon. member) reported that he had been unable to do anything in this matter, and asked permission to retire.

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee be asked to elect Mr. H. W. Wilde as convener, whilst retaining Mr. Richardson's services as a member.

Mr. G. R. Newton (Lancashire Association) urged the need for a collection of best compositions, but this was considered a matter for the Peals Collection Committee.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild), seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave (hon. member).

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild) moved, and Mr. J. H. Swinfield (Midland Counties Association) seconded, that the report of this committee, published in 'The Ringing World' on May 6th, be adopted. Carried.

The Standing Committee recommended that Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford Diocesan Guild) be elected a member of this committee, and that Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary) be allowed to retire. The recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

TOWER AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The members of the committee reported individually. See 'The Ringing World,' June 10th, 1932, page 390.

The reports were adopted on the motion of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse.

Mr. J. A. Trollope reported that under the scheme to build 45 churches in the Diocese of London, it had been decided to pull down St. Andrew's, Wells Street, and move it to the suburbs. In a letter to the 'Times,' the Bishop of London had said that everything would be moved to the new church, but although the peal of eight might be moved to the new church, it was almost impossible to expect that a tower would be built strong enough to ring them. The Middlesex County Association had passed a resolution and forwarded it to the Bishop of London, asking that these bells should be retained as a peal, and that if the tower of the new church was not strong enough to permit them to be rung, then they should be given to a church in the diocese with a tower strong enough to permit ringing.

It was proposed by Mr. Trollope, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, and carried, that the Council endorse the action of the Middlesex Association, and the Tower and Belfries Committee was asked to deal with the matter.

The meeting adjourned to receive the Bishop of Exeter.

STEDMAN COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE.

The President reported that the committee had carried through the restoration of the bells at St. Benedict, Cambridge, which were reopened on December 5th, 1931. See 'The Ringing World,' June 17th, 1932, page 405.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (treasurer of the fund) presented the accounts of the fund, which showed total receipts of £502 1s. 5d. Expenses totalled £482 13s. 5d., which figures include Messrs. Taylor and Co. £289, Sindall £132, architect's fees £21 18s. 3d., cost of tablet £22 3s., faculty £5 5s. The amount owing to the builder was £50 13s. 6d., and certain other incidental expenses had to be met. The balance as per the accounts was £19 8s., and moneys received since had increased it to £24 4s. About £30 was required to cover all expenses.

The Standing Committee recommended that the Council should advance the money required to pay the accounts outstanding.

On the motion of the President, seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the committee's report was adopted, together with the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

It was proposed by Mr. W. Ayre (Hertford County Association), seconded by the Rev. P. Ll. Edwards (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), and carried, that a vote of thanks be accorded to all the members of the committee.

No action was taken in respect of the statement made by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, that these bells should only be rung by experts.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Salisbury Diocesan Guild) reported for the committee. See 'The Ringing World,' June 24th, 1932, page 421. The report was seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and carried.

RULES COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee was published in 'The Ringing World' of May 13th, and was presented by Mr. E. W. Elwell (hon. member), who asked the Council to receive it with the view to its adoption at the next meeting. This course was suggested to enable members to consider the revised rules. Members were asked to give previous notice of their objections and criticisms, and were invited to suggest improvements. The various alterations were pointed out.

On the motion of Mr. E. W. Elwell, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex County Association), the report was accepted.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford Diocesan Guild), as the only surviving member of this committee, presented a report for the years 1930 and 1931 (since published in 'The Ringing World' dated July 1st, 1932). The report suggested that the Council should give a ruling as to the method to be adopted to record spliced peals, in view of the increasing number of methods used.

In view of the fact that the records for 1927, 1928 and 1929 had been mislaid, the present report may require amendment.

The report was seconded by the Rev. E. S. Powell and adopted.

Mr. Grover suggested that the Records Committee be dissolved and its work incorporated with that of the Peals Analysis Committee.

The President stated that the Standing Committee recommended this course, and he, therefore, proposed that the Records Committee be dissolved and thanked for their services, and the work be taken over by the Peals Analysis Committee, of which Mr. Grover was now a member. This was carried.

MOTIONS.

It was proposed by the President, seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn:—

'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 a very eloquent appeal for the preservation of truth and accuracy in the recording of peal performances.

The resolution was carried nem. con.

Letters supporting the resolution had been received from Alderman J. S. Pritchett and Canon Elsee, and the Standing Committee heartily endorsed it.

It was proposed by Canon G. F. Coleridge and seconded by Mr. J. T. Dyke:—

'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.'

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed, as an amendment, that the pamphlet also contain information on how to ring and call Grandire Doubles and Bob Minor for the benefit of young hands. He was, as librarian, being constantly asked for some such book. The Rev. E. S. Powell seconded and offered the use of a small pamphlet issued by the Devon Guild.

Mr. P. J. Johnson (Yorkshire Association), while in sympathy with the objects of the resolution, opposed the issuing of a pamphlet by the Council, as he was of opinion that 'Ropesight' already gave the

information. Mr. Woodley (Devon Guild) urged that Troyte's book supplied the needs of beginners.

It was pointed out by several speakers that the pamphlet required was one that would only cost a few pence, whereas 'Ropesight' and Troyte's book cost very much more.

Warm support was given by Mr. F. W. Elwell, Major Hesse, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. C. T. Coles and the Rev. H. Drake, the latter urging that the word 'card' be substituted for 'pamphlet.'

The amendment was accepted as a rider to the original proposal, which was carried.

On the motion of the President, a sub-committee was appointed, consisting of Canon G. F. Coleridge and Mr. J. T. Dyke, with power to add to their number, it being also agreed that the leading part be left to Mr. Dyke.

It was proposed by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrins (Warwickshire Guild):—

'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. J. S. Goldsmith (editor of 'The Ringing World') gave various facts and figures relating to the paper. It had served the Exercise for 21 years, but, owing to the small circulation, it was not a satisfactory commercial proposition, and under the existing circumstances it was impossible to enlarge it to a size sufficient to cope with the great amount of ringing matter being received. To increase the size of the paper by four pages per week, an increase of 3,500 copies was necessary, and if this was forthcoming, immediate steps would be taken to give a larger and more attractive paper.

The motion was endorsed by the Standing Committee and warmly supported by several speakers.

The motion was carried unanimously.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The President intimated that in accordance with the rules the next meeting would be held in London and that representative members must be re-elected by their associations before that meeting.

It was reported that an invitation to tea had been received from the Middlesex County Association, which had been provisionally accepted by the hon. secretary. The Council's endorsement of that acceptance was given.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

The President reported that the Council had received an appeal from the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

The Standing Committee recommended that in view of the valuable work done by Mr. Davies, a sum of £10 10s. be voted to the memorial. This was seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and carried.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

On the suggestion of Mr. C. H. Jennings, a vote of sympathy was passed with the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who had met with a serious accident, and the hon. secretary was instructed to forward it to the Rev. R. H. Gundry with good wishes for his speedy recovery.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The thanks of the Council were accorded to the Mayor for the use of the Council Chamber and for his welcome; the Bishop of Exeter and Bishop of Plymouth for their presence and words of encouragement; the Devon Guild for their hospitality and for making the various arrangements, with particular reference to Mr. E. W. Marsh, and to all incumbents for the use of their bells and towerkeepers for their services; to the Truro Diocesan Guild for their kind invitation to Truro on Whit Monday and entertainment of some of the members to lunch, with particular reference to Mr. A. S. Roberts, Dr. Symons, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram and the Truro Cathedral band.

The meeting terminated at 5.30, after which the members were the guests of the Devon Guild at tea.

MOULTON BELLS.

£70 REQUIRED FOR A NEW BELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have just received the offer from a London gentleman of a treble if I will provide another and so complete the ring of eight.

We have had the six rehung, retuned and fitted in a steel frame with ball bearings and latest improvements. A ring of eight would make it the finest in the county for a village church, as the bells are most melodious.

Will some ringer or ringers lend a hand? The parish is exhausted with the recent restoration of the bells, and I do not want the offer to lapse through default on my part, as I am keen on getting the eight. The frame will take eight and the faculty is ready. £70 is all I require.

REV. J. MAURICE TURNER.

The Vicarage, Moulton, Northants.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Thursday, March 23rd, 720 Single Court: P. Blake 1, J. Nash 2, R. Newman 3, F. Tubb 4, S. Child 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

PRESTON, LANCs.—On Monday, February 20th, 1,248 Superlative Surprise: J. T. Bimson 1, J. Charnock 2, B. A. Knights 3, E. R. Martin (conductor) 4, J. Booth 5, H. Davies 6, J. W. Grounds 7, W. Sharples 8.

NOTICES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Selly Oak, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the People's Hall, Oak Tree Lane. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.—The bells of the above church have been rehung in ball bearings by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and will be reopened on Saturday, April 1st. The Bishop of Pontefract will conduct the service, which commences at 4 o'clock. — E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Meeting at 6.15. This tower has been newly decorated, and a new extra floor has also been added.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, April 1st. Tea at Lane's Cafe at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Necton bells available in the evening.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8, tenor 28 cwt.) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington in Lonsdale on April 1st. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea to all who notify the Rev. J. Hodgkin, The Rectory, Whittington, via Carnforth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Haddenham District.—Ringing meeting at Ely to-morrow (Saturday), April 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—The two new treble bells at St. Nicholas' Church, augmented to ten by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Shaw on Sunday, April 2nd, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers will be welcome. Come and try Newbury ten.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, April 3rd, at 8.15 p.m. in St. Clement Danes. Practices will take place at St. Clement Danes as follows: Monday,

April 3rd, at 7 p.m., Mondays, May 1st, 15th and 29th, at 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 67, Canonbie Road, Honor Oak, S.E.23.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 4th, St. Magnus' on the 6th and 20th, at 7.30 p.m., *The Coffee Pot on the 18th (8 p.m.) and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Please send me numbers for tea by Wednesday, April 5th. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, April 8th, from 3 till 8 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All members and friends heartily invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Worth on Saturday, April 8th. 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.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The bells of Westbourne, near Emsworth, augmented to eight, and rehung in a new frame, by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated on Saturday, April 8th, at 2 p.m. by the Ven. B. G. Hoskyns, Archdeacon of Chichester. Tea will be provided for about 40 ringers who may wish to be present and who notify the Rev. C. E. V. Hodge, Westbourne Rectory, Emsworth, by Wednesday, April 5th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, April 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Kegworth on Sat., April 8th. Bells (6) will be available from 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, April 8th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, not later than April 5th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, April 8th, to re-open the bells after rehanging. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (small charge) 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. For tea it is essential to notify the Rector, Sefton Rectory, near Liverpool, before Wednesday, April 5th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Frequent bus service from tramway centre. Please advise me for tea by April 5th.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Guilden Morden on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. It is hoped to make usual tea arrangements.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

RIPON CATHEDRAL.—The dedication service of the recast bells will be held on Saturday, April 8th. Service at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Dean of Ripon. All ringers welcome.—F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland Newton on Saturday, April 8th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hernhill on Saturday, April 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Rev. Canon G. R. Blackledge has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea. It is, therefore, important for those intending to be present to notify me on or before Thursday, April 6th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, April 8th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Meeting and tea 5.30 p.m. in Trinity Hall. All requiring tea should notify me not later than Tuesday, April 4th.—R. R. Pole, Assistant Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Ackworth on Saturday, April 8th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea, 1s. each, please notify Mr. W. Palmer, Manor Farm, Badsworth, near Pontefract, by Wednesday, 5th. Good attendance desired.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Broadway on Saturday, April 8th. The bells at the Old Church will be available, but the service will be held at St. Michael's Church at 5 p.m., at which all visitors are requested to attend. Tea will be arranged for all those who notify me by the first post on the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday at Nottingham. Bells of St. Mary's (10), St. Peter's (10) open from 10.30 a.m. Daybrook (8), 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Basford (8) 6 to 8 p.m. Committee meet 2.45 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d. each) 4.30 p.m., followed by annual general meeting, all at Co-operative Hall, Parliament Street (Derby Road end). Towers closed at 4 p.m. till after meeting. Those requiring tea must advise Mr. W. E. White, Cotgrave, Notts, not later than April 13th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells (8) available all day. For tea please notify Mr. H. Stenton, South Anston, not later than Saturday, April 15th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon (10 bells), on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Swan and Sugar Loaf Hotel. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 12th. All ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 53rd annual general meeting will be held at Chislehurst, on Easter Monday, April 17th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting at the Rectory at 11 a.m. Association Service at 12 noon. Preacher, the Rector, Rev. O. Hardman. Luncheon in the Church Hall, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will also be open during the day: St. Luke's, Bromley (8); SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley (8); Eltham (8); Beckingham (8); St. Mary Cray (6). Application for luncheon tickets (1/- to members, 3/6 to non-members, including moderate refreshments) must be made to the undersigned before first post Tuesday, April 11th. Remittance must accompany application. Election of Central Council Representatives (last day for nominations April 3rd).—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at ST. ALBANS on EASTER MONDAY, April 17th. Abbey bells from 12 noon, St. Peter's bells open at 2 p.m. Those desiring to ring at St. Michael's or St. Stephen's Churches must notify me not later than April 15th, first post. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Address by the Rev. H. O. Cavalier, Vicar of St. Stephen's, St. Albans. Tea in the Abbey Institute at 5.30, price 1s. 6d., followed by annual business meeting. To enable satisfactory arrangements to be made for tea, please notify me not later than April 15th. Notice of motion, Mr. C. H. Horton to move: 'That the association year ends on December 31st, instead of Easter Monday.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 17th, at Ottery St. Mary. Bells (8) available 11 a.m., also Honiton (6). Service, St. Mary's Church, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, Church Institute. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 17th. 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 Bishop in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 12th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 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 DISTRICT DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 17th. Ringers' service, St. Mary-de-Crypt, at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 3.15 p.m. in the Spread Eagle Hotel. Tea (1s. per head) after meeting. The Mayor of Gloucester will arrange (if possible) to welcome the association. Bells

available: Barnwood (8), Quedgley (8), St. Mary-de-Lode (6), and possibly St. Michael's, St. Mary-de-Crypt, as also Gloucester Cathedral. Every member should endeavour to attend. Important business includes: Memorial to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Please notify for tea by April 12th. — Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol 2.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Easter Tuesday for the joint purpose of meeting the present Vicar, and in honour of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society of Church Bell Ringers, founded in 1883. Bells will be available at 2 o'clock, and the service will be at 4, conducted by the Vicar, who will also give the address. Tea will be provided in the Church Hall at 5 o'clock for those who notify me not later than Thursday, April 13th, price 1s. each. — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. The annual committee meeting will be held in Reading (D.V.) on Saturday, April 22nd. Will all branch secretaries and representatives please note? Details later. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 22nd. Cathedral bells (8) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; S. Nicolas' (10), 3.15 to 4.15. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 1s. each; business meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, April 18th. — J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, April 22nd. Full particulars later. — C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, Joint Hon. Secs.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Sturry on Saturday, April 29th (note change of date). Bells ready 2.30. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

DEDICATION OF RECAST DUFFIELD RING OF 10 BELLS
SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd, at 3 p.m.

Will Midland Counties Association Change Ringers try to be present at Duffield Church, as above, when the Lord Bishop of Derby has promised to dedicate the bells, after which ringing will take place? By the kindness of the President of the association and the Vicar and churchwardens of Duffield, a free meat tea will be provided to all ringers and their families or friends. So make it a Whitsuntide outing, and do honour to this old change ringing Mecca!

BIRTH.

GOLDSMITH.—On March 27th, at Woking, to John Henry (son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith) and Doris May Goldsmith, a daughter.

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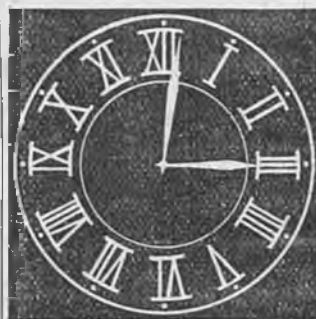
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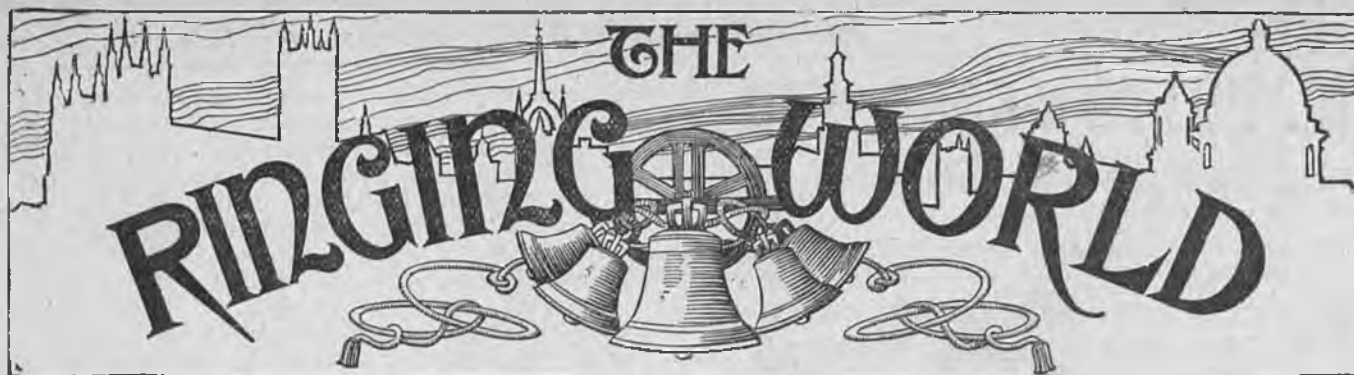
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HOW NEW RULES AFFECT ASSOCIATIONS

We referred last week to the proposed alteration in the rules of the Central Council by which it is hoped to bring the Council into closer relationship with the associations. This week the detailed proposals are published, and as the county and diocesan organisations are directly affected it is well that they should be studied by them. The three principal changes are set out in the report of the committee, and with the first, we think, few will be inclined to quarrel. Hitherto the Council has been a loosely woven fabric consisting of individuals; the intention of the new rules is to make it in fact the central and representative organisation of all the ringing associations.

The second of the important alterations lays down for the first time the basis upon which representatives shall be elected. Numerical strength has always governed the proportion of representation up to certain limits, but there has been no definition as to what is implied by 'membership' for this purpose. The result has been a certain amount of dual representation, where non-resident members have been included for the purpose of counting heads. The rule as now proposed defines the members to be included for the purpose of representation, and while it does not entirely eliminate overlapping, because to do so is a practical impossibility, it goes a long way towards securing equal representation, within the limits of a four-member maximum.

It is on the third of the proposed changes that there may at first be some division of opinion, although we believe there will be found no association which, on serious thought, will offer opposition. This alteration has to do with the payment of affiliation fees. Up to the present associations have paid a fee for each representative elected. That is right while the Council is constituted of individuals, but the financial question will be on a different footing if the status of the Council is changed to a Council of affiliated societies. We believe that the vast majority of ringers will agree with the committee that the payment of fees should then be on the basis of the representation to which an association is entitled, even if, for any reason, the full number of representatives is not elected. As a matter of fact, there are very few instances indeed where this is not already done, and if it is made a rule it is but a trifling step towards ensuring that associations shall pay proportionately for the unquestioned advantages which the existence of a Central Council brings to the Exercise. After all, the cost of the affiliation fee to an association is only a halfpenny per member per annum, while to those societies whose membership is greatly in excess of

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the number entitled to four representatives the amount is very much less. This is a small sum to pay for the advantages which the Council provides in return, and without which the associations would largely lose the services of many of the best brains of the Exercise, and would operate as so many isolated units with no organisation to co-ordinate their work or voice with the authority of unified purpose, their objects or their rights. There is, in fact, every reason why the proposals to make the Council a stronger and more integral part of the ringing organisation should receive the full support of all the associations.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS ... ..	... Treble	THOMAS HILL	7
BERT HORTON	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
WILLIAM FISHER	3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST	9
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	THOMAS J. ELTON	11
GEORGE W. HUGHES	6	WILLIAM WALKER	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by T. J. ELTON.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

SYDNEY E. ROMANS ... ..	... Treble	ALBERT L. GALE	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	F. CECIL MOGFORD	7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS	3	HENRY PRING	8
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	9
WILLIAM KNIGHT	5	WILLIAM H. THOMAS	Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE ... ..	... Treble	DANIEL COOPER	6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	3	HORACE BELCHER	8
CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD	4	REUBEN SANDERS	9
JOSEPH MARKS	5	RICHARD F. DEAL	Tenor

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER ... ..	... Treble	JAMES ELDRIDGE	5
CHARLES BAKER	2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	6
FREDERICK ROOPE	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
WILLIAM FLATT	4	ERNEST WHITING	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Stratford,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE HAYDEN Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	JOHN MOULE 6
ERNEST J. KING 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
GEORGE DAWSON 4	ROBERT MOLTON Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SAMUEL EELES Treble	RAYMOND WOOD, SEN. 5
†MISS H. M. DARVILL 2	PETER CHARMAN 6
†RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 3	JOHN COOK 7
WALTER CHARMAN 4	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON Treble	†ALEC GENERY 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
*MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 3	THOMAS BIRD 7
*CLAUDE SNOWDEN 4	ERNEST BOWHILL Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. 250th peal by Frank Claydon. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Hilda Snowden, also to Mr. P. Curling, second son of Canon Curling, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Halstead.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ALISON PURDON Treble	ISAAC EMERY 5
JOHN LYDDIARD 2	†SYDNEY HUMPHREY 6
*WILLIAM GRACE 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
THOMAS I. KNIGHT 4	EDMUND MOUNTER Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman away from tenor.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At Brookfield Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES OLLIER Treble	*JOHN FEARNHEAD 5
WILLIAM BRAMMER 2	ERNEST SEDDON 6
PERCY ROUGHTON 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
EDWARD F. MAWBY 4	ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by F. PAGE.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as the monthly peal for the Manchester Branch. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. Seddon, also a birthday compliment to A. S. Fearnhead. This is the first peal in the method at this church by local ringers.

LLANDUDNO.—On Friday, March 31st, 720 Bob Minor at Holy Trinity Church in 28 mins.: Mrs. Owen 1, Jack Flood 2, Miss Doris Brown 3, A. E. Pegler 4, Sydney Brown (first 720 as conductor) 5, Allan Fairlie 6. This is the first 720 by all except the ringer of the 4th.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 31, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*HARRY MARTIN Treble	†SIDNEY BROWN 5
MISS VIOLET SHORTER 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS 6
MANSFIELD GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON 7
SAMUEL TWITCHETT 4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First attempt for a peal. † First attempt for a peal on eight bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
MRS. G. H. CROSS 4	*STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of New Cambridge. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. E. R. Stoneham, J.P., Rector's warden of Crayford, who passed away suddenly on March 27th.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD Treble	WILLIAM H. CURSON 5
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 7
WILLIAM G. BROOKER 4	*WILLIAM WOODWARD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

* First peal. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble on attaining his 21st birthday.

HANDBRIDGE, CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM HOPWOOD Treble	†JAMES SWINDLEY 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	†PERCY SWINDLEY 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	†SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Gilbert Gerrard, of Chester.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE B. COLLINS Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
JOHN G. NASH 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, March 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HRYWOOD'S No. 1.

FRANK LAWTON Treble	IVAN KAY 5
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
FRED DUNCKERLEY 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
STEPHAN L. PARRY 3	*HARRY MELLOR Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. Samuel Stott, of Glodwick. The band also wish to couple with the peal the name of the Rev. J. H. Garnett, by whose kind permission the use of the bells was granted.

HUGHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
*PERCY NEWTON 4	FRANK CORNE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

NORMAN H. SMITH Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS 5
*CHARLES R. COLLINS 2	W. HAROLD JONES 6
*THOMAS G. MARTIN 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 4	WILLIAM H. LOWE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

* First peal. 50th peal together by A. D. Collins and H. Boswell. Rung as birthday compliments to H. L. Flavell and A. D. Collins.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt, 3 qr, 18 lb.

*GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL ... Treble	*WILLIAM BALL 5
ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 2	*J. HAROLD SPENCER 6
HARRY L. SMITH 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
WILLIAM H. CLARKE 4	*PERCY B. INGRAM Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. They belong to the local band and great credit is due to them for the manner in which they rang this peal.

BRENCHELY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALAN B. BROMLEY Treble	FREDERICK WHITE 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
*ERNEST J. LADD 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. White and Master Peter White.

ECKINGTON.—At St. Andrew's Church on March 26th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: N. Asher 1, H. Connell 2, W. Woods 3, N. Brown 4, W. Asher 5, J. Clark 6, A. Dixon (conductor) 7, F. Warrington 8.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KEITH HART 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ROBERT SWIFT 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 2	*AMBURN WILSON 6
WILLIAM J. THYNG 3	NORMAN C. LEWIS 7
JOHN W. SYKES 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON.

Conducted by N. C. LEWIS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

HAROLD E. PENNICK ... Treble	WILLIAM CHALK 5
*GEORGE RASEBROOK 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	CHARLES W. BURTON 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	GEORGE GREEN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES Treble	JOHN WORTH 5
JAMES A. MILNER 2	*HAROLD DEAN 6
WALTER LONGMAN 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON 4	JACK WAUMSLEY Tenor

Composed by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH

* First peal of Major.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE MAXIM Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 5
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER 2	JOSEPH LADLEY 6
MISS L. WHEELER 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
WALTER J. NEWNHAM 4	ERNEST PICKETT Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S THREE-PART.

MISS RUBY HAZELL ... Treble	*WILLIAM EDWARDS 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 6
JAMES ABERY 3	*CYRIL J. HIBBERT 7
CHARLES H. PULLEN 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal of Major.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

OLAVE BROYD Treble	ARTHUR RIPPINGALE 4
MISS CONSTANCE I. CLARK ... 2	THOMAS BIRD 5
BERNARD PETITT 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL Tenor

Conducted by O. BROYD.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on tower bells by all except the conductor. Rung to commemorate the unveiling of a peal board, kindly presented by the Rev. H. M. Greening (Vicar).

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

EDMOND T. BARRINGTON ... Treble	SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 3
WILFRED P. LAMBERT 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

Rung to celebrate the treble ringer's parents' golden wedding.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

JOHN MCLEAN Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY 4
NICHOLAS NEWBY 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
ALAN W. CASSON 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

The conductor's 100th peal for the Lancashire Association.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIMBORNE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*WILFRED A. WAYLEN ... Treble	MISS MARCIA WHITE 4
J. IVON DAVIS 2	CYRIL F. TURNER 5
ARTHUR G. ROSE 3	*EVELYN HEAD Tenor

Conducted by C. F. TURNER.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Credit is due to the treble ringer upon the way he rang throughout the peal.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDGAR G. SWIFT Treble	EDWARD C. AYRES 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	ERNEST G. STEVENS 5
FREDERICK J. BOLTON 3	WILLIAM E. REDRUP Tenor

Conducted by W. E. REDRUP.

First peal in the method by all the band, and first for the Guild. These extents contained no 6-5's at backstroke.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent

Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Plain Bob.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
DENIS R. MORRIS 2	CYRIL TANSELL 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*VICTOR CRABB Treble	PERCY MERSON 4
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	S. GEORGE COLES 5
DAVID G. TAYLOR 3	ARTHUR H. REED Tenor

Conducted by A. H. REED.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford,

Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 4
PERCY L. JOHNSON 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

First peal in seven methods by all the band except the conductor. This band represents six different parishes.

HANDBELL PEALS.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. RASHBROOK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE RASHBROOK 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
WILLIAM CHALK 3-4	WILLIAM DENT 7-8

Composed by F. HOGGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 55th birthday of the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, March 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANGES;

FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 1-2	*HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
HENRY HODGETTS 3-4	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 7-8
CHARLES N. LEMAN 9-10	

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

Umpire—Stephen H. Hoare.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. W. Brinklow, wife of the ringer of 1-2.

CENTRAL COUNCIL RULES.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

The report of the sub-committee appointed to consider the Rules of the Council has been presented in the following terms:—

The sub-committee has again met during the course of the year to consider the re-drafted rules submitted to the Council at the last meeting and the suggested amendments thereto, and recommends the Council to adopt the rules as set out in the following schedule.

The sub-committee would specially call attention to the fact that the rules as re-drafted make (*inter alia*) the following alterations:—

- (1) The constitution is changed in principle from a Council of individuals to a Council of affiliated societies;
- (2) Representation of territorial and diocesan societies will be in future on a definite limited numerical basis of membership; and
- (3) Societies' affiliation fees will be based on membership and not upon the number of representatives elected to the Council.

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 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 (retirement and election taking effect as from the end of the annual meeting), 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 they are entitled, to meet the expenses of conducting the business of the Council, and no representative member shall be entitled to speak or 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 meetings 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, an Honorary Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer, and an Honorary Librarian shall be chosen from among the members to serve for three years. In the event of the President, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Librarian 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, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Librarian 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 calendar 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 appoint a Standing Committee and 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 shall appoint a convener and shall report annually to the Council. All reports, except that of the Standing Committee, shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days before the meeting. Such reports as have not previously been published or circulated shall be read at 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, as laid down in Rule 10. All alterations in the Rules of the Council shall be passed by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting.

AN INTERESTING REPORT.

This year's report of the Midland Counties Association, which has just been published, is of more than usual interest, for, covering as it does the jubilee year of the association, it contains much material of an historic character, which recalls some of the great performances of the past. There are photographs of all the five presidents of the association, a review of the early days of the organisation, a retrospect of 50 years' peal ringing and a record of the jubilee celebrations.

In addition, of course, there is the usual full information on the past year's work, and the report is also specially valuable for the large number of compositions which it gives, particularly those of Stedman Triples called during the year by that enterprising conductor, Mr. Maurice Swinfield, who called over 30 different compositions in this method.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church of St. Thomas on Wednesday, March 22nd, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Worcester for the Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks') in 47 mins. F. G. Burleigh 1, G. Hughes 2, H. Goodman, sen., 3, N. Williams 4, W. Fisher 5, C. Winwood 6, N. G. Leech (conductor) 7, G. Guest 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING AT WARMINSTER.**

The quarterly meeting of Devizes Branch was held at the Minster Church of St. Denys, Warminster, on Saturday. There was a splendid attendance, and the bells, a fine ring of eight, tenor 28 cwt., were made good use of.

During the afternoon the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Bellars) conducted the Guild office, Mr. Johns, from St. Boniface College, being at the organ. Tea was partaken of at the Magnet Restaurant, to which 40 sat down.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. The Chairman voiced a welcome to the visitors, and then asked the Vicar to address the members.

The Vicar said he was indeed pleased to see such a large gathering of ringers, and the Guild would always receive a welcome whenever Warminster was visited. He thanked the members for attending.

It was suggested that a joint meeting with the Salisbury Branch be arranged, Heytesbury being the venue, and the date provisionally April 22nd. Steeple Ashton was decided upon for May, Bromham for June and Trowbridge, as usual, for the half-yearly meeting, July 1st.

This closed the meeting; the tower was again visited and ringing continued until 9 p.m. During the evening Longbridge Deverill bells were available, and several parties were arranged to visit this tower, and some good practice was put in.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Westbury, Urchfont, Rowde, Trowbridge, Corsley, North Bradley, Bratton, Melksham, Longbridge Deverill and Warminster, methods being rung up to London Surprise. The branch were pleased to welcome visitors from Buckland Newton, Bath, Kingston Magna, Swindon and Stourton. One of the visitors, a well-known figure in the West Country, was missed during the service. Afterwards a search was made and he was eventually found locked in the belfry. The question arose, did he arrange this to 'dodge' the service, or was he 'in the hunt' after 'Copper'?

A lecture was given by Mr. C. F. Andrews in the belfry of All Saints', Westbury, on Tuesday evening, March 21st. This was well attended and evidently much appreciated. Mr. Andrews emphasised the need of good striking, the proper handling of the rope being necessary to attain this. It is good to know that these lectures are to continue, and Westbury tower has again been offered, subject to the convenience of Mr. Andrews. It is hoped that all interested will make an effort to attend. Notices will be sent in due course.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION 'AT HOME.'

A very enjoyable practice meeting took place at St. Mary's in the Cathedral City of Ely on Saturday last. The Vicar (the Rev. Elliott-Simpson, M.A.) welcomed the members there by meeting them in the tower on the stroke of 3 p.m. Nearly 30 members were present, the towers represented being Cambridge, Chatteris, Great Staughton, Littleport, Exning, Fenditton, Sutton, Strelham, Wilburton, Over and members of the local band. The bells were kept going well, the first seven touches coming home, which speaks for itself. The methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Kent and Oxford Spliced, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, who is not a ringer, but showed his interest by being in the belfry during the several periods of ringing and at the finish. The Vicar, in acknowledging the thanks, welcomed the members, but was sorry to have to ask them to leave the ringing at 7.30 p.m. He wanted, as far as possible, he said, to stop any complaint that might be made, as the church is surrounded by schools and houses.

A JUBILEE PEAL.

At Raunds, Northants, where the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society (the forerunner of the Central Northants Association, which has since developed into the Peterborough Diocesan Guild) was formed in 1883 by the Rev. H. Bryant, a peal was rung on Saturday week to celebrate the jubilee of Mr. Alfred H. Martin, who was admitted a member of the first society in the year of its foundation. Mr. Martin took part in the peal, with which the band wish also to associate Mr. F. Gilbert, of Kalamazoo, Mich., U.S.A., who was made a member of the society at its formation in 1883, and was a ringer and, part of the time, conductor at Raunds Church from 1880 to 1911.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like heartily to endorse the Rev. E. S. Powell's suggestion re Parker's Twelve-Part.

It seems ridiculous to credit anyone with a simple transposition of any composition, as a child could easily produce all of them if shown the way to write out the lead ends of any peal of Grandsire. We frequently rang the peal in question at Dorchester Abbey over 25 years ago, having produced it ourselves, and always published it as 'A transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Correspondents are reminded that as Good Friday falls in next week, 'The Ringing World' will go to press a day earlier, and all reports, notices, etc., intended for insertion must be received by Monday. It is particularly requested that reports of peals rung up to Saturday will be sent in time for next week's issue.

Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, has sustained a severe loss by the death of his mother, which took place at Seven-oaks on Wednesday week. Mrs. Lewis had a seizure about fifteen months ago and had been a complete invalid ever since. She had reached the advanced age of 77 years. The sympathy of the Exercise will go out to Mr. Lewis in his bereavement.

The ring of ten bells at Ripon Cathedral, which have been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday at 4 p.m. The preacher at the service will be the Rev. Canon Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral, and president of the Yorkshire Association. Following the dedication, there will be ringing from 5.15 to 5.55 p.m., and from 6.45 to 9 p.m. It is hoped, however, to arrange a date later on for ringing for the benefit of those ringers who are unable to stay for the evening.

Another dedication which takes place to-morrow is that of the bells at Westbourne, near Emsworth, on the Sussex western border. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have recast two of the old six and added two trebles, making an octave, which have been hung in new frame and fittings. The service is at 2 p.m.

Not far away yet another new ring is to be opened. At the famous Church of St. Mary, Portsea, the recast peal of eight will be dedicated. Additional metal has been added to increase the weight, the tenor being now 17½ cwt. The bells have been lowered about 30ft. in the tower, making for much easier handling. Previously the draft was over 70ft. The work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Mr. E. Scrivener, of Dunmow, Essex, has just completed 50 years as a Sunday service ringer at Dunmow Parish Church, having joined in the year 1883. He was also a member of the choir of St. Mary's for 56 years, retiring two years ago, when he reached the age of 70 years.

The report of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Oldham has been sent without the date or the name of the sender.

Mr. G. H. Combes, of Ryde, Isle of Wight, who celebrated his 90th birthday on March 28th, is not, after all, quite the oldest member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, for Mr. Joseph Waghorn, son, of New Southgate, who is a member of the Guild, reached the age of 90 last January, and is still on the active list. Mr. Waghorn sends his greetings to his 'old rival' and wishes him 'all the best.'

Will any ringers who wish to ring an 'Ernest' peal please forward their names to Ernest E. Holman, 61, Ruby Road, Walthamstow, E.17, stating method required. The tower will be within the London area.

THE LAW JAMES MEMORIAL.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ASSOCIATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE

There must be many ringing associations which would like to share in the memorial to the late Rev. Henry Law James, which has been provided by the addition of two bells at Surfleet Church. About £55 is still required to pay for the scheme, and the numerous associations which hold their annual meetings at Easter and in the following weeks will have the opportunity of helping the fund. Mr. James' services were rendered to the whole Exercise, and the Exercise, through the associations, will, we feel sure, desire to join with the Lincoln Guild in making the memorial a national one. Donations should be sent to Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Guild, Surfleet, Spalding.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE LORD HARRIS.

As a memorial to the late Lord Harris, the famous cricketer, the bells of Throwley Church, near Faversham, Kent, are to be completely restored, and two trebles added to complete the octave; the whole to be hung with completely new fittings in new framework.

The work is to be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the question of the authorship of Little Albion Treble Bob, raised after the peal of Maximus in that method at Ipswich, there is no doubt that the late Mr. H. W. Wilde was one of the discoverers, if not the first. I believe he found it about the year 1909.

During a conversation with him some years ago on Little methods, he told me that Mr. Edwin H. Lewis had evolved a system which enabled him to compose all the possible Little methods. Perhaps Mr. Lewis could confirm this?
E. JENKINS.

NEWBURY'S NEW BELLS.

BERKSHIRE GETS ANOTHER RING OF TEN.

There was a large gathering of ringers at Newbury, Berks, on Sunday afternoon, when two new treble bells, augmenting the ring of ten, were dedicated and opened. Newbury got its eight bells when rings of eight were rare. It has been in possession of an octave for over 250 years. The massive tower was completed in 1532, and from the earliest date has contained bells. There were five bells and a sanctus bell in 1552, and in 1602 the records show that there were six bells. In the Civil War the Parliamentarians occupied Newbury, but those who had authority over the bells were not only royalist at heart, but defiant in spirit. During the Civil War and even while the Cromwellian forces occupied the town and the church was served by Presbyterian ministers, the bells were rung on the anniversary of the accession of King Charles I., and this continued up to the time of his execution. In 1646 the bells, together with the lead on the roofs of the church and the weathercock on the tower, were redeemed by the inhabitants from the hands of the Parliamentary soldiery. In 1680 the six bells were recast into eight by Henry Knight, of Reading, and in 1803—the tenor having broken and been recast in 1724—the bells were recast by James Wells, of Aldbourne.

upon the parishioners for a sum of something like £5,000 for the repair of the church roof, for which purpose £1,400 is still required. The offertories throughout last Sunday were devoted to the bell fund and at the close of the day the collections amounted to £19, leaving £10 still to be raised to clear the fund of debt. Contributions towards this will be gratefully received by Mr. H. W. Curtis, of Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

BIG GATHERING OF RINGERS

Considerably over a hundred ringers were present at the dedication service, coming from London, Oxford, Winchester, Reading, Caversham, Croydon, Portsmouth, Swindon, Abingdon, Appleton, High Wycombe, Andover, Wootton and other towers in the nearer neighbourhood. Mr. A. A. Hughes represented the founders. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. L. Cooper, R.D.), and took the form of evensong. The lessons were read by the Rev. Kingsley Kefford, of Shaw, who is chairman of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. At the end of the service Bishop Shaw, Archdeacon of Oxford, accompanied by the clergy and churchwardens, followed the local ringers up into the spacious ringing chamber, where the actual dedication was performed, while the large congregation waited expectantly below to hear the ten bells for the first time.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, NEWBURY.

THE AUGMENTATION.

This octave is still doing duty, having in 1929 been greatly improved by tuning. The addition of two treble bells has made them into a fine ring of ten (the tenor is 21½ cwt.), which should serve a very useful purpose, not only by adding to the dignity of the peal, but by encouraging the practice of change ringing on ten bells in this district, as there is no other peal of this number within a radius of about 20 miles. Before the restoration of four years ago the eight bells were in a timber frame which filled the bellry, and one bell had to be carried in a cage above the rest. An iron frame was installed with the bells all on one level, and this frame has now been so rearranged that not only are the new bells 'on the floor' with the rest, but an excellent circle has been obtained—and there is still room for more. Such is one of the advantages of modern bell hanging. The admirably tuned trebles blend perfectly with the other bells, and Newbury has a ring of ten to be proud of. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, with the characteristic efficiency of the Whitechapel foundry.

The augmentation was made possible by a bequest of the late Mrs. Peerless, who left the sum of £100 to the Newbury ringers to do what they liked with. They generously resolved to utilise it for the provision of the two bells and appealed to ringers in the Oxford Diocese and elsewhere to make up the balance of the cost involved, a local appeal for funds being out of the question, in view of the demand

The new bells bear, in addition to the record of the gift, the names of the ringers as follows:—

Treble:—

NEWBURY RINGERS

GAVE ME, 1933.

H. W. CURTIS, CAPTAIN,	
W. H. ADKINS.	C. POOLE.
A. BARBER.	A. POOLE.
E. A. CROCKER.	R. W. REN.
C. CRAWFORD.	

W. L. COOPER, M.A., RECTOR.

C. A. HAWKER, J.P., R. MARTIN, CHURCHWARDENS.

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NEWBURY RINGERS

GAVE ME, 1933.

E. CROCKER, SUB-CAPTAIN.	
W. H. Y. ADKINS.	E. A. PALMER.
R. BUTCHER.	E. W. SMITH.
H. T. E. CURTIS.	A. J. WHITTLE.
W. L. COOPER, M.A., RECTOR.	

C. A. HAWKER, J.P., R. MARTIN, CHURCHWARDENS.

In addition to dedicating the bells, the Bishop unveiled an oak tablet recording the augmentation. This tablet was the work and gift of Mr. Alfred J. Whittle, one of the local ringers, and is worthily executed. The oak itself is of a striking grain, and two bells are

carved below the quotation, 'Praise Him upon the loud cymbals.' Then follows the inscription: 'St. Nicholas', Newbury. The two trebles to complete the peal of ten were given by Newbury Ringers and installed with the help of friends in the year 1933 A.D. Rev. W. L. Cooper, Rector; C. A. Hawker, R. Martin, Churchwardens; H. W. Curtis, Captain of the Tower.

When the ceremony in the tower had been completed and while the Bishop and others were returning to the chancel, the ten bells were rung in rounds by the local ringers.

A REMINDER OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

Bishop Shaw, in his address, said they had in Newbury a long and splendid tradition of churchmanship. The spirit of the church, the beauty of its equipment and its adornments spoke of the love which the people of Newbury had had for several generations for their church, and an addition such as had just been made strengthened still further the love and affection they had for it. The Bishop went on to point out that the highest form of love was shown in service, and there were many who ministered in the church in addition to those who were ordained. Among them were the choir, the clerk, the sexton and the bellringers. All ought to have a high ideal before them; they were servants of the sanctuary, and were privileged to take a special part in the worship of the King of Kings. The dominating thought in connection with church bells was joy and praise. They who listened might well think at times how much they owed to those who added to the joy of life in these days, when there was so much that was dull and gray, so much that was grave and sad in life. They might be quite sure that the Will of God was that they should be cheerful and that their religion should be a religion of praise and thanksgiving, bringing them comfort and consolation and lifting them out of depressing surroundings. Above all, the note of the bells was the note of gladness, and the bells also reminded them of their freedom. In the early days religion had to be carried on in secret, for fear of persecution. Bells could not be rung because it was desirable to avoid publicity. The people were true to their faith, but they held their services in seclusion, and they suffered that we might enjoy freedom. As they heard the bells, therefore, they might thank God that they had freedom to worship according to their conscience. This did not mean freedom to do as they liked; it did not mean freedom from offering praise and thanksgiving; but freedom to do what was right and freedom to offer praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God. The bells were a perpetual warning to be free indeed and not to neglect God's call to worship. Thus were ringers ministers and servants. There were, proceeded the Bishop, other things in ringing. It was an interesting art which might also, to some extent, be regarded as a pleasant exercise. The ringer had to be alert of eye and ear, and he ought also to be a man of Christian character. When a bell was cast, if a flaw was found in it, it was melted down again and put into a new mould. When they found a flaw in their own character it was well that they should melt it down. A cracked bell spoils the tune of the whole ring; a ringer insincere in his Christianity spoils the harmony of the belfry. They might indeed be thankful that the ringers' guild in these days held such high ideals before them. No longer were the bells rung by careless and indifferent ringers, but by those who were striving according to their ability and opportunity to contribute something to the worship of God and to help to add to the joy and praise of life and to stir up something of that emotion which brings to our minds thoughts of the holiest kind.

After the service an opening touch of 395 Grandsire Caters was rung, conducted by Mr. G. Holfield, jun., of Appleton. Thereafter touches in various methods were rung by visiting ringers up to the time of evening service. Meanwhile tea was served in relays in an adjoining hall, the Bishop and the Rector being among the first party. There was further ringing after the service.

This report would not be complete without an acknowledgment of the welcome given to visitors by the local ringers and the kindness of Mr. H. W. Curtis, captain of the tower and hon. secretary of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in his successful efforts to accommodate everyone, not only in regard to opportunities for ringing, but also in the provision of tea, for more than twice as many attended as notified their intention of being present.

CAMBRIDGE ROYAL AT OXFORD.

At New College, Oxford, on March 25th, 1,440 of Cambridge Surprise Royal in 59 mins.: F. May 1, Miss M. Reynolds 2, W. H. B. Wilkins 3, F. E. Taylor (conductor) 4, W. Collett 5, V. Bennett 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, W. F. Judge 8, R. A. Post 9, W. Simmonds 10. First quarter-peal of Cambridge Royal rung in Oxford, and the first touch by all the hand except the ringers of 8th and 9th. All are resident members of the Oxford Society.

VICAR FOR FIFTY YEARS.

At Thorne, Yorks, on Tuesday, March 28th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung as a 79th birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. Canon J. J. Littlewood), who has now been the Vicar of Thorne for 50 years: H. Cooper 1, T. Leask 2, W. Sleight 3, A. Coates 4, J. Thorley 5, C. Thorley (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, and also first by ringers of treble and second.

GLOUCESTER RINGERS AT DINNER.

CITY'S CONNECTION WITH BELL FOUNDING.

The fifth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, on Saturday week, when a company of about sixty was presided over by the Mayor of Gloucester (Mr. W. L. Edwards). He was supported by the Rev. E. C. Prichard (Rector of St. Stephen's and Mayor's chaplain), the Rev. E. D. S. Camus (Rector of St. Mary-de-Crypt), the Rev. F. E. Walters (Rector of Minsterworth), Councillor W. R. Eggleton, Mr. Edgar Guise (hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. S. Romans (chairman of the Gloucester Branch) and Mr. W. H. Harris (branch secretary). Ringing visitors were present from Croydon, Swindon, Newport, Bedwelly, Mangotsfield, Bristol, Ross and Newent.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Mayor submitted 'The Church and State,' and said that all through the ages Gloucester had been closely associated with bellringing. The city had been definitely connected with bell-making, and the firm of Rudhall in the 17th century was quite a famous one. When the firm ceased, books were found containing entries for 4,521 bells which had been made. A bellringing society which was named the Ancient Society of Crypt Youths was founded in Gloucester in 1710. There were 31 members, and in 1749 they subscribed for two new treble bells for St. Mary-de-Crypt Church, making eight in all. Churches that had been built in recent years, added the Mayor, lacked a peal of bells, and he, for his part, thought they were no better for it. In the olden days churches were never complete without their peal, and he knew nothing better than to hear them.

The Mayor also emphasised the importance of the State being linked closely with the Church. There was a time, he said, when there was some disturbance in this country between the State and the Church, and there were many people who thought it would be better if there were a separation between the two. That, he was pleased to say, had now 'blown over,' and everyone realised that the Church played a very important and very necessary part in the life of the State (applause).

The Rev. E. C. Prichard, in response, said it would be a very sad occurrence if the Church should be disestablished. Of course, the Church would be free to do as it liked, but to the State he thought would come very considerable harm. It would no longer be definitely connected with religion, and that would be disastrous, as nothing in life could go on successfully without the help of God. That movement had fortunately died down now, and he wished to stress the fact that the link between the Church and State should never be lost (applause).

The Rev. F. E. Walters also responded. Councillor Eggleton, in proposing the toast of 'The Chairman,' paid a warm tribute to the work that the Mayor was doing for the welfare of the city. He referred specially to three things: his Worship's efforts for the unemployed, the war memorial, and, lastly, to his success in obtaining from the National Gallery the loan of a priceless collection of pictures, which would shortly be brought to the city.

An appeal to young people to take up the art of ringing was made by Mr. John Austin in proposing the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association.' He said that there were many peals of bells in the country, but frequently they were unable to get anybody to ring them. Young people were very badly needed, as the present ringers could not carry on for ever.

Mr. E. Guise responded, and said that Gloucester was one of the mainstays of the association.

A hearty welcome to the visitors, which included friends from many parts of the county and from Newport and Monmouth, was made by the Rev. E. D. S. Camus, and Mr. J. Jefferies (chairman of the Bristol Branch) responded.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was entrusted to Mr. J. Williams, and a vote of thanks to the chairman, secretary, committee and artistes was proposed by Mr. Camus.—Mr. S. Romans replied.

Musical items were given by the Tuffley Revellers, Mr. J. Clark, Mrs. Cobb, Mr. H. Newman, Miss Baldwin, Miss Merriman, Mr. Cobb, Mr. J. Gillett, Miss D. Harris and Mr. Hayward.

WEDNESDAY GUILD'S SECRETARY'S DEATH.

Members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and of the Wednesday Guild in particular will learn with regret of the sudden death of Mr. George Siddle, of Chester-le-Street. Mr. Siddle joined the association in 1884 and rejoined in 1900, and it was largely owing to his initiative that the Wednesday Guild was formed in December, 1929.

A regular ringer at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street, he was also a member of the choir. The funeral service on March 28th was fully choral, and several of his fellow-ringers and the secretary of the association (Mr. G. S. Taylor) attended. Of a quiet and happy disposition, Mr. Siddle will be much missed, and there were many expressions of sympathy with his two daughters in their bereavement.

On March 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Chester-le-Street with the bells half-muffled in memory of the deceased: Miss M. J. Crawford 1, J. A. Brown 2, W. F. Pattison 3, F. Sheraton 4, W. Brown 5, R. W. Parkinson (conductor) 6, W. Sheraton 7, T. C. Robson 8.

WHERE TO SPEND EASTER MONDAY.

A VISIT TO ST. ALBANS IS WORTH WHILE.

Bellringers who wish to spend a pleasant Easter Monday, or a weekend, could not do better than attend the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association on Bank Holiday, April 17th, at St. Albans. There are four bell towers in the city, which will be open at noon for practice, and onwards up to 4 o'clock. At 4.30 there is to be a ringers' service in the choir of the Cathedral, where the Vicar of St. Stephen's, St. Albans, will be the preacher. Immediately following this service, tea will be served and the business meeting will follow. All ringers are welcomed to this gathering, provided they have previously notified their intention to be present. Those ringers who would like to diversify their holiday will find much to interest them in the antiquities of the ancient city.

St. Albans has been much in the public notice recently, through the discoveries of the Verulamium Excavation Committee. Verulamium was the ancient Roman name for St. Albans. Unlike other cities, notably York and Colchester, the site of the Roman city has not been built over; it lies about a quarter of a mile away from the Cathedral, on the other side of the River Ver. The Excavation Committee is entering the third year of its activities, and much of general and scientific interest has been discovered. Last year three magnificent mosaic pavements, some of the finest of the kind ever found, and easily the finest in England, were laid bare. Two of these have been lifted intact, and may be seen in the museum on the site, together with many other deeply interesting objects.

built by Wulsin, Abbot of St. Albans, in the 10th century; it was altered and enlarged in the 15th century, and the earliest remaining parts, the arcades of the nave and the south aisle, are of that date. The central tower was built 1801-3. St. Peter's is interesting as being the burial place of many gentlemen slain in the battles of the Wars of the Roses.

St. Michael's, just across the ancient ford on the River Ver to the west, is noteworthy for its monument to Sir Francis Bacon, Lord Verulam, the celebrated Chancellor and national philosopher of King James' reign. The original church, like St. Peter's and St. Stephen's, was founded by Wulsin, in the middle of the 10th century. The chancel and nave both contain detail which is evidently of pre-Conquest date. The north and south aisles were added towards the end of the 12th century, and the south chapel and nave clear-story early in the 13th century. The whole building is of intense interest, and the tower contains a peal of six, recently put into ball bearings by John Taylor & Co.

St. Stephen's, to the south, on the ancient Watling Street, is a quaint old church. Its early history is in many respects the same as that of St. Michael's Church, but the building has been less restored. Among the fittings, the 15th century font and the 16th century lectern are especially noticeable. The lectern has been the subject of much controversy between English and Scots. It was part of the loot from Melrose Abbey brought back by a local magnate after Flodden Field. The tower contains an excellent peal of six.

With the exception of the Abbey Church, the clock tower is the most prominent architectural relic of antiquity in St. Albans. His-



THE HISTORIC ABBEY AT ST. ALBANS.

Besides the remains, many other antiquities await the observant visitor. The town wall, dating A.D. 102, has been cleared of debris, and the removal of some 30,000 tons of soil from the south corner has revealed a feature of architectural interest and importance, which, in detail, it is difficult to parallel. At this south corner will be seen the remains of a tower with solid rounded front and a square internal chamber. After the Romans left England in 410 A.D., the city languished until with the foundation of the great Abbey of St. Albans on the hill opposite Verulamium, it grew again in importance.

St. Albans was one of the richest and most powerful ecclesiastical foundations. Its abbots vied with those of Westminster in their magnificence. After the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539, the monastic buildings (unfortunately for the antiquary) were demolished and the materials helped to build many of the citizens' private houses. There is a sort of poetic justice in this, since the Abbey itself was largely built with ransacked Roman bricks from Verulamium.

The Cathedral has survived a restoration by the late Lord Granthorpe in the 80's of last century, and remains one of the most interesting edifices in the country. It has an immense nave, the longest in England, and a magnificent massive central tower. Inside the student of architecture will find examples of all the periods of mediæval architecture, from Saxon to Tudor. There are two celebrated Chantry tombs of former abbots. They are usually considered the finest examples of their kind.

The Chantry of Abbot Rawryge, 16th century, calls for special mention. In the south aisle of presbytery will be seen the 13th century iron grates and tomb of Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, 15th century. The Chamber of the Feretrar, 15th century, a wooden structure of two stages, contains the watching chamber, and is also of considerable interest.

There are also three other ancient churches in the city. St. Peter's, on the east side of St. Peter's Street. No traces remain of the church

torians and antiquaries have been puzzled, not only as to the actual date of the clock tower, but also the object of its erection, but it is generally considered to be late 13th or early 14th century. The first battle of the Wars of the Roses was fought at St. Albans on 22nd May, 1455, and the alarm for it was rung from the clock tower there, which, with its original bell, still exists. But come and see the building.

There is much else of interest that may be discovered by the lover of antiquity, which space forbids to mention, so to save the editor's blue pencil I will conclude by saying, 'Come and see.' G. W. C.

A LANCASHIRE VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Flixton, Lancs, on Thursday, March 23rd, the local band rang 1,204 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Collier 1, D. Vincent (conductor) 2, S. Rickard 3, P. Williams 4, G. Mason 5, J. H. Collier 6, H. Collier 7, R. Thomas 8. Rung, after an attempt for a peal had failed, on the eve of the 81st birthday of Lt.-Col. S. Stott, V.D., J.P., who has been a member of this tower since 1888, and up till about four years ago took an active part in the ringing.

SOUTHGATE.—On March 23rd, for Confirmation service, 1,321 Grandsire Caters in 52 mins.: A. G. Crane 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, J. Armstrong (conductor) 3, S. Wade 4, W. Pickworth 5, W. Bowden 6, J. E. Miller 7, H. Miller 8, N. Tomlinson 9, G. Plater 10.—On March 26th, for morning service, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Pickworth 1, Miss M. Pack (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, G. Plater 3, S. Wade 4, J. Armstrong (conductor) 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, N. A. Tomlinson 8.—For evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 51 mins.: J. Armstrong (conductor) 1, Mrs. Tomlinson 2, Miss G. Pack 3, D. Ovington 4, J. D. Nash 5, G. Plater 6, J. E. Miller 7, E. H. King 8, W. Pickworth 9, A. G. Crane 10.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Goole on Saturday, March 25th, and was attended by about 40 ringers from Beverley Minster, Hull, Howden, Eastrington, Hemingbrough, Kirk Ella, Pontefract (St. Giles' and All Saints'), Selby, Thorne, Withernsea and the local company. Ringing in the standard methods took place on the peal of eight during the afternoon and evening. The Vicar gave a most interesting address at the service in church, which was followed by tea in the Schoolroom and the meeting, over which the Vicar presided.

Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. E. Newham, C. Sherburn and K. R. Smith, of St. Peter's, Howden.

An invitation to hold the next meeting at Eastrington was accepted, the Vicar of Eastrington being anxious that the meeting should be held there to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

Mr. F. Cryer was re-elected vice-president for another period of three years, and Messrs. A. Walker and J. Drake were re-elected to the committee, Mr. A. E. Sellers being elected in place of Mr. W. Gibson, resigned. Mr. A. Walker was further elected to serve on the General Committee for three years.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the Vicar for his address in church and for presiding at the meeting. In his reply, the Vicar said how very pleased he was to have the association at Goole, and said they would be welcome there at any time they cared to go. The local company were also thanked for the arrangements made.

Further ringing concluded a very good meeting, held on a perfect springlike day.

DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL STOTT.**AN OLD OLDHAM RINGER.**

One of Oldham's oldest ringers, Mr. Samuel Stott, passed away at his residence, 16, Kersley Street, Oldham, on March 24th. He was 76 years of age and had continued ringing up to last Christmas, when failing eyesight caused him to retire. He was always regular at Sunday service ringing.

Mr. Stott learned to ring at St. Mark's, Oldham, at which church he rang his first peal on May 18th, 1878. He has rung a considerable number of peals, and was one of the band who rang the then record peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (16,800 changes) at Mottram in 1906. Mr. Stott afterwards joined the band at St. Mary's Parish Church, Oldham, and held the office as conductor and master for over 50 years.

The interment took place on Tuesday, March 28th. His brother ringers acted as bearers and rang a plain course of Triples over the grave.

PEAL GRABBERS v. PEAL GROUSERS.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—I was rather amused to read Mr. Amos' letter in your issue of March 31st, and can only come to one conclusion: a dog in the manger sort of business. If he chooses to remain outside his own local Guild, that is his business and does not concern the Exercise as a whole, and my advice to him is, after a very varied experience, not to wash dirty linen in public. It does no good and often creates false impressions. As Mr. Leech has not condescended either to apologise or withdraw, we must assume he has withdrawn from the contest, possibly a sadder but a wiser man. In conclusion, I would like to thank several ringing friends who have either written me on the above subject or have thanked me personally, and shall not trouble you further on this correspondence.

W. KEEBLE.

Feering.

Sir,—What an amount of interest is caused by the letters headed 'Peal Grabbers,' but what a lot of linen can be washed in public! As one who knows Mr. Amos, I am disappointed, for whenever I have been in the Wellingborough district I have always come back with more knowledge than when I went. Moreover, the very best ringers in this district like peals; I do, and, to be quite candid, it is my second love, but (without bragging) I ring for service twice on Sundays, and so do nearly all the 'peal grabbers.' Without being personal, I think Mr. Amos can learn and ring all he requires if he will accept the teaching, 'Except ye become as little children,' etc. I know, and can see by my own experience, that somebody put up with a lot to help me on, and I thank them.

F. WARRINGTON.

Over, Cambs.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Minster, on Tuesday, February 21st, 1,264 Little Bob Major: E. H. Clulow 1, G. E. Foster 2, F. G. Hooper 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, E. H. Clulow 6, A. J. Chamberlain (composer) 7, J. F. Milner (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and first by all except the conductor. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the son of the ringer of the second bell.

HOYLANDSWAINE BELLS REOPENED.**A BIG TEA PARTY.**

The bells of St. John's Church, Hoylandswaine, which have been rehanging, were rededicated and reopened on Saturday last by the Bishop of Pontefract in the presence of a large assembly of ringers and parishioners, together with clergy from other parishes. Nineteen towers were represented, drawn from five counties, which shows the spirit of comradeship that exists among ringers, who are out to encourage good ringing and striking. It was noteworthy that while only nine sent orders for tea, 150 sat down. The ladies who catered for tea are worthy of great praise for the way in which they coped with the demands of such an unexpectedly large party. The towers represented were Shelley, Wath, Sandal, Darfield, Royston, Cawthorne, Norbury, Norton, Rotherham, Meltham, Horbury, Stockport, Ashton-under-Lyne, Treton, Handsworth, Sheffield Cathedral, Leek and Peristone. Mr. Fidler represented Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who have been responsible for the work of rehanging and overhauling of the bells, and have carried out their work splendidly. The local company wish to thank all ringers and friends who helped and supported them at the opening, for there were many who came from a great distance.

The bells were deeply muffled for Sunday morning service, and six members of the local company rang a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by R. Crossland, as a token of respect for an old church member who was laid to rest whilst the bells were dismantled. The ringers themselves have undertaken to raise the money for the work which has been done, and funds are still required, so that any donation, however small, will be thankfully received by the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Brookes, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

BELL RESTORATION AT THORNABY-ON-SEA.

For some considerable time the peal of eight bells at Thornaby-on-Tees have been almost unringable. The bearings were completely worn out and some of the gudgeons broken. The Vicar, with the assistance of the ringers and the Church Council, set to work to raise sufficient funds for the rehanging of the whole peal, and, in spite of the serious trade depression, which has hit Thornaby very hard, energetic action to raise the money necessary to carry out the work soon had the desired result. Tenders were received from three different bell firms, and the contract was entrusted to the well-known firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon. The work has included the strengthening of the wood frame, which is in two tiers, by angle plates and bolts, taking off the canons and reboring the bells for the reception of new iron headstocks, quarter turning and hanging the bells on the latest principle with ball bearings and with entirely new fittings. The work has been carried out with the celerity and excellence of workmanship always associated with the Croydon firm.

The rededication took place on Sunday, March 12th, and all the ringers who were present were unanimous in their praise of the great improvement that had been made, and congratulated Messrs. Gillett and Johnston upon a fine job and the easy 'go' of the bells.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**'NAVY' WORK AT REDBOURN.**

The Western District had a very successful meeting at Redbourn on Saturday last, district members and others from St. Albans, Watford, Springfield, Bushey and Harpenden accomplishing 'steam-navy' work in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain, Oxford, Double Oxford, Hereford, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Cambridge and even London Surprise.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Berry) held the service and gave a very interesting address, the hearty singing being accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Berry. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was swiftly put 'out of course,' after which the brief business meeting was kept in order by the same kind friend.

Hemel Hempstead was chosen for the next meeting, to be held early in May.

The usual hearty votes of thanks were accorded to friends and helpers. A vote of condolence was passed expressing sympathy with Mrs. Hollis (Great Gaddesden) in her sad loss. This concluded the meeting, the members adjourning for more 'navy' work (in methods, not hard work).

BOLTON RINGER'S DEATH.

On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service at Bolton Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Frank Morris, a ringer at this church, who was interred at St. Mary's, Deane, on March 28th.

For 20 years he was a chorister and ringer at Deane, and when he left the district he joined the Parish Church band.

The following took part in the quarter-peal: F. Morris 1, E. Webster 2, W. Newman 3, E. Cutsforth 4, P. Nuttall 5, P. Crook, sen., 6, J. Nuttall (conductor) 7, J. Leather 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m., *The Coffee Pot on the 18th (8 p.m.) and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th, at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, April 8th, from 3 till 8 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All members and friends heartily invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Worth on Saturday, April 8th. 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 Samlesbury on Saturday, April 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Kegworth on Sat., April 8th. Bells (6) will be available from 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, April 8th, to re-open the bells after rehanging. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (small charge) 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Guilden Morden on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. It is hoped to make usual tea arrangements.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice at Amport, Saturday, April 8th. Bells from 5.30.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown, Newbury.

RIPON CATHEDRAL.—The dedication service of the recast bells will be held on Saturday, April 8th. Service at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Dean of Ripon. All ringers welcome.—F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hernhill on Saturday, April 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Rev. Canon G. R. Blackledge has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The bells of Westbourne, near Emsworth, augmented to eight, and rehanged in a new frame, by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated on Saturday, April 8th, at 2 p.m. by the Ven. B. G. Hoskyns, Archdeacon of Chichester.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, April 8th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Meeting and tea 5.30 p.m. in Trinity Hall.—R. R. Pole, Assistant Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, April 8th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Subscriptions due.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

PORTSEA.—The recast peal of eight bells, hung in a new iron frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., will be dedicated to-morrow (Saturday) at 3.30 p.m. by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth. All ringers welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday at Nottingham. Bells of St. Mary's (10), St. Peter's (10) open from 10.30 a.m. Daybrook (8), 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Basford (8) 6 to 8 p.m. Committee meet 2.45 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d. each) 4.30 p.m., followed by annual general meeting, all at Co-operative Hall, Parliament Street (Derby Road end). Towers closed at 4 p.m. till after meeting. Those requiring tea must advise Mr. W. E. White, Cotgrave, Notts, not later than April 13th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 53rd annual general meeting will be held at Chislehurst, on Easter Monday, April 17th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting at the Rectory at 11 a.m. Association Service at 12 noon. Preacher, the Rector, Rev. O. Hardman. Luncheon in the Church Hall, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will also be open during the day: St. Luke's, Bromley (8); SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley (8); Eltham (8); Beckingham (8); St. Mary Cray (6). Application for luncheon tickets (1/- to members, 3/6 to non-members, including moderate refreshments) must be made to the undersigned before first post Tuesday, April 11th. Remittance must accompany application.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at ST. ALBANS on EASTER MONDAY, April 17th. Abbey bells from 12 noon, St. Peter's bells open at 2 p.m. Those desiring to ring at St. Michael's or St. Stephen's Churches must notify me not later than April 15th, first post. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Address by the Rev. H. O. Cavalier, Vicar of St. Stephen's, St. Albans. Tea in the Abbey Institute at 5.30, price 1s. 6d., followed by annual business meeting. To enable satisfactory arrangements to be made for tea, please notify me not later than April 15th. Notice of motion, Mr. C. H. Horton to move: 'That the association year ends on December 31st, instead of Easter Monday.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 17th. 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 Bishop in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 12th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 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.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Crich on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Members requiring tea, please notify W. Piggin, Crich, Matlock, by Thursday, April 13th, latest.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells (10, tenor 17 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at Abbs Cafe, Khyber Pass, at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, April 12th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 17th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), and 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 Rev. R. E. V. Prichard, M.A., Vicar of Knapton with Paston. 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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 10.30 a.m., and St. Peter De Merton (6) later. Luncheon will be at 1 p.m., to be followed by the usual business meeting. Visitors heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 17th. Ringers' service, St. Mary-de-Crypt, at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 3.15 p.m. in the Spread Eagle Hotel. Tea (1s. per

head) after meeting. The Mayor of Gloucester will arrange (if possible) to welcome the association. Bells available: Barnwood (8), Quedgley (8), St. Mary-de-Lode (6), and possibly St. Michael's, St. Mary-de-Crypt, as also Gloucester Cathedral. Every member should endeavour to attend. Important business includes: Memorial to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Please notify for tea by April 12th. — Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol 2.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Easter Tuesday for the joint purpose of meeting the present Vicar, and in honour of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society of Church Bell Ringers, founded in 1883. Bells will be available at 2 o'clock, and the service will be at 4, conducted by the Vicar, who will also give the address. Tea will be provided in the Church Hall at 5 o'clock for those who notify me not later than Thursday, April 13th, price 1s. each.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells (8) available all day. For tea please notify Mr. H. Stenton, South Anston, not later than Saturday, April 15th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon (10 bells), on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Swan and Sugar Loaf Hotel. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 12th. All ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 17th, at Ottery St. Mary. Bells (8) available 11 a.m., also Honiton (6). Service, St. Mary's Church, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, Church Institute. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—Newbury tower will be open for ringing on Easter Monday, April 17th, from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea 5.30 at 1s. Now ringers is your chance to come and have a ring on Newbury ten. You will be made welcome, but please reply for tea by Wednesday, April 12th, to H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 22nd. Cathedral bells (8) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (10), 3.15 to 4.15. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 1s. each; business meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, April 18th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, April 22nd. Towers open all day: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6). Committee in St. Matthew's Vestry at 4 p.m. Service in St. Matthew's Church 4.30. Tea (1s. each) in St. Matthew's Church Hall, 5.15. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Clerkenwell, April 22nd. Service at 5 p.m., with organ recital. Preacher, the Bishop of Kensington. Tea at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Cripplegate (12) from 3 to 4.30 p.m., at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8) from 7.30 to 9 p.m., and at St. James, Clerkenwell (8), from 3 to 5 p.m., and after meeting. Please advise either of undersigned for tea by April 19th without fail. A charge of one shilling will be made.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E4; F. W. Goodfellow, 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT.—A quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, at Northowram (near Halifax). Draw 3 p.m. Those requiring tea, 1s. each, send not later than April 19th to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. The annual committee meeting will be held in Reading (D.V.) on Saturday, April 22nd. Will all branch secretaries and representatives please note? Details later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 17th? Oakford (8), Morebath (6), and Huntsham (8) also open.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, nr. Exeter

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. All requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Taylor, Church Road, Overton, by April 18th.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Holland on April 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those attending please notify me not later than the 20th inst.?—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lewes on Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Church Hall, 1s. 3d. each, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available again afterwards.—J. M. Cripps, Div. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham, Sussex.

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NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Bullock 1, F. Millard 2, W. Millard 3, T. Ford 4, F. Bullock 5, G. Day 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, W. Hall 8. Rung on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Mr. T. Ford's wedding day.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 26th, for the special Mothering Sunday afternoon service, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major in 40 mins.: E. Stone 1, B. Beebe 2, J. E. Morston 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Draycott 5, A. H. Beamish 6, J. Gibbons 7, H. Harris 8.

ISLEWORTH.—At All Saints' Church on March 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Olive Ashbrook (first quarter) 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, Miss Doris Lidbetter (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. Cutmore 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, F. G. Goddard 6, H. W. Lidbetter 7, H. Harding 8. Rung for evening service and as a birthday compliment to A. Cutmore.

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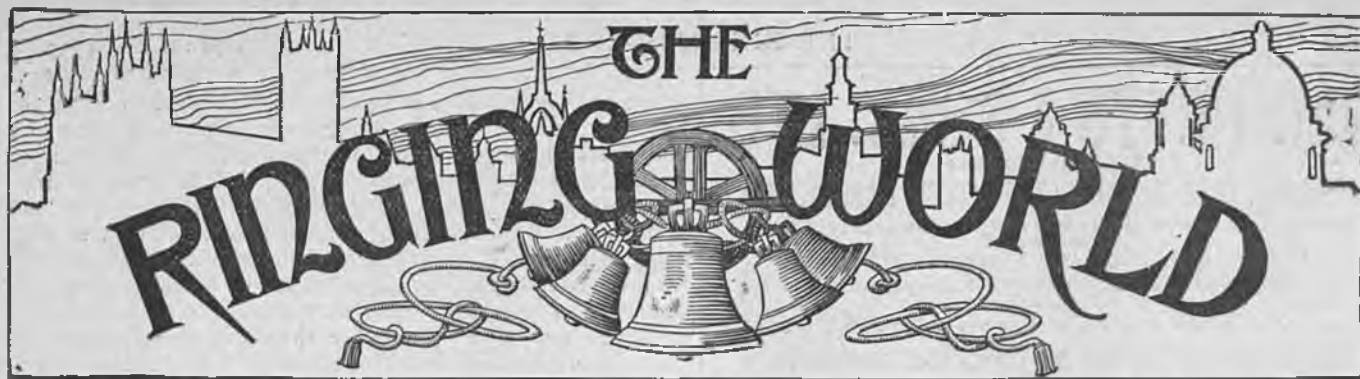
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COUNCIL AND MINOR CONTROVERSY.

The agenda of the Central Council meeting, which is published to-day for the benefit of associations and their representatives, reveals a very considerable programme for the meeting in London at Whitsuntide. Two of the most important things in the business are the revision of the Council's rules, with which we dealt last week, and another attempt to settle the controversy on the subject of peals of Minor and Doubles. There are two motions relating to this latter subject, which to some extent overlap, but that in the name of Mr. C. T. Coles goes further than the proposal by Mr. Stephen Wood. What the Council will have to decide is how far they are prepared to go in encouraging peals which do not conform to the old standard of seven separate and complete 720's. Both the resolutions now put forward make this long recognised rule the chief rock upon which to build, but they differ in the extent to which departure from it should be allowed. The Bankes James' Cambridge composition, which first established a new principle in Minor extents, has been widely accepted as conforming to the requirements of a peal, but it led to other divergencies from the old rule which, in the opinion of large numbers of ringers, were neither so good in theory nor so commendable in practice. The fact, however, remains that they have been rung, have been recognised by the Central Council by inclusion in the analysis, and accepted by associations who have included them in their records. Little can be done with regard to what is past, unless the associations are prepared to expunge all these peals from the records, but agreement in the Council would very considerably guide opinion and practice in the future, although we may always expect to find someone ready to kick over the traces, whatever restrictions may be laid down.

The fundamental principle lying behind Mr. Coles' motion is whether a peal of Minor is really one peal or seven peals, and it is this aspect which ringers will do well to consider carefully in trying to arrive at a conclusion. In the old days Minor 'performances' were almost invariably described as 'seven peals,' or 'fourteen peals,' when the length, as it was on a few occasions, was 10,080. On five, six and seven bells, unquestionably, our forefathers looked upon a peal as the extent of the changes upon these numbers. If that view is still accepted, then we moderns are wrong in describing seven 720's of Minor or 42 six-scores of Doubles as 'a peal.' But the Central Council themselves have laid it down that such a performance is 'a peal,' and they can hardly go back upon that definition. They can, however, say what in their opinion shall be the qualities that go to

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make up 'a peal,' whether it shall be seven separate 720's or, under certain safeguards, the 720 rows or changes rung seven times in any order. This, of course, opens up the wide question of 'truth' in certain forms of composition, but it may be that the long disputed question will be easier of solution—or, shall we say, there is better chance of agreement at this stage—if the Council will express an opinion as to whether they are prepared to accept the view that seven 720's are one peal or seven peals. If the latter then the composite parts must be seven separate extents, but if the former there seems to be no escape from accepting the whole of Mr. Coles' proposals. The subject is not merely one of interest to the pundits, but of practical importance to the associations, for it will affect the future of their records, and it will rest with them to encourage the acceptance of the Council's decision.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 6030 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN Treble	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... 7
ERNEST J. KING 3	JOHN MOULE 8
CHARLES A. HUGHES 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
HARRY GIBSON 5	JAMES G. A. PRYOR Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

First peal on ten bells as conductor and first attempt.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 6
KEITH HART 2	ROBERT J. DAWES 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
HERBERT RANN 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
EDWARD C. MERRITT 5	BENJAMIN HOBBS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the conductor's first peal and in honour of the birth of his and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith's granddaughter, Susan.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*JAMES WM. BAXENDALE ... Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2	WILLIAM BARTON 7
*WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	GEORGE AMBLER 8
GEORGE WM. STEEL 4	JOHN AMBLER 9
FREDERICK SEAGER 5	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

* First peal of Royal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. T. W. Strangway.

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OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

JOSEPH OGDEN Treble	VERNON SYKES 5
JAMES LEES 2	ROBERT GREENWOOD 6
ELIJAH GEARY 3	HERBERT BARLOW 7
GEORGE BARLOW 4	ALFRED WAITES Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by R. GREENWOOD.

This is the first peal on the back eight bells in this tower.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, Whitfield,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5276 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

JAMES L. BUCKLEY Treble	BEN W. BRADLEY 5
FRED MARSDEN 2	JOSEPH BENTLEY 6
EGMONT MALKIN 3	TOM WILDE 7
HERBERT BRADSHAW 4	LEONARD WOOD Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal. Ring with the bells muffled as a last token of esteem and respect for Mr. Herbert W. Bradley, who had been a ringer at this church for many years.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to the conductor on the first anniversary of his wedding.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, LAWRENCE AND ANN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
*ALBERT W. BOND 4	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. Also the first peal of Major on the bells.

TIPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, April 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*REGINALD MORTON Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 5
†FRANK WILLIAMS 2	†HOWARD N. WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE HUGHES 3	NORMAN LEECH 7
DENNIS HOLDEN 4	CYRIL N. WINWOOD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by W. FISHER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, on Tuesday, March 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), 1,260 changes, on the back eight, in 55 mins.: A. Gorrings 1, T. W. Hammond 2, E. Counce 3, J. Brown (first in the method 'inside') 4, E. C. Birkett 5, T. Gilmour 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, H. Roberts 8. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	WALTER AYRE 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL Treble	†ERNEST MINGAY 5
*AMBROSE MASON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
†CHARLES W. BURTON 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise Major 'inside.' † First Surprise Major. ‡ First Surprise peal. The conductor's 700th peal. The monthly peal for the division.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
HARRY HOVERD 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE HOWCHIN Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
CHARLES E. LOVETT 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A peal of welcome to Charles E. Lovett, on holiday from Jersey, Channel Islands, his fellow-ringers being pleased to ring again with this 'exile.' The tenth successive peal on these bells by George Mayers. This 47 course, one-part peal, with the tenors apart for 17 courses, is now rung for the first time.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*HARRY BAKER Treble	†THOMAS E. SONE 5
†ROBERT PALMER 2	LUTHER J. HONESS 6
†CHARLES USSHER 3	†ROBERT RAYFIELD 7
†TOM SAUNDERS 4	†THOMAS J. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 50th peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight. Credit is due to these local men, who rang well throughout. ‡ 50th peal together. The conductor has now called this peal twice 'round the circle' (non-conducted once). It was his 175th peal for the association.

OXFORD.—On Monday, April 4th, at Christ Church Cathedral, 1,311 changes Stedman Cinques in 57 mins.: W. Simmonds 1, Miss M. E. Reynolds 2, Mrs. A. E. Leek 3, W. F. Judge (conductor) 4, W. H. B. Wilkins 5, F. E. May 6, W. G. Collett 7, F. E. Taylor 8, R. A. Post 9, V. J. Bennett 10, G. Candwell 11, F. A. Wilkins 12. Longest touch of Cinques by ringers of 3, 6, 7 and tenor.

BURNHAM, LUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR... ..Treble	†GORDON LIMMER 5
GEORGE LIMMER 2	THOMAS J. FOWLER 6
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
*WALTER W. PHIPPS 4	JOHN H. CROPLEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

H. BERNARD WELLS ... ..Treble	ALFRED J. CLAYTON 5
RONALD H. DOVE 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	TONY PRICE ... ..Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Mr. T. Price has now rung every bell in this tower to a Surprise peal.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDGAR W. LUFF ... ..Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT 5
CHARLES GREEDY 2	ALFRED W. HEATH 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	GEORGE HAWKINS 7
ARTHUR HAWKINS 4	HAROLD E. SIMMS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

Thanks are due to Mr. E. W. Luff, who filled a gap at a moment's notice, also to Mr. Simms for obtaining permission to ring and for having everything in readiness.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
JOHN AUSTIN... .. 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 on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SMITHSON ... ..Treble	*CHARLES H. BAKER 4
*MISS PHYLLIS G. BAKER ... 2	†HARRY MORGAN... .. 5
*C. ALAN HEWITT 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by G. W. CREASEY

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal on the bells. H. Morgan has now rung peals of Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Hughes 1, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 2, G. Chappel 3, W. J. Nurton 4, C. Mathers 5, F. E. Stone 6, E. Stitch 7, J. Weathersby 8.

TROWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two 720's of Kent and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE C. WILSON ... ..Treble	FREDERICK BROWN 4
HENRY HARRISON 2	EDWARD F. GOBEY 5
EDMUND C. CHASTY 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Lewis, of Trowell, mother of Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, who passed away on March 29th at Sevenoaks, and was interred at Nottingham Cemetery on April 3rd.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Collogie Single, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES CLIFF... ..Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON 4
HERBERT P. CLIFF 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
RAYMOND THOMPSON 3	KENNETH W. CHEESMAN ...Tenor

Conducted by K. W. CHEESMAN.

First peal in seven methods by all except ringers of the treble and 5th.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

CHARLES BRANSON ... ..Treble	WILLIAM STAPLETON 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL... .. 2	EDWARD FROSELL 5
*WALLACE G. CHURCH 3	REGINALD WEST ... ..Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WEST.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to William West for his 85th birthday.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

*REGINALD ASHFORTH ...Treble	†HAROLD DENMAN 4
MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL 2	†ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	LEONARD PIERREPONT ...Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven Treble Bob methods 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, March 26th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. A. Palmer 1, A. J. Whittle 2, E. W. Smith 3, W. H. Adkins 4, H. T. E. Curtis 5, R. W. Rex 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Crocker 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday and also as a last quarter-peal on the bells as a ring of eight.

ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT FOR SUSSEX. INTERESTING AUGMENTATION AT WESTBOURNE.

In the south-west corner of Sussex, near Emsworth and Hayling Island, lies the picturesque village of Westbourne with its mediæval church and fine tower and spire.

The outer walls of the aisles date from 1380 to 1430, and extensive rebuilding and the reconstruction of the tower were carried out in 1545 to 1548 by the last Earl of Arundel, Henry Fitzalan.

In 1770 the lord of the manor, the Earl of Halifax, defrayed the cost of adding the present spire of pleasing proportions, and in consequence the tower at the belfry level has a massive structure of oak which rises inside the walls to support the tower.

Until recently an indifferent peal of six hung aloft in an old oak frame which had seen better days, and the parishioners decided to put their tower in order.

Under the supervision of the well-known architect, Mr. Philip Johnston, reinforced with the skilled advice of the president of the Central Council of Bellringers, Mr. E. H. Lewis, a complete transformation in the tower has been effected as a memorial to the late Prebendary Lloyd Batley Birkett, the much-loved Rector of Westbourne for over 50 years.

The tenor weighs 10½ cwt., and the six bells have been increased to eight, old numbers 1 and 5 have been recast and the ring rehung with modern fittings in a new cast-iron 'A' frame.

Owing to the structural design of the tower and spire the ringers are in the stage immediately beneath the bells, and the height of the ringing room is restricted. A special floor and packing, however, have reduced the sound to normal proportions, and visiting ringers at the opening found manipulation of the peal an easy matter.

The dedication service took place on Saturday at 2 p.m., when the Ven. B. G. Hoskyns, Archdeacon of Chichester, officiated, assisted by the Rector (the Rev. C. E. V. Hodge) and clergy from neighbouring parishes. The hymns used were 'O praise ye the Lord' and the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God.' The lessons were read by Gen. J. R. H. Oldfield (churchwarden), and others present were Vice-Admiral Gordon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, Mr. James Parker, of Edmonton, and Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Past Master of the Sussex Association). The ringing for the day was organised by Mr. A. D. Stone, the energetic hon. secretary of the Sussex Association, and amongst towers represented were those of St. Peter's, Brighton, Shoreham, Chichester Cathedral, Bosham, Heene, Worthing, Portsmouth, Edmonton, Crawley, etc. Tea was kindly provided by the Rector for all visiting ringers, and methods ranging from Grandsire to London and Bristol Surprise kept the bells going merrily for many hours after the service.

The whole of the work, including repairs and alterations to the clock, has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who were congratulated on all sides for the successful completion of a first-class job.

The metal frame is as rigid as a rock, the new trebles sing out clearly and sweetly and the bells now form a musical ring of eight, ready for the veteran Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Chichester, to initiate a band of young ringers in the art of change ringing.

The original six bells at Westbourne were cast by Pack and Chapman in 1770.

OLD CRANLEIGH RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred at Cranleigh, Surrey, of an early member of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild in the person of Mr. John Knight, who passed away at the age of 75 years. He and his father before him carried on the business of carriers between Cranleigh and Horsham and Guildford. The Knight family had had this business for 90 years, until it passed into the hands of a motor firm a few years ago.

Mr. John Knight joined the Winchester Guild in 1882 and was one of the band who started to practise Treble Bob at Cranleigh in 1890.

The funeral took place on April 3rd.

THE LATE MR. EDWIN BARNETT.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL AT CRAYFORD.

The committee of the Kent County Association has decided to open a fund for the purpose of erecting a memorial to the late Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, who died in August last.

Mr. Barnett was a member of the association for 44 years, served on the Central Committee for nearly 40 years and represented the association on the Central Council from 1902. He was a member of many other associations and societies and well known generally throughout the Exercise. At his death he was one of the oldest members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, to which he was elected more than 50 years ago.



THE LATE MR. E. BARNETT.

Mr. Barnett, during his long ringing career, had done an immense amount of spade work, having taught no end of beginners and piloted scores of them through their first peals. He was one of the type of retiring men of whom little was heard but whose services to ringing had been invaluable in a quiet and devoted manner, and a fitting memorial will be a well-deserved tribute to the lifelong work he did in furthering the art of ringing.

It is proposed that the memorial shall take the form of an oak screen in the belfry of Crayford Church, where the late Mr. Barnett served so faithfully as parish clerk and leader of the ringers for many years.

Donations to the fund will be gratefully received by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. secretary, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, and cheques and postal orders should be made payable to 'Barnett Memorial,' and crossed 'Lloyds Bank, Gravesend.'

A SOUTH AFRICAN RINGER.

REV. H. F. DE LISLE LOSES HIS LIFE.

One of the few ringers in South Africa, the Rev. H. F. de Lisle, has recently lost his life. He was Rector of Paarl, in the diocese of Capetown. While camping with his family on the coast near Cape Point, he went out to fish from the rocks and did not return. A protracted search of the sea and coast yielded no result, and it is beyond doubt that he was washed off the rocks and drowned.

Mr. de Lisle was a graduate of Lincoln College, Oxford, and was ordained in 1896 to the curacy of Whitwell. He came to the Cape in 1905, and in addition to varied parish work had served with distinction as chaplain to the Forces, and as a reformatory and gaol chaplain. For ten years he was in charge of St. Mark's, in the worst of Cape Town's slums, and had for the last year been Rector of Paarl. His ringing in South Africa was done at St. Mary's, Woodstock, Capetown. He was in England on a visit a few years ago and took part in ringing in a number of towers.

Mr. de Lisle was a skilled and courageous mountaineer, and, soon after his coming to Paarl, twice led a party to the rescue of a coloured boy who had fallen on to an all but inaccessible ledge, in face of cruel weather conditions, and at the hazard of the rescuers' lives; ascending the mountain a third time to read the burial office over the boy's companion, who had been lost in a deep ravine.

The Coadjutor-Bishop wrote of him in the 'Cape Times': 'From the battlefield, where he served with devotion, from the gaol where as chaplain he proved a true friend and comforter, from his city parish where he laboured with utmost patience among the poorest, will come countless testimonies to this large-minded, generous-hearted priest. Fearless, intrepid and utterly self-denying, Frederick de Lisle, not merely once or twice, but in many emergencies, proved himself of that calibre which renders a man able, as occasion demands, willingly and gladly to lay down his life for his friend. Among the poor there will be great mourning and deep sorrow for one who really loved them.'

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If we adopt the very old suggestion once again revived by the Rev. E. S. Powell, are we not on dangerous ground once more? Why stop at Grandsire Triples? How many variations are rung week after week under other people's names, which, after all, are only original compositions slightly varied. Surely the recent Stedman variation correspondence is quite enough to resolve that this old worn subject should remain buried for all time.

W. SHEPHERD.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS.

The first session of the fifteenth Council (41st annual meeting) will be held in the Skinner's Hall, Dowgate Hill, London, E.C., on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, 1933, 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 9.45 a.m.

AGENDA.

Report of the secretary as to representation of societies and as to unpaid subscriptions.

1. Election of President, Hon. Librarian and Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for the years 1933-1936.

(Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. G. W. Fletcher retire, and are eligible for re-election.)

2. Election of honorary members.

(The following retire, and are eligible for re-election: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. A. Young.)

Vacancies are caused by the death of Mr. H. W. Wilde and the resignation of Mr. E. W. Elwell.

3. Presentation of new members to the President.

4. Apologies for absence.

5. Loss of members through death.

6. Minutes of the last meeting.

7. Report of the hon. librarian.

8. Statement of accounts.

9. Report of the trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.

(Trustees, Messrs. A. A. Hughes and E. Alex Young.)

10. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees.

To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

To reappoint or alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable.

- (a) Standing Committee.

(Members eligible for reappointment: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, J. Griffin, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, J. D. Matthews, A. Paddon Smith and E. Alex Young.)

Ex-officio: President, hon. librarian, hon. secretary and conveners of committees.

- (b) Peal Collection.

(Members eligible for reappointment: The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, the Rev. E. S. Powell, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mr. J. A. Trollope.)

- (c) Methods.

(Members eligible for reappointment: The Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. J. A. Trollope and Stephen H. Wood.)

- (d) Variations.

(Members eligible for reappointment: The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.)

- (e) Peal Analysis.

(Members eligible for reappointment: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. C. Dean, G. Grover and (i. R. Pye.)

- (f) Towers and Belfries.

(Members eligible for reappointment: Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Major J. H. B. Hesse and Mr. E. A. Young.)

- (g) Stedman Commemoration. Final report.

- (h) Literature and Press.

(Members eligible for reappointment: The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, C. H. Howard, A. Paddon Smith and W. Willson.)

- (i) Rules.

(Members eligible for reappointment: Messrs. W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher and J. S. Goldsmith.)

- (j) Committee appointed to prepare pamphlet on good striking, etc. (members: The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge and Mr. J. T. Dyke.)

MOTIONS.

11. That this Council deprecates the breaking up of church bells renowned for their tonal qualities and historic interest, urges Church authorities not to assent to their destruction except for the gravest reasons, and furthermore recommends that independent expert advice be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.

Proposed by Mr. F. E. Dawe, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young.

12. That this Council uses its influence to encourage five and six bell companies to ring their peals in more than one method. It also urges them to include, whenever possible, at least seven methods in their peals.

Proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. A. Tomlinson.

13. That peals of Minor shall in general consist of seven or more separate extents rung consecutively and without interval. That compositions arranged on what is known as the 'Baukes James principle,' notwithstanding that they do not conform to the above definition, shall be recognised as peals.

Proposed by Mr. Stephen H. Wood, seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

14. That a peal of Minor should consist of seven true and complete round blocks of 720 changes each, in a recognised method or methods, rung consecutively and without interval, rounds thus occurring at the beginning and end of and at regular intervals throughout the peal.

That a peal of Doubles should consist of 42 true and complete round blocks of 120 changes each, in a recognised method or methods, rung consecutively and without interval, rounds thus occurring at the beginning and end of and at regular intervals throughout the peal.

That peals as above may be lengthened by the addition of one or more true and complete round blocks of 720 (or of 120) changes each fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one true round block having less changes.

That any departure from the above standards is not encouraged; notwithstanding this, however, a peal of Minor or of Doubles may consist of any arrangement of 5,040 changes in a recognised method or methods, provided that no change is rung more (or less) than seven times in a peal of Minor, or 42 times in a peal of Doubles, and that the whole starts from and ends with rounds. Such a peal may be lengthened, provided that no change is rung more than once for each additional 720 (or 120) changes, and that the whole ends with rounds.

Proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. E. M. Atkins.

15. To fix the place of next year's meeting.

16. Other business, if any.

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ENGLISH BELLS IN JERUSALEM.

MISS NORA JOHNSTON OPENS NEW CARILLON.

The inauguration of a carillon of bells in Jerusalem in 1933 has a religious and historical significance.

Thousands of people from all parts of the world are voyaging this year on a pilgrimage to Palestine, in commemoration of the nineteenth hundredth anniversary of our Lord's death, and no more fitting season than this Easter could have been chosen for the opening in the Holy City of the new Y.M.C.A. building with its belfry. A contingent from New York includes Mr. E. W. Ramsey, international general secretary of the American Y.M.C.A., Miss Jarvie and other distinguished visitors.

The great edifice, an American gift, is a noble example of modern architecture, situated on a hill overlooking the plains of Lebanon and the River Jordan. Its unique and lofty tower rises in graceful lines to a height of 185ft., and is surmounted with a cupola in truly oriental manner.

In the tower now hangs a splendid carillon of 35 bells, the product of the Gillett and Johnston foundry at Croydon, and the first notes of the bells were sounded at dawn on Palm Sunday, when Miss Nora Johnston, who has travelled to Jerusalem to give a series of recitals, gave the inaugural concert—the occasion on which a carillon of bells has been heard in the Near East.

At the same time, a service was planned and a pilgrimage took place to Bethany and the Mount of Olives. Two more carillon concerts and a recital on the great organ in the new building—all on Palm Sunday—brought to a close the preliminary services.

All through Easter week, carillon recitals by Miss Johnston and Capt. van Geyseghem, lectures, sports events and receptions, form the ambitious programme of the organisers, whilst the actual dedication of the building takes place on April 18th, the Tuesday in Easter week, when Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby will be the chief speaker.

The American Y.M.C.A. authorities have paid a graceful tribute to their English friends, in arranging that Lord Allenby, who led the British troops into Jerusalem in the Great War, should be the central figure in the coming celebrations, and a miniature bell is to be presented to the Field-Marshal on the important day.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Newport Pagnell, on Saturday, April 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Mr. James Harris, a former ringer of the tower: R. H. Hall 1, E. Witlock 2, J. Mapley 3, H. C. Beard (conductor) 4, R. Abrams 5, E. Lathall 6, W. F. Smith 7, R. Howson (first quarter-peal) 8.

THE LAW JAMES MEMORIAL.

About £55 is still required to complete the memorial to the late Rev. H. Law James. There are probably associations and guilds in the country, several of which are meeting in the course of the next few weeks, who would like to be associated with this national scheme, promoted by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Contributions should be sent to Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Guild, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

CLOCKS.

Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Ltd., of the Midland Clock Works, Derby, have just completed the erection of a new Westminster chiming clock at the Parish Church of St. Editha, Tamworth, Staffs. This clock shows time on the existing 6ft. diam. dial and chimes the hours and quarters on the ringing bells, which have a tenor of approximately 22½ cwt.

Other work on hand includes a large automatically wound striking clock with four 6ft. diam. illuminating dials for the Memorial Tower, Kingston Parish Church, Jamaica, and provision is to be made for the addition of quarter chimes at a later date. An eight-bell chiming clock with one specially designed skeleton dial for Denstone College, Staffs, a large hour striking clock for Long Whaddon Church, Loughborough, and many others are in course of manufacture by this well-known firm.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.**FUTURE ELECTIONS TO BE APPROVED BY VICAR.**

The annual meeting was held on March 23rd, when the Vicar, who is president, presided. There was a good attendance of members. The treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed a substantial balance in hand. The president appointed the Rev. P. Jenkins chaplain, and Mr. F. A. Watkins was re-elected captain.

Mr. W. Mead, who was founder of the society, and has been hon. secretary and treasurer since its institution, said that owing to infirmity he was reluctantly compelled to resign the hon. secretaryship. The meeting, in recognition of the tremendous amount of work he had done for the church and ringing at Clun, unanimously decided he should be a vice-president.

Mr. F. Wolley was elected hon. secretary, and Mr. W. Mead was re-elected hon. treasurer. Probationers elected were the Rev. P. Jenkins, Messrs. E. Richards, V. Griffiths, J. Turner and S. Morris.

The election in the tower prior to a peal of Messrs. G. Martin, G. Lindoff, W. Henley, E. Barnett and J. H. Riding as life ringing members was ratified, but the President said that in future any names must be submitted to him before election.

Mr. Mead asked the society to accept an old bell from Bettws-y-Crwyn Church, which had been given to him.—The President, on behalf of the society, thanked Mr. Mead, but pointed out to him that such gifts should be made to the Church Council, and Mr. Mead agreed to do this.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Mead for their kindness in allowing the meeting to be held at Warner Cottage.

A SUGGESTION FOR 'FIRST PEALERS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with interest the various letters which have appeared in the recent issues of 'The Ringing World' relating to 'Peal Grabbers,' etc., and whilst not attempting to express any opinion on these matters, I venture to suggest that out of this controversy there arises a unique opportunity for our associations to lead the way and at the same time reap some of the benefits. After all, it has many times been stated in 'The Ringing World' that a 'first peal' in a method is recognised as an achievement and a mark of progress, so why not encourage the ringing of 'first peals'? It is an old saying 'Take care of the pence and the pounds will look after themselves,' so why not 'Take care of the first peals and the hundreds will look after themselves'?

Briefly, my suggestion is as follows: Let the associations set aside, say, 10 minutes at every meeting for the acceptance of applications from their members who desire to have an opportunity of ringing first peals. A committee could be formed to deal with these and arrange the various attempts. It would, of course, be necessary to set a certain standard which must be reached before an application may be made, and as the committee will be fairly well acquainted with their own members, they will know, to a certain extent, each one's capabilities. Numerous other ways of dealing with these are apparent, but perhaps someone with more knowledge of these matters can improve on this rough idea. Every ringer who is a ringer at all is a member of one or more associations, and, as such, will have the future of ringing at heart. It is this fact which prompts me to send the above suggestion, in the hope that someone more gifted than I in these matters will enlarge upon the idea for the benefit of ringing generally.

'INTERESTED.'

Yorkshire.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Matthew's Church, Bristol, on Sunday, March 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with bells half-muffled at backstroke as a mark of sympathy with Mr. J. V. Parker, Vicar's churchwarden, whose only daughter passed away earlier in the day: Lionel Burt (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Harris 2, W. Brown 3, G. F. Hill 4, G. S. Radnedge 5, W. H. Parker 6, H. B. Burt (conductor) 7, C. E. Day 8. The ringer of the treble is aged 13 years, and was congratulated by the other ringers on the manner in which he handled his bell.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Will those who ring peals on Easter Monday kindly post off their reports to 'The Ringing World' the same night—it will help to save congestion in our peal columns in the following weeks and disappointment at delayed publication.

There was to have been another endeavour at Painswick on Easter Monday for a record peal of Grandsire Cinques, but illness near the church has rendered it necessary to postpone the attempt. The contemplated length was 17,195 changes.

Owing to ill-health, Mr. William Willson, vice-president of the Midland Counties Association, has decided not to stand for re-election to that office, nor as a representative on the Central Council.

Bell founders do not always live a placid life. For example, between noon on Thursday and Saturday evening in last week, Mr. Cyril Johnston travelled 500 miles and attended three bell dedications—on Thursday in Somerset, on Friday in Kent and on Saturday in the south-west corner of Sussex.

We regret to announce the death, after a very brief illness from pneumonia, of Mr. E. E. Burgess, of Taunton, who for 19 years was general secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Mr. Burgess was laid to rest at his birthplace, Selworthy, near Minehead, on Monday.

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association is to be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and during the proceedings a handsome tablet, recording a peal of Stedman Cinques rung at the Cathedral on May 16th, 1931, conducted by Mr. Francis E. Dawe, will be unveiled in the ringing chamber. The tablet is the gift of Mr. Dawe, and it is hoped that as many as possible of the band who took part in the peal will be present.

WRINGTON CHURCH TOWER.

Those who know this glorious tower set among the Somerset hills will appreciate this poem, written on Sunday, April 2nd, by an author who prefers to remain anonymous:—

The quiet grey tower
Standing below the hills,
The cottages and farms and mills
Scattered all around,
How many centuries thus
Have you surveyed
The lives of those who live
Within the shadow of your walls.

The bells which cast their voices mellow
Across the valley
Ring out with joy,
Or may be the muffled tone
Of them is heard,
Then on the clustering houses
A quietness falls.

At night the darkening sky
Becomes a background
For the lonely, slender outline
Of the tower.
Those whose toil is done
Lie peacefully at rest
Below;
The pinnacles above,
The way to Heaven show.

THE LATE MR. A. E. PARSONS.

OLD HILL RINGER LEAVES £17,000.

The late Mr. Albert E. Parsons, of Old Hill, Staffs, a prominent member of the Worcestershire Association, left estate valued at £17,353 (net £16,532).

He left £100 to William Priest (chauffeur) in recognition of his services, and the residue on trust for his wife for life, and then £250 to augment the income of the curate of Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill; £250 to the dilapidations fund of that church; £500 each to the Scripture Gift Mission and the Church Pastoral Aid Society, and the remainder as to 30 per cent. on trust for his sister, Kate Parsons, for life, then to Holy Trinity, Old Hill, for the dilapidations fund, 30 per cent. upon trust for Charlotte Boliver if still in the service of his wife at her death for life, and then to the Royal Orphanage, Wolverhampton; 15 per cent. on trust for his niece, Enid K. Parsons, for life, with remainder to augment the stipend of the curate of Holy Trinity, Old Hill; 15 per cent. on trust for his niece, Leonora R. Parsons, for life, with remainder to the Church Pastoral Aid Society, and the remaining 10 per cent. on trust for his sister, Miriam Parsons, for life, with remainder to the Scripture Gift Mission.

He directed that on the death of the survivor of his wife and sister Kate his residence and the bulk of his furniture be used as a residence for the curate of Holy Trinity, Old Hill, and that certain furniture be given to Charlotte Boliver.

PORTSEA'S NEW BELLS.

MUNIFICENT GIFT OF BARRON BELL FUND TRUST.

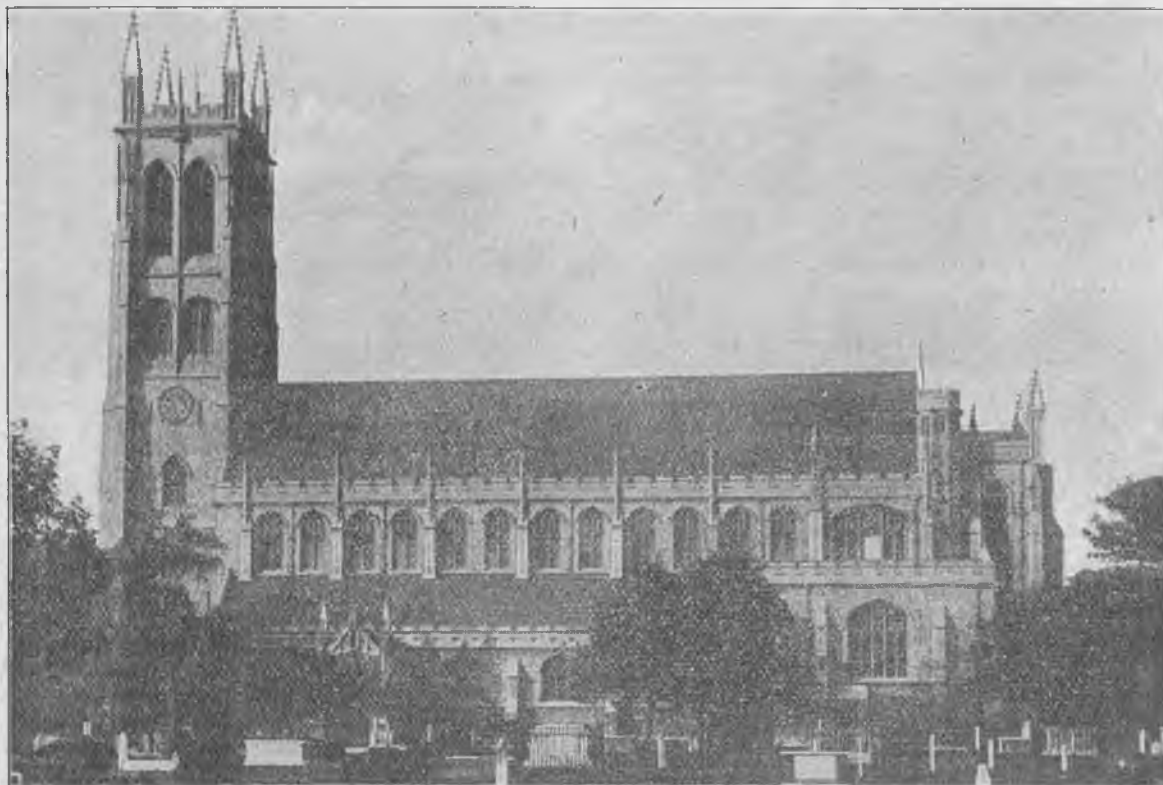
On Saturday, an ideal spring day, a large gathering of ringers was attracted to the dedication and opening of the recast and rehung ring of eight bells at St. Mary's Parish Church, Portsea. The church is one of the largest and most beautiful parish churches in England and has always been considered the 'nursery of future bishops.' The present Archbishop of Canterbury (Most Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, D.D.) was its former Vicar (1896-1901), and he was preceded by the Rev. Canon Edgar Jacob, who was afterwards Bishop of Newcastle and then Bishop of St. Albans. It was whilst he was Vicar of Portsea that the present magnificent structure was erected, the present Archbishop of Canterbury being a curate under him. Yet still another bishop comes from this huge parish; he is the present Bishop of Winchester (Rt. Rev. C. F. Garbett), who was Vicar of Portsea from

other trustees to help to restore the bells. The result was astounding and the offer to completely recast and rehang the bells as a gift was accepted with complete gratitude. The work was entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and has been carried out with their usual complete thoroughness. The new bells have been hung in a new iron frame some 25ft. lower in the tower than the old ring, and are surrounded by a complete soundproof arrangement in the windows. All the sound of the bells has now to go up some 30ft. before reaching the louvres, and the bells thus make less noise in the immediate neighbourhood. All those present at the opening were unanimous in the opinion that the 'go' and tone of the new bells (tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb. in F) is nothing short of excellent.

The inscriptions on the new bells are as follows:—

Treble, 5th, 7th and tenor: 1889. Recast 1933.

2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th: 1764. Recast 1933.



PARISH CHURCH OF

ST. MARY, PORTSEA.

1909-1919). He was first appointed to the Bishopric of Southwark in 1919 and succeeded to the See of Winchester in 1932. The church was always considered to be the future Cathedral of the Diocese of Portsmouth, but it fell to the lot of the ancient Parish Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket to fill this role when the diocese was formed in 1926.

The former ring of eight bells, which did duty from 1889 till 1932, were of a mixed variety. They were taken from the old church and were cast by the Whitechapel Foundry in 1764 as a peal of six. When the present building was completed, a new treble and tenor were added and the old 4th and tenor were recast to complete the octave. So that of the ring of eight the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th were 1764 bells and the remainder 1889. It was during the early summer of last year that it became evident that these bells, which were hung in an oak frame some 70ft. above the ringing chamber, would be unsafe to carry out the duties required of them. The tower was consequently closed for further ringing until such times as financial opportunities presented themselves to restore them. The parish is a very large one, comprising 40,000 souls, and also a very poor one, and it was reluctantly felt that the bells, owing to this, must perforce remain silent for, perhaps, some considerable time. As this tower was considered the home of Surprise ringing in that area of Hampshire (the first peals of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey Surprise Major by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild having been rung here), this was a severe blow to the ringers concerned.

However, things did not work out as expected, and when it was brought to the notice of Mr. F. Hopkins (senior trustee of the Barron Bell Fund Trust), he promised to do his best towards getting the

In addition on the tenor is the inscription:—

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DEDICATION.

The dedication was performed on Saturday by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth (the Ven. H. N. Rodgers), and was attended by ringers from Christchurch, North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, Brighton, Hughton, Crawley, Worthing, Ryde, Ventnor, Godshill, Fareham, Hambledon, Godalming, Guildford, Haslemere, Petersfield, etc. Mr. F. Hopkins (senior trustee of the Barron Bell Fund Trust) was present with his wife, and Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough) represented the bellfounders. A large congregation attended the service, and, following the hymn, 'Jesus, where'er Thy people meet,' the Archdeacon addressed the gathering.

He spoke of the uplifting power of church bells upon the inhabitants of city, towns and villages, their sound being used as a universal expression both of joy and sorrow, as well as many other national feelings. They also played a tremendous part in church life as a reminder, and sometimes as a reproach, to worshippers. St. Mary's was a great church situated in a great city, and its tower, dominating the homes of the city, was, he thought, symbolical in a way of the Church's position. They had assembled that day to dedicate to the

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JOY BELLS AT ELKSTONE.

RESTORATION OF AN ANCIENT RING.

Sunday, April 2nd, was a happy day at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Elkstone, when Bishop Palmer came to dedicate the recast third bell, and gave an inspiring address from the words of the inscription, "All hail."

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. S. Tonkinson), assisted by the Rev. W. C. Curtis, who acted as Bishop's chaplain, and the Rev. H. H. Twcedy, Rector of Miserden.

The large congregation included a representative gathering of ringers from Painswick, Prestbury, Swindon, Minchinhampton, Leckhampton, Badgeworth and Charlton Kings, who were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. F. Blowing and the local band of ringers.

The original appeal was for £103, to thoroughly strengthen the frame and rehanging the bells on ball bearings, but when they came to take down the bells, one of them, which had been recast by Rudhall in 1719, was found to be cracked in the crown. This necessitated recasting.

Elkstone, though, is fortunate in possessing a church of exceptional archaeological interest, being the finest specimen of Norman architecture on the Cotswolds, with a tower built in the 14th century and, moreover, two ancient bells of special interest, they having been originally cast by Rudhall in 1657, during the time of the Interregnum.

This being so, generous support was elicited from many members of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society.

The work of restoration has been carried out with characteristic thoroughness and to entire satisfaction by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the well-known Whitechapel firm.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

SEELY OAK REVISITED AFTER 20 YEARS.

After a lapse of more than 20 years, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham visited St. Mary's Church, Seely Oak, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 1st, for their quarterly meeting. The cause of the long absence was that the bells were not ringable. This reproach has now been removed, for last year the bells were recast and rehanged. The church and ringers are to be congratulated on now possessing a nice musical peal of eight. The ringers, too, are to be commended for the improvements they themselves have made in the ringing chamber. Everything is now nice and clean, and it was particularly pleasing to the older members of the Guild to again visit the tower and note the improvements.

The bells were raised at 3 o'clock and kept going in various methods, ranging from Grandshire Triples to London Surprise Major, until 5 o'clock, when an adjournment was made for tea, at which the curate (the Rev. R. Cooling) presided in the absence of the Vicar, who had another engagement.

A short business meeting followed, the Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.) in the chair. He thanked the members for again electing him Master, and said he would continue to do all he could in the interests of the Guild. He was unable to attend the last annual meeting owing to his engagements at Lincoln.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Castle Bromwich on Saturday, July 1st.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. W. B. Cartwright for making the local arrangements and to the ladies who served tea. Mr. Cartwright, in responding, said it was a real pleasure to do what he could to make the visit enjoyable.

Owing to a special service in the church, ringing had to cease at 7 p.m., so the remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse. One party of four joined in a game of snooker, the Ringing Master and secretary being on opposite sides. The game was a fairly even one, the result depending on potting the black.

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glory of God a gift of great treasure and responsibility, and he hoped that the bells would, as he was sure would be the case, be rung with skill and devotion to God's praise and service. Their own Diocesan Guild of Bellringers was a part of the Church's strength, and he wished it all prosperity in its unique and highly skilful work.

The lesson, taken from Ephesians, was read by the Rev. T. B. Randolph, M.A., and, following the hymn, 'Christ is made the sure Foundation,' the dedication ceremony took place. It was conducted by the Archdeacon, accompanied by the Vicar (Canon G. C. L. Lunt, M.A., M.C.), the churchwardens, clergy, choir and bellringers. Immediately after the ceremony the ringers ascended to the ringing chamber and rang a short touch. The service concluded with the singing of the hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who livest.'

After the service the visiting ringers adjourned to the Church Hall for tea, being the guests of the St. Mary's ringers. At the conclusion the Vicar welcomed the visitors and invited them to try the new bells. He asked them to regard Portsea bellry as being always available to ringers to further strengthen and foster the comradeship of the art. The ringers then visited the tower and rang touches in all the standard methods as well as Superlative, London and Bristol and Spiced Surprise in four methods.

Will all ringers make a note that the tower will be open again for general ringing on Saturday, May 13th,

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 Cocks A. H., Church bells of Buckinghamshire. Q789.5 C6.
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 Madge S., Moulton Church and its bells. 789.5 M1.
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 North T., Church bells of Lincolnshire. 789.5 N1.
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HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Wednesday, March 29th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): L. Houghton 1, H. W. Else 2, C. A. Symonds 3, J. Hare 4, C. V. Hare 5, T. Castle 6, D. Mears 7, L. Fidler (conductor) 8. Rung for Confirmation service, which was held at the Parish Church in the evening.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m., *The Coffee Pot on the 18th (8 p.m.) and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th, at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday at Nottingham. Bells of St. Mary's (10), St. Peter's (10) open from 10.30 a.m. Daybrook (8), 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Basford (8) 6 to 8 p.m. Committee meet 2.45 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d. each) 4.30 p.m., followed by annual general meeting, all at Co-operative Hall, Parliament Street (Derby Road end). Towers closed at 4 p.m. till after meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The 53rd annual general meeting will be held at Chislehurst, on Easter Monday, April 17th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting at the Rectory at 11 a.m. Association Service at 12 noon. Preacher, the Rector, Rev. O. Hardman. Luncheon in the Church Hall, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will also be open during the day: St. Luke's, Bromley (8); SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley (8); Eltham (8); Beckingham (8); St. Mary Cray (6).—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at ST. ALBANS on EASTER MONDAY, April 17th. Abbey bells from 12 noon, St. Peter's bells open at 2 p.m. Those desiring to ring at St. Michael's or St. Stephen's Churches must notify me not later than April 15th, first post. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Address by the Rev. H. O. Cavalier, Vicar of St. Stephen's, St. Albans. Tea in the Abbey Institute at 5.30, price 1s. 6d., followed by annual business meeting. To enable satisfactory arrangements to be made for tea, please notify me not later than April 15th. Notice of motion, Mr. C. H. Horton to move: 'That the association year ends on December 31st, instead of Easter Monday.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—Newbury tower will be open for ringing on Easter Monday, April 17th, from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea 5.30 at 1s. Now ringers is your chance to come and have a ring on Newbury ten. You will be made welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Newbury, Berks.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Crich on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—W. Pigginn, Crich, Matlock.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon (10 bells), on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Swan and Sugar Loaf Hotel. All ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 17th. 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 Bishop in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2, St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), 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.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells (10, tenor 17 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at Abbs Cafe, Khyber Pass, at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 17th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), and 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 Rev. R. E. V. Prichard, M.A., Vicar of Knapton with Paston. 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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 10.30 a.m., and St. Peter De Merton (6) later. Luncheon will be at 1 p.m., to be followed by the usual business meeting. Visitors heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells (8) available all day. For tea please notify Mr. H. Stenton, South Anston, not later than Saturday, April 15th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting Easter Monday, April 17th. Service 2.30 p.m., St. Mary-le-Crypt. Business meeting, 3.15 p.m., Spread Eagle Hotel. Tea, 1s. per head, to follow. For bells available and times, see notice Spread Eagle Hotel. Cathedral bells are not available.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol, 2.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 17th, at Ottery St. Mary. Bells (8) available 11 a.m., also Honiton (6). Service, St. Mary's Church, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, Church Institute. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Easter Tuesday for the joint purpose of meeting the present Vicar, and in honour of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society of Church Bell Ringers, founded in 1883. Bells will be available at 2 o'clock, and the service will be at 4, conducted by the Vicar, who will also give the address. Tea will be provided in the Church Hall at 5 o'clock, price 1s. each.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 22nd. Cathedral bells (8) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; S. Nicolas' (10), 3.15 to 4.15. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 1s. each; business meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, April 18th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, April 22nd. Towers open all day: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6), and St. Margaret's (8), 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 7.30. Committee in St. Matthew's Vestry at 4 p.m. Service in St. Matthew's Church 4.30. Tea (1s. each) in St. Matthew's Church Hall, 5.15. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Clerkenwell, April 22nd. Service at 5 p.m., with organ recital. Preacher, the Bishop of Kensington. Tea at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Cripplegate (12) from 3 to 4.30 p.m., at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8) from 7.30 to 9 p.m., and at St. James, Clerkenwell (8), from 3 to 5 p.m., and after meeting. Please advise either of undersigned for tea by April 19th without fail. A charge of one shilling will be made.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E4; F. W. Goodfellow, 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT.—A quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, at Northowram (near Halifax). Draw 3 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on April 22nd. Bells (10) open at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fort Fields, Dursley, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by April 19th.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Holland on April 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those attending please notify me not later than the 20th inst.?—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. All requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Taylor, Church Road, Overton, by April 18th.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 17th? Oakford (8), Morebath (6), and Huntsham (8) also open.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, nr. Exeter

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lewes on Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Church Hall, 1s. 3d. each, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available again afterwards.—J. M. Cripps, Div. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. The next special practice will be held at Miles Platting, Tuesday, April 25th, commence 8 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller, at The Shrubbery House at 5 p.m. Will all those who hope to be present kindly notify me, without fail by Thursday, April 20th?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Isham (six bells) on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service and unveiling of tablet in memory of Walter T. Wilson, late treasurer of the Guild, at 4.15. A representative attendance from all branches is hoped for. Please let me know by Tuesday previous if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells of St. Andrew's Church available during afternoon and evening. Committee meeting in the vestry at 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Reports will be ready for distribution.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly district meeting will be held at Swanmore on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by April 20th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Drayton (eight bells) on April 22nd. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 19th inst?—R. D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Owing to the present branch secretary shortly removing from Gloucester, a special meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, at St. Mary-de-Lode. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. G. Pritchard. Tea at 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. Business meeting to follow to elect new branch secretary. All ringers welcome. Will those attending and requiring tea kindly notify me by the 19th inst.?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 22nd, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street. A good attendance is hoped for.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by April 19th please. G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Rd., Sandy.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, April 22nd. The bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) open from 2 p.m. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Those who require tea must notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford. All welcome. Good meeting requested.—H. Revill, and Robert W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at 9d. per head. Will members please send me a card not later than Tuesday, 25th? Half-rail fares will be allowed according to rule.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Monday, April 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Advise Mr. F. Sheraton, Hermitage Lodge, Chester-le-Street, for tea. Everybody welcome.—F. Robson and H. Tyson, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 29th. Service in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 8d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts' and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m. All requiring tea please send their names without fail to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 26th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.—A tablet erected by the society in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Parish Church to the memory of the late Mr. J. Thomas Salter will be unveiled on Saturday, April 29th, at 4 p.m., by the Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen, followed by a short service in the church with address by the Rev. J. F. Hastings. Ringers and friends interested are cordially invited to be present. Tea will be provided for all who notify the undersigned by Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available afterwards.—K. Salter, Sec., The Berwyns, Marpool Lane, Kidderminster.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, April 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with address by the Rev. E. H. Rogers, Vicar, at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please notify intention of attending not later than Tuesday, 25th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, April 29th. 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 Wednesday, April 26th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sandford St. Martin, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Great Tew bells (8) available afterwards. For tea please notify by Tuesday, April 25th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Linton on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open 3. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. Please notify me early. Note: This meeting is being held at Linton as Lenham bells are not available. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—All ringers and friends in search of an enjoyable half-day are invited to attend the branch annual meeting at Slough, on Saturday, April 29th. Efforts have been made to make it an outstanding success, and those who like a good tea will be specially welcomed. Full details will appear next week.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upper Pyne, on April 29th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by April 23rd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (13) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Colne, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speidhurst on Saturday, May 6th. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Radwinter on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. per head. Those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) and meeting to follow at the Chapter House nearby. Nominations for general officers and Central Council representatives to be sent to me by April 22nd. Please let me know by Tuesday, May 2nd, numbers for tea without fail.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on May 6th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1/3 to all who notify Mr. W. Bolton, Croftlands, Silverdale, via Carnforth, not later than Wed., May 3rd.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

DEDICATION OF RECAST DUFFIELD RING OF 10 BELLS **SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd, at 3 p.m.**

Will Midland Counties Association Change Ringers try to be present at Duffield Church, as above, when the Lord Bishop of Derby has promised to dedicate the bells, after which ringing will take place? By the kindness of the President of the association and the Vicar and churchwardens of Duffield, a free meat tea will be provided to all ringers and their families or friends. So make it a Whitsuntide outing, and do honour to this old change ringing Mecca!

BIRTHS.

GOODFELLOW.—On April 8th, at Colwyn Nursing Home, Hayes End Road, Hayes, to Grace (nee Baker), wife of F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association, a daughter.

DARBY.—On Saturday, April 8th, at 4, Gaynesford Road, Carshalton, Surrey, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Darby, a daughter.

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MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Sunday morning, April 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: J. Chester 1, W. Wallington 2, R. March 3, E. Measures 4, N. Bolton 5, A. C. Manning (conductor) 6, F. Wallington 7, W. Hector 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, April 9th, at St. Leonard's Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Wright 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, J. Lee 3, E. E. Bish 4, L. Franks 5, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 6, J. Euston 7, S. Gardner 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Wright 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, L. Franks 3, E. E. Bish (conductor) 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman 6, J. Euston 7, S. Gardner 8.

NETHERTON.—At St. Andrew's Church on April 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Prestidge 1, H. Hill 2, A. Prestidge, jun., 3, A. Round 4, H. Hubbard 5, T. A. Townsend 6, A. Prestidge, sen. (conductor) 7, J. H. Davies 8.

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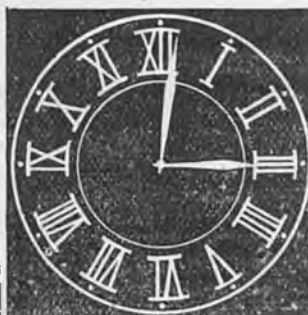
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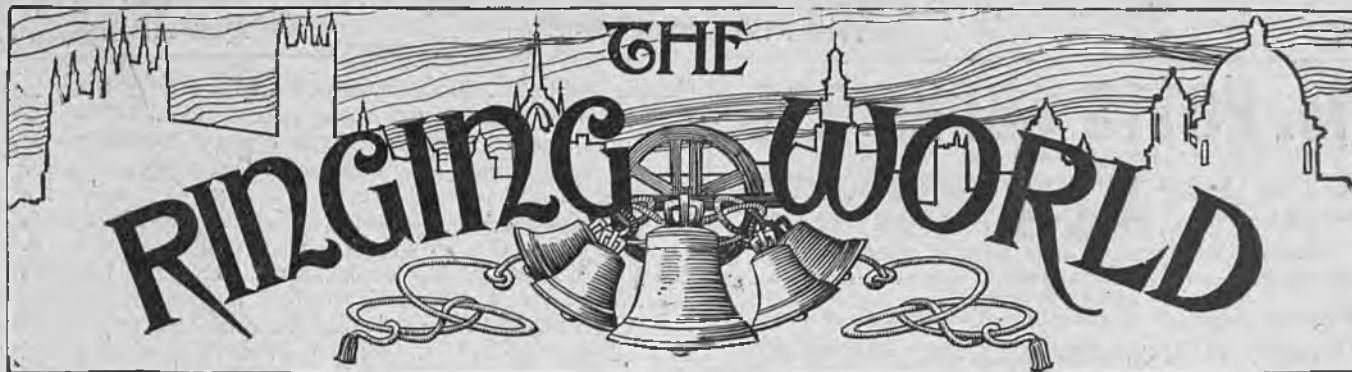
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We know that it will be argued that the capacity of beginners is often limited to one method and that they ought to be encouraged to ring peals even if their ability is confined to this minimum. Also, we shall be asked whether it is any worse for a five or six bell band to restrict their peals to one method than it is, say, for an eight bell band to do so. By all means let young ringers be encouraged to ring a peal in their one method, if that is the limit of their initial capacity; the objection is to their resting satisfied with one method and never doing anything beyond it. That is pure stagnation, and it should be the endeavour of every band to get away from that condition, which eventually leads to decay. Bands whose opportunities of ringing are limited almost wholly to five and six bell methods ought continually to be striving to add to their 'repertory'; indeed, every company, no matter how many bells they have at their disposal, ought to be imbued with this spirit, but there is a difference between the six-bell bands and those who ring on higher numbers. The more bells there are the more difficult, generally speaking, the ringing becomes, method for method. There is, for instance, far more in ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples than in ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles. And if there is little excuse for the company who have rung a peal of Grandsire Triples advancing no further than that method, there is still less

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

HARRY G. FOXELL Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
MISS PAT HOLLOWAY 2	HARRY W. SMITH 8
WILLIAM HIBBERT 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 9
HERBERT LANGDON 4	EDGAR HUMFREY 10
CHARLES PULLEN 5	*JAMES S. NAPPER 11
*MISS STELLA DAVIS 6	*CECIL J. CULLUM Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON

* First peal of Cinques. Miss Davis is the third 'Berkshire gal' to ring Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques in the county. R. T. Hibbert has rung the bells 'round' in this tower, the peals comprising Triples, Caters and Cinques, Major, Royal and Maximus. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Langdon, with all good wishes from the band.

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On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES... .. Treble	ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE 7
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 2	FRANK WEST 8
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A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

C. ERNEST SMITH Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
KEITH HART 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 8
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS 9
KENNETH SNELLING 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURLEY, LEEDS.

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On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

ROBERT THOMAS Treble	GEORGE W. SLACK 5
G. WILFRED SLACK 2	JOHN MARSHALL 6
FRANK SCHOLEFIELD 3	JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD ... 7
*FRED HUTCHINSON 4	LEONARD DRAKE Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

* First peal.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method with 'inside' bell. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the 3rd, 7th and tenor ringers.

WALEDEN, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
†CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
*WILFRED HALLIWELL 3	JOHN POTTER 7
†NORMAN HEAPS 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal of Plain Major. † 25th peal together. Rung on the 44th anniversary of the first peal in the method by the association.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 10, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF WOODBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
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Tenor 20 cwt.

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MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
*JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

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On Saturday, April 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
C. HENRY WEBB 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
TONY PRICE 3	PERCY L. HARRISON 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDBAM 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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EDWIN BARNETT Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
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GEORGE W. FLETCHER 3	LEONARD BAYBUT 7
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS 4	HENRY T. WILLSON Tenor

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 5
*EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
*WILLIAM C. SHUTE 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
CYRIL J. TURNER 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. Rung prior to the Easter Eve service at 6.30 p.m.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JACK M. CRIPPS Treble	OWEN H. GILES 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS ... 7
*HORACE GARDNER 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—At St. Nicholas' Church for morning service on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): C. Gower (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Moy 2, H. Bromfield (first quarter-peal of Caters) 3, J. Harwood 4, W. Lee 5, C. Parnell 6, C. W. Bird (Kettering) 7, R. Tooley 8, E. Kett (conductor) 9, H. Jermy 10.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven 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.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
JOHN P. PELLOE ... 2	*RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell in Stedman. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Melville.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON ... Treble	ROBERT YOUNG ... 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 2	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... 7
*THOMAS BIRD ... 4	CHARLES SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

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

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	JAMES MARTIN ... 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	*C. I. J. MELDRUM ... 6
THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... 7
JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... Treble	ALBERT HOBDEN ... 5
WILFRED BOOTH ... 2	PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... 6
*CHARLES A. LEVETT ... 3	*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 7
ALFRED J. TURNER ... 4	WILLIAM JENNER ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. HOBDEN.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

WALTER FARLEY ... Treble	RICHMOND ROBERTS ... 4
JEFFERY TOSSEL ... 2	GEORGE GILLING ... 5
EDWARD G. NORTON ... 3	EDWARD J. AVERY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*J. BALCOMBE ... Treble	J. BEACH ... 4
*A. HIBSEN ... 2	J. MEDHURST ... 5
*O. F. WILLS ... 3	*A. BRIDGER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. MEDHURST.

* First peal. First as conductor.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

*HERBERT J. BABER ... Treble	JEFFERY TOSSELL ... 4
ERNEST TOSSELL ... 2	EDWARD J. AVERY ... 5
†F. CECIL MOGFORD ... 3	HAROLD E. BLACKER ... Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Also the first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. E. Blacker on his impending departure from his native village, after 15 years' ringing at this church.

CROSSENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	JAMES MARSH ... 4
JOHN BOOTH ... 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 5
FRED HINDLE ... 3	EDWARD BLUNDELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

First peal on the bells.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

HERBERT HOLBROOK ... Treble	*ERIC TYAS ... 4
ERNEST BROOKES ... 2	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... 5
RAYMOND CROSSLAND ... 3	JAMES HILTON SYKES ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HILTON SYKES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ARCHIBALD S. TOSSELAND ... Treble	HORACE PATRICK ... 3
GEORGE W. CLARKE ... 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 4
ERIC J. SARGEANT ... 3	ERIC J. SARGEANT ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC J. SARGEANT.

First attempt for peal as conductor. Rung by the local band.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, April 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT 18, GLISSON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in O.

REV. A. C. BLYTH ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ... 5-6
(Christ's & Selwyn) ... 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 7-8
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4	(Trinity) ... 7-8

Composed by J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus). Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY

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RE-UNION OF OLD FRIENDS AT LEWES, SUSSEX.



At Lewes, Sussex, on Saturday week, a party of old friends who rang peals together 40 years ago met to celebrate the first peal rung by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, on April 8th, 1893.

From left to right (standing): Messrs. B. Hobbs (Eastbourne), K. Hart (Brighton), S. E. Armstrong, who deputised for F. Bennett (Brighton), E. C. Merritt (Brighton), A. J. Turner (Lewes), R. J. Dawe (Lewes). Seated: Messrs. H. Raun (Brighton), J. George (Birmingham), J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) and G. Williams (Eastleigh).

Photo by E. Reeves, Lewes.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH'S GREAT MEETING.

In glorious spring weather the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their quarterly meeting at Buckland Newton on Saturday week. A motor-coach left Weymouth and picked up ringers at Upwey and Dorchester. The journey was made via Pyddletown, where they viewed Waterston House (of Thomas Hardy's novel, 'Far from the madding crowd'), and Pyddlehinton, where they were met and welcomed by the Rector (the Rev. W. G. Newman), who conducted the party over his Parish Church, and where the tower and five old bells were inspected. The journey was continued to Buckland Newton, where several members had met early, for the purpose of obtaining good practice, with the renowned North Dorset 'fans.'

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Field), and the address given by the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey). The church was almost filled, the choir was in attendance, with Mrs. Field at the organ. Tea was partaken of on the Vicarage lawns, and the quarterly meeting followed, a great feature of it being the large representation present. The Devon Guild was represented by Mr. G. C. Woodley (Sidmouth), Bath and Wells by Messrs. L. Davis, W. Laver and W. Osborn (North Cadbury, Somerset). Among those also present were Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of the Devizes Branch), Mrs. Heginbotham and E. Heginbotham (Devizes), and ringers of North Dorset Branch from Bishop's Caudle, Kingston Magna, Hazel Bryan and Long Burton, of Wimborne Branch from Bournemouth, St. John's and St. Peter's, of West Dorset Branch from Bridport, Bradpole and Evershot, and of the local branch from Bradford-Peverell, Buckland-Newton, Dorchester, Sydling, Stratton, Upwey and Wyke Regis. A good number of clergy came with their ringers, and, with honorary members, brought the total up to about 70.

In the absence of the chairman (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant) through indisposition, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) took the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the Revs. F. L. Edwards and C. A. Phillips, and Messrs. W. Bedford, E. Hutchings, W. Hewlett, F. J. Howard, J. Orchard, R. J. Tompkins and H. A. Runyard.

Messrs. V. E. Hussey, Hastings, Middleton and J. W. Taylor were elected hon. members.

Reporting on future meetings, the hon. secretary said an invitation had been received from the Wimborne Branch to attend their quarterly meeting at Wimborne St. Giles', the seat of their president (the Earl of Shaftesbury), on April 22nd. The annual festival would be held at Dorchester St. Peter's on Tuesday, May 16th, a bye meeting, by kind invitation, would be held at Bere Regis, and the next quarterly meeting at Wyke Regis in July, notice of which would appear in due course in 'The Ringing World.'

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WREXHAM, NORTH WALES.—At St. Giles' Parish Church on Sunday, April 9th, for afternoon Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Lea, sen., 1, F. Mitchell 2, P. Cross 3, F. Evans (conductor) 4, J. Capper 5, A. Lea, jun., 6, W. Cathrall 7, A. Hodges 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, April 9th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): H. Ridgway 1, J. A. Green 2, A. N. Wood 3, F. Case 4, L. Smith 5, R. Foddy 6, T. Roberts 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Cambridge for Sunday service at this church.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evensong, the local band rang a course of London Surprise Major: H. Ridgway 1, J. A. Green 2, T. Roberts 3, F. Case 4, L. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, R. Foddy 7, A. J. Green 8. The first course of London by all.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, April 9th, for evening service at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, 1,329 Grandsire Triples in 55 mins.: C. H. Lake 1, J. Osguthorpe 2, G. Lewis 3, T. O'Hara 4, G. Holmes 5, R. Harrison 6, R. Harrison, jun., 7, H. Hurst 8. Composed and conducted by Mr. George Lewis, and rung to celebrate the marriage of his daughter Elsie on the Saturday previous. It contains the 24 6-7's in the handstroke position.

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The secretary commented upon the fact that the chairman had been in the Dorset County Hospital, and they would be pleased to know he was enjoying improved health. Mr. W. Williams (captain of the West Lulworth band) was, he regretted, still in hospital after seven weeks, as the result of serious injuries received when he fell down the belfry steps, after ringing for evensong. The secretary also made feeling reference to the passing of an old member, Mr. T. Page, of Brondwey. He added that he hoped Charnminster bells would be ready by the festival.

The Chairman moved a comprehensive vote of thanks, and especially referred to the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Field for providing the tea and the warm welcome they always received at Buckland Newton.

The Vicar, replying, said it was a pleasure, and they always looked forward to a visit from the Guild.

The Chairman, on behalf of the branch, gave the visitors a hearty welcome.—Mr. G. C. Woodley (Devon Guild) and Mr. C. D. Heginbotham responded. The latter told one of his amusing good stories in dialect. The meeting ended, the members again repaired to the belfry, where excellent practice was obtained until late in the evening. The following methods were rung: Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

RIPON CATHEDRAL BELLS.

GIFT OF A NEW RING OF TEN.

Ripon Cathedral and its bells will no doubt bring back war memories to a large number of ringers, for during 1914-1918 a large training centre for soldiers was established between Ripon town and Studley Royal, and the Cathedral, or Minster as it is known locally, was the venue of many 'church' parades. To the ringing of the bells, playing of bands and skirling of the bagpipes, troops used to parade in the square adjoining the Cathedral before entering for divine service.

The sound of that clanging peal will be heard no more, but in its stead a musical ring of ten bells will ripple forth its melodious tones over the market place and the extensive parish of nearly 50,000 acres.

The former ring was of very mediocre tone and comprised six bells by Lester and Pack, 1761, two by Warner's, 1866, and two by Shaw, of Bradford, dated 1891. The Dean of Ripon, the Very Rev. Charles Mansfield Owen, was desirous of having the peal made more worthy of the fine old Cathedral, and the work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor



THE BELL TOWER AT RIPON CATHEDRAL.

This unusual glimpse of the south-west tower of Ripon Cathedral, containing the new peal of ten bells, reveals some of the beautiful architecture of the exterior of the nave. The photograph is by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

and Co., of Loughborough, who have been associated with so many of the fine peals in the towers of the Cathedrals and other important churches throughout the country. The entire peal has been recast, and in the south-west tower of Ripon Cathedral there is now a grand ring of ten bells, tenor weighing 23 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lb. in E flat, hung with modern fittings in a strong and massive cast iron frame.

The dedication service took place on Saturday, April 8th, by the Dean of Ripon, who was assisted by Canon Tuckey and Canon Garrod, both Canons Residentiary, and also by Canon Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association and Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley), who preached the sermon. Canon Marshall first voiced his appreciation of the opportunity given to him of speaking on the occasion of the dedication of the bells as they came back to the Cathedral tower, and to their ministry in that tower after being recast and rehung in an

entirely new frame. He appreciated the opportunity, because it came to him, not merely as an individual, but rather by virtue of his position as president of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. He referred to the founding of the Yorkshire Association 58 years ago by Jasper Whitfield Snowden, who did so much not only in fostering bell ringing—a peculiarly English Church art—but in advancing the status of change ringers and bringing about much needed bell reform. Canon Marshall said he was particularly grateful that the Dean had not only asked him to preach at that service, as representing the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, but had asked his advice and help in the work undertaken and now accomplished. He went on to speak a word of gratitude to the benefactress of the Cathedral who had made the work possible by her generosity. Any gift which concerned the bells of the churches was a singularly appropriate one, because the bells were so closely connected with the work of the Church and because they sounded forth Sunday by Sunday their message of joy and praise and their witness to the eternal things of life. He said that in the recast bells they had an example of the best that modern bellfounders could give in the accomplishment of their art.

At the conclusion of the service, by kind invitation of the Dean, the visitors were entertained to tea, when speeches were made, Mr. E. Denison Taylor responding to the toast of 'The Bellfounder.'

In addition to the Ripon and local ringers from Sharow, representatives were present from Sheffield Cathedral; St. Michael's, Headingley; St. John's, Darlington; Bradford Cathedral; Selby Abbey; St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough; Kirby Stephen; Saltburn and other towers. The visitors will no doubt treasure the photograph, nicely mounted, of the Dean and Canons with the newly recast bells, which was thoughtfully placed upon each plate at the tea table.

Each of the bells bears the stamp and name of John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and in addition the following inscription appears upon the tenor bell:—

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EDWARD WALLACE WINNER, SECRETARY TO THE CHAPTER.

The handling of the ropes is excellent, and the sound of the bells both inside and outside the tower reveals the wonderful transformation which has been effected in the process of recasting, and the Loughborough firm is to be congratulated in completing the work in a manner so eminently successful.

And thus is added in the County of Broad Acres another glorious peal of ten, other peals from the same foundry being those at Bradford Cathedral; Beverley Minster; St. Mary's, Beverley; Holy Trinity, Hull; St. Giles, Pontefract; Selby Abbey; Rotherham Parish Church; Huddersfield Parish Church; and the noble rings of twelve at York Minster and Leeds Parish Church.

Whilst the restoration of the bells has been taken in hand the clock work has been thoroughly reconstructed, the dial repainted and regilded. This work has been carried out by Mr. Charles Potts, of Marshall Mills, Leeds.

THE LATE MR. EDGAR ERNEST BURGESS.

As already briefly recorded, the death occurred on the 6th inst. at Greenway Avenue, Taunton, of Mr. Edgar Ernest Burgess, at the age of 62 years. The deceased was hon. general secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association for 19 years, retiring in 1925, when members of the association presented him with a watch and also made him a life member in recognition of his valuable services.

The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's Church, Taunton, when a large congregation assembled to show their respect. He was laid to rest in that lovely village churchyard at Selworthy, West Somerset, 28 miles west of Taunton, Selworthy having been his birthplace and where also he learnt to handle a bell. A large number of floral tributes were sent from various organisations to which he had belonged and others he still actively supported, including one from the Diocesan Guild, St. James' Guild, Taunton, and from the Dunster Deanery.

After the interment, Selworthy bells rang out half-muffled, as did the bells of St. James', Taunton, to his favourite method, Stedman. Mr. Burgess, never a great believer in peals, rang altogether 55, conducting one each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The other methods in which he rang peals were Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. He joined the St. James' band, Taunton, in 1894, and rang there regularly up to 1925. He was also a member of St. Andrew's, Rowbarton, Church choir for well over 20 years, and was very seldom absent from his duties.

Mr. Burgess was a bachelor and leaves in bereavement three brothers and two sisters, who have received numerous expressions of sympathy.

DEATH OF VETERAN DORSET RINGER, AN OLD COLLEGE YOUTH.

Mr. Thomas Page, formerly a well-known London ringer, who was elected a member of the Society of College Youths on January 28th, 1868, has just passed peacefully to his rest at the age of 84. Mr. Page was a well-known and highly respected resident of Broadwey, Dorset, where he lived at Summer Close after his retirement from the Railway Clearing House, London.

As an enthusiastic bellringer, he was naturally attracted to Upwey Church, where he was the means of reviving interest in the art of bellringing. He was elected a member of the first Church Council in 1920, and served until failing health prevented him from undertaking the journey. He belonged to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. His name figures on the peal boards in many of the church belfries in London and Dorset.

At the funeral service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. Walder), at Broadwey on Tuesday week, the tower of St. Peter's, Dorchester, was represented by Messrs. J. T. Godwin, G. T. White, W. J. Simons and R. Hayward. Mr. C. H. Jennings, the hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch, was prevented from attending by illness, and sent a message 'Saluting the memory of a true and loyal servant of the Church and a good bellringer.' The bells of Upwey Church were rung half-muffled on the previous Sunday.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Springfield on Saturday, April 8th, when 20 members were present from eight towers. A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Colwyn Hargreaves), who gave a helpful address.

At the business meeting it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Maldon (All Saints') on Saturday, June 10th. The Master of the association referred to the death of the Rev. H. F. de Lisle in Cape Town, and said what a great help he had been to the association in years gone by.—The members stood in silence as a token of respect.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and his warm welcome, and also to the organist for his services and the local band for having everything ready, was passed, and members returned to the tower for further ringing.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—At St. Leonard's Church on April 4th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Welch 1, S. Clark 2, H. Welch 3, P. C. Bonnett 4, P. L. Bazley 5, R. West (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5. First 720 Bob Minor on the bells. All are members of the Staggsden company with the exception of the conductor.

MUFFLED BELLS AT ALSAGER.

On the evening of Monday, April 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled at Christ Church, Alsager, as a token of respect to the late Sir Ernest Craig, Bart., who passed away the previous day.

Sir Ernest was at one time an honorary member of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and took a great interest in the Alsager bells.

The quarter-peal was rung by R. Hodgkinson 1, E. Moseley 2, E. Harper 3, B. Fernyhough 4, J. Brassington 5, E. Peake 6, F. E. Corfield (conductor) 7, R. Moseley 8. First quarter-peal for the ringers of the treble and 2nd, first quarter-peal away from the treble for the ringer of the 6th, and first quarter-peal for the ringer of the 7th as conductor. With the exception of the ringers of the 3rd and 5th, the band consisted of the usual Sunday service ringers.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Recently in your paper Mr. W. A. Cave suggested I was unable to compose a peal of Stedman Triples. My answer is below for what it is worth.

5040

231456	S	H	L	Q
641235	x	x		
542631	x		S.9	
312645	x	x		S.11 x
132654	x			
462135	x	x		
365142	x			x
215364	x	x		
234165	x	x		
614325	x			
435216	x	x	x	
136245	x			x
514236	x	x		x

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

One of Yorkshire's stalwarts, Mr. Sam Thomas, who was cut off in his prime some years ago, is to be commemorated by the restoration and augmentation of the bells at Rammoor Church, Sheffield, where he did much valuable work in the cause of ringing.

Twenty-two years ago last Monday, the record peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 changes) was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne in 8 hours 39 minutes. The tenor was turned in by Mr. James George.

THE BELLS OF MERTON COLLEGE.

FAMOUS PEAL TO BE OF HOURLY USE.

The fine peal of bells in Merton College Chapel, Oxford, which hitherto has been heard only five times a year, has been linked up in an original way with a new time-keeping installation, and will now be heard every hour.

Although a bell is, of course, rung for chapel, the full peal has only been rung on the anniversaries of the King's accession, the King's birthday, the King's coronation, the Queen's birthday and the Prince of Wales' birthday, all of which occur in the summer term.

The bringing into constant use of the bells has been made possible by the installation of 'Synchronome' electric clocks, the first installation of the kind to be made in any Oxford University building.

There was an old clock in the Quadrangle erected by Thwaites, of Clerkenwell, in 1813, sounding ting-tang quarters on bells which were quite unworthy of this, the oldest college in Oxford. After a century of service, it has been scrapped, and the hands of the 5ft. dial are now driven by an electrical impulse dial movement from a Synchronome Master Clock in the Porter's Lodge.

In this system there is no necessary association between the clock and the bells except the electric wire connecting them, and, therefore, Mr. Hope-Jones, M.I.E.E., F.R.A.S., suggested that the fine old bells should be used for quarter chiming and striking, although the chapel tower is some distance away from the clock in the Quadrangle. He recommended the adoption of the Canterbury quarters, partly on account of the close historical association between Merton and Canterbury, but mainly because of their suitability for the bells themselves, which constitute a perfect E flat octave.

The origin of the bells is lost in the mists of antiquity. They are first mentioned in the college accounts of 1238, and Henry de Abyndon, who was Warden of Merton from 1421 to 1437, gave £20 towards a new peal of bells.

In 1657, the existing peal of five ancient bells was melted down and cast into eight bells. These, however, did not prove satisfactory, and were again recast by Christopher Hodson and rehung in 1681, and have remained to this day.

The Westminster quarters are not heard in Oxford. One suspects that this is due to their Cambridge origin, but, whatever the reason, it is a pleasant change to get away from that somewhat hackneyed tune. Undoubtedly the Canterbury chimings are more devotional. They are based upon the eighth Gregorian tone and were composed by the Rev. Canon Holmore, the Precentor of Canterbury, at the request of Dean Farrer in 1897, on the occasion of the celebration of the 13th centenary of the landing of St. Augustine, A.D. 597.

Life has always moved slowly in this seat of learning, and whilst there may be neither the wish nor the need to speed it up, there is no merit in unpunctuality. The clocks' chorus from Oxford towers at each hour is a long drawn out performance, lasting several minutes. It is fitting that the oldest college should provide the solo in this chorus, and impose, in commanding tones, true time measured by a Synchronome pendulum.

A SOMERSET RESTORATION.

TICKENHAM CHURCH BELLS REHUNG.

Tickenham is a little village near Nailsea on the Bristol side of Clevedon, and on Thursday, April 6th, an evening service was held for the rededication of the ring of six bells by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bath and Wells.

Tickenham has an interesting history with its 13th century church and the remains of a cloister which ran to the ancient monastery. The upper story of this ancient building has a magnificent oak roof and has been converted for the use of a sketch club under the leadership of the Rector, the Rev. G. P. Packer, himself a skilful and enthusiastic artist.

After proceeding to the tower for the dedication ceremony, the Archdeacon delivered a striking address, his text being 'I am a man under authority.'

After the service some excellent ringing was shared by Messrs. Bye, Morgan and the Tickenham band, Mr. T. Wyatt (Clapton), representatives from Portishead, Nailsea, Long Ashton, Clapton and Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon.

A pleasant and successful evening was brought to a close with handbell ringing of sundry varieties in another building in the village.

The bells are a ring of six, with a tenor weighing 15 cwt. They have been rehung on ball bearings, the frame has been strengthened and general repairs undertaken by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have carried out most successfully a restoration requiring considerable skill and care.

THE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.**SUDDEN DEATH AT NEWBURY.****COLLAPSE IN THE STREET WHILE LISTENING TO BELLS.**

It is with the very deepest regret that we record the death, under tragically sudden circumstances, on Monday, of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Broadlands, Caversham, Reading, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. His passing removes from our midst another prominent figure whose labours for something like forty years have been devoted to raising the standard of ringing and elevating, in the opinion of both ringers and clergy, the position occupied by the former in their relation with the Church.

In many directions the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn exerted his influence to further the art of ringing, not only in his own diocese of Oxford, where his advice was



THE LATE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

constantly sought by the clergy and diocesan authorities, but outside, where his counsel was welcomed and valued.

His unexpected death will be a great blow to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he had been Master for nearly 24 years, and to the Central Council, of which he was the Honorary Librarian; but he died in harness and while listening with critical ear to the last peal of bells augmented in his diocese.

On Sunday fortnight two new treble bells added to the old octave had been opened and dedicated at Newbury Parish Church. His clerical duties had prevented Mr. Jenkyn attending the service, but on Monday he availed himself of the first opportunity that presented itself of visiting Newbury to hear the new ring of ten. It was the occasion of an 'open' ringing meeting, and a considerable number of ringers availed themselves of the opportunity. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn joined them in the afternoon and appeared to be quite all right. He took part in a touch of Grandsire Caters, in which he rang the second, and when the bells stopped he remarked, 'What a

lovely peal; I must go outside and listen to them.' He got about a hundred yards away from the tower when he collapsed in the street and died in a few moments. Mr. H. W. Curtis, who is hon. secretary of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild, and who had conducted the last touch, is also an ambulance man, saw a crowd collecting, and, on running to the spot, unaware until he arrived who it was that had fallen, was horrified to find that it was Mr. Jenkyn, who had left him at the bottom of the tower only a few moments before.

The tragic event was a great shock to all the ringers assembled at Newbury, and the belfry was, of course, immediately closed.

The Rev. Cyril Walford Osborn Jenkyn was born at East Garston, a Berkshire village, where his father was Rector for a great many years, in 1874, and he had celebrated his 59th birthday on the 8th of this month. He was educated at Marlborough.

Mr. Jenkyn had not been in really good health for some time. During the war he was badly gassed, and during the last two years this experience revealed its unhappy effects. For some time during last winter he suffered from laryngitis, and as a result was unable to attend various functions, but the real trouble lay in a weakened heart. On Good Friday he conducted the three hours' service at one of the Reading churches. On Easter Day he assisted at a very early celebration and was also the celebrant at 8 a.m. service. He rang in the morning at St. Laurence's Church, and with Mrs. Jenkyn attended the service, and in the evening he rang and worshipped at Caversham.

On Monday, up to the time of his fatal seizure, he spent an active day. In the morning, accompanied by Mrs. Jenkyn and his sister, he went by car to the woods near East Garston, which he loved so well, enjoyed their spring beauty in the sunshine and gathered primroses. He returned to Reading, which is more than 20 miles distant, to lunch; listened for a couple of hours to a peal of Stedman Cinques which was in progress at St. Laurence's Church, and then returned to Newbury to hear and try the new bells. He was welcomed to the tower by the assembled ringers, and, in response to inquiries as to his health, said he was feeling better. Having taken part in a three-course touch, he went down to hear the bells from outside, and, as mentioned above, collapsed and died almost at once.

He graduated B.A. at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1895, and was a student at Wells Theological College in 1896. In 1897 he was ordained deacon and became curate of Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks. In the following year he was ordained priest, in 1899 became curate of Witney, and took his degree of M.A. in 1900. He remained at Witney until 1910, when he was appointed chaplain of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, which office he filled up to the time of his death, but from 1915 to 1919 he served as a chaplain of the Forces, reaching the rank of Major. His gallantry in bringing in wounded under fire in the Ypres Salient gained for him the award of the Military Cross in 1916.

In his younger days Mr. Jenkyn was a fine oarsman, and he retained his interest in this sport to the last. For many years he was one of the officials at Henley Regatta, at which he frequently served as a timekeeper. When at Trinity he rowed in his college eight and was awarded his Blue, but did not row in the inter-varsity race, being the reserve man. He remained for the rest of his days a member of the Leander Club and took a keen interest in the Reading Rowing Club, of which he was at one time president.

He took an active interest in Freemasonry and was chaplain of the Caversham Lodge. He had also been Provincial Grand Chaplain of Oxfordshire. Among the public services which he rendered was that of chairman of the Reading Tuberculosis After-Care Committee.

CAMBRIDGE DAYS.

He first learned to handle a bell while quite a boy at East Garston, where there is a little peal of six, and afterwards he got further practice at Lambourne on the ring of eight, but his experience at that time did not extend beyond call changes.

His real interest in ringing began in his Cambridge days, and while at Trinity College he became a member of the Cambridge University Guild, with whom he rang his first peal on April 17th, 1894. It is a sad coincidence that his death took place on the 39th anniversary of this performance. The peal was the first rung by the University Guild on tower bells and took place at Sawston. It was Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James, the others taking part in addition to Mr. Jenkyn being the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the Rev. C. A. Clements, Messrs. G. F. Woodhouse, E. B. James, C. E. Earle Bulwer and W. J. Conybeare. In 1893 Mr. Jenkyn was secretary of the Guild, and in 1894 and again in 1896 was elected Master. Nearly every year from the time of its inception Mr. Jenkyn took part in the annual tour of the University Guild.

In most of his peal ringing Mr. Jenkyn was to be found at the heavy end, and he had rung the tenors at Bow and Southwark to peals, as well as the tenth at St. Paul's Cathedral. He took part in several clerical peals, including one at Darlington and another at Bishop Auckland by eight members of Cambridge University Guild, and the 'first peal on ten bells by ten priests of the Church,'—a peal of Stedman Caters at Warwick in 1910. His last peal, we believe, was rung at Kingston, Dorset, during the Somerset and Dorset tour last year.

The interest in ringing which his Cambridge experiences inspired laid the foundation of the wonderful work which he afterwards did in the diocese of Oxford, and when, in 1909, the Rev. F. E. Robinson passed to his rest, Mr. Jenkyn was elected Master of the Guild, having for two years previously filled the office of Deputy Master. How well he has for the last 24 years discharged those duties is too well known to need any lengthy comment at this moment. From the first Mr. Jenkyn threw himself with wholehearted enthusiasm into the task. He visited every part of the wide scattered diocese, he spent his energies in furthering the objects of the Guild and the interests of the ringers, and as the years went by so the love of the members for their Master grew. His passing will sever a link of friendship which has been strengthened by time, and there will be a deep sense of loss in many a tower to-day.

Apart from the influence which he exerted and the encouragement which he gave throughout the diocese, Mr. Jenkyn was an able administrator, and it was largely through his clear-sighted guidance, which, incidentally, he was only too ready to attribute to others, that the Oxford Guild has reached its present flourishing condition. He was a model chairman and presided over the annual meetings of the Guild with an ability that few could surpass. He had the gift of expressing himself in terse but pointed phrases, and he never wasted words. He was as fond as most ringers of a good peal, but he did not put peal ringing first. He was able to conduct peals, but he was always ready to leave that department of ringing to others. He did far more than this. In his own words at the jubilee gathering of the Guild, he had endeavoured to offer to the Guild and diocese just those gifts which he felt he had and which he wanted to use in the right way.

WORK FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

And it was by the exercise of these gifts that he did so much valuable work in his own diocese and for the Central Council, upon which he served for so many years, having been elected as a representative of the Guild in 1905. While he was Master of the Oxford Guild he lost no opportunity of urging upon church authorities the importance of putting and keeping their bells in order, and, as a result, the number of rings in the diocese which were unringable had been reduced to a very small proportion. Few men, outside those professionally engaged in the bellhanging craft, had more knowledge of the technical side of this work than Mr. Jenkyn, and his advice was sought and accepted by the Oxford Diocesan Advisory Board on all matters relating to church bells.

It was in this capacity as an adviser also that he gave valuable assistance to the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council. For years he had been the hon. librarian, and in this role not only stored the valuable library of the Council in his own house at Caversham, but had acted as its publisher. The office was created in 1913, and Mr. Jenkyn has been the only occupant. It was he who compiled the memorial book containing the names of all the ringers who, as far as could be ascertained, made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. This beautiful volume is now deposited in the library of St. Paul's Cathedral. Mr. Jenkyn also acted as hon. treasurer of the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration Fund, a position which he undertook at the request of the Editor of this journal, before the scheme had been placed before the Council. His help in this capacity was one of the factors which led to the great success of the undertaking.

In August, 1931, Mr. Jenkyn acted as 'padre' of the pilgrimage made by ringers to the Merin Gate, where he conducted the impressive service that will long remain engraved on the memories of those who were privileged to take part in it.

There is no one who has come in contact with the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn who will not mourn his death. He was a man of competence, of tolerance and broadminded views, of courage and of affability.

His life was gentle; and the elements

So mix'd in him, that Nature might stand up

And say to all the world,

'This was a man!'

To the widow, who has been so suddenly bereaved, the whole Exercise will extend its heartfelt sympathy.

The funeral is to take place to-day at the little village of East Garston, near Newbury, at 12.30 o'clock. The Rev. Canon Coleridge will officiate. At the same hour the 'Caversham' Lodge of Freemasons will hold a memorial service at St. Peter's Church, Caversham.

It is requested that all communications in respect of the Central Council's publications and library be, for the present, addressed to the honorary secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

DOVER BELLS TO BE BROADCAST.

The bells of St. Mary's Church and also the Zeebrugge bell, which was presented to Dover by the King of the Belgians, are included in the broadcast which is to take place on St. George's Day (April 23rd) and the anniversary of the Zeebrugge raid in memory of the famous Dover Patrol.

It is understood that the B.B.C. are relaying the broadcast to various parts of the Empire, including Australia.

GLoucester AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION THE DAVIES' MEMORIAL SCHEME.

At the annual general meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, when over 70 members attended, it was resolved to proceed forthwith with the scheme for the memorial at Tewkesbury Abbey to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. In addition to providing £75 towards a Ringers' Chapel, and adding two trebles to complete the ring of twelve bells, it is proposed to tune the existing ten, provided that the Parochial Church Council will be responsible for half the additional cost.

Use was made during Monday of the several peals of bells in Gloucester placed at the disposal of the members, and although it was regrettable that the Cathedral bells were not available, much good has been done by the help of the Mayor of Gloucester, who has obtained the promise that the Dean and Chapter will carefully reconsider a previous ruling and allow more ringing upon the bells. A Ringers' service was held in St. Mary de Crypt Church at 2.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. M. Camus.

At the business meeting, held in the Spread Eagle Hotel, the Master (Mr. J. Gould) presided, supported by Mr. S. Romans (vice-president) and the Rev. Noel Hope.

The Master, in his report, stated that 47 peals had been rung and that a pleasing feature was that 21 conductors had taken part. He congratulated the Minchinhampton Guild upon having rung London Surprise and York Surprise Minor during 1932. He was grateful to the hon. secretary (Mr. E. Guise) for having secured, with the help of other Bristol ringers, a band of Sunday service ringers at Emmanuel Church, Clifton. He also thanked all those who had contributed to the Davies Memorial.

The hon. secretary reported that an objection to ringing had been laid before the Lord Bishop of Bristol, and that his lordship had supported the association in the matter. The hon. secretary urged that all precautions should be taken to avoid any complaint. He also emphasised strongly the need of support to 'The Ringing World.' An appeal on behalf of the journal had been sent to every Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association tower, and he hoped that many members had become new subscribers. The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts showed a successful financial year.

The Central Council representatives gave an interesting report of the meeting at Plymouth last year, Mr. Rose and Mr. Austin giving lengthy reports. Mr. E. Guise, endorsing the reports, stated that the Rules Revision Committee's suggestions were gratifying, as that was the point upon which the association succeeded in 1929. There had been severe criticism through 'The Ringing World' upon the action of the association, but it was somewhat assuring that the critics had, too, realised that revision was necessary.

PROPOSED RETUNING OF TEWKESBURY BELLS.

The report of the Davies Memorial Committee stated that £75 had been handed to the Vicar of Tewkesbury to proceed with the chapel portion of the memorial, and they recommended proceeding with the bells forthwith. They further recommended that the existing ten bells should be tuned and that the association should keep the subscription list open for half the amount of extra money required if Tewkesbury Parochial Church Council provide the other half. The hon. secretary stated that the Memorial Fund had reached £220.

It was unanimously agreed that the whole scheme be proceeded with. A sum of £15 was voted from the association funds towards the £250 and its additional sum for tuning the existing ten bells as a first donation.

Regarding the question of the border lines between the branches, this will be further considered to the best advantage of the association by the branches.

All the officers were re-elected, as were also the Central Council representatives—Messrs. J. Austin, W. Rose, E. Guise and E. Bishop.

For the next annual meeting (in 1934), Cirencester was chosen on Easter Monday, 1934.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. J. M. Camus, Mr. Harris and all those who had helped to make the meeting a success was unanimously passed. Tea and further ringing brought the day to a successful end.

During the meeting the Mayor of Gloucester attended and welcomed the association to Gloucester. He assured the members that all his efforts would be made for the continuance of the old English art of bellringing.

A SCOTTISH QUARTER-PEAL.

On April 4th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Edinburgh, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the back eight (tenor 42½ cwt.): A. Mauran 1, H. Russam 2, W. Heathcote (conductor) 3, M. A. Simpson 4, A. G. Collinson 5, J. Irwin 6, C. R. Raine 7, A. Burman 8. Longest touch by all the ringers except the conductor and A. G. Collinson.

TERCENTENARY OF THOMAS TOMPION.

BELLRINGERS ASSIST IN HONOURING CLOCKMAKER.

There was a distinguished gathering at St. Mary's Church, Northill, Bedfordshire, on Saturday, April 1st, when a memorial plaque was unveiled to Thomas Tompion, 'the father of English watchmaking.' The plaque is the gift of the Clockmakers' Company, and is of marble. It bears beneath the armorial bearings of the Clockmakers the inscription: 'The Worshipful Company of Clockmakers, in the year of their tercentenary, 1931, commemorate their Master of 1704, Thomas Tompion, the Father of English Watchmaking, who was born in this parish and died in 1713, aged 74 years, and was buried in Westminster Abbey. One of those who were honoured in their generation and were glorified in their times.' Under, in Latin, is 'Tempus Rerum Imperator,' or 'Time the ruler of all things.'

The plaque was unveiled by the Master of the Company (Mr. Bernard Kettle) at a special service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Curling Dunn), and an address was given by the Archdeacon of St. Albans, after the Master had delivered an eulogy of the work of Tompion.

Ringing was a feature of the day at Northill. The five bells rang the congregation into church, and, after the service, ringing was continued well into the evening. Ringers were present from Bedford, Biggleswade, Clifton, Everton, Sandy Roxton and Henlow, together with the Northill band Mr. C. J. Hall, district secretary, and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, who also attended as a member of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers.

In Westminster Abbey on the same afternoon Sir Francis Newbolt, Deputy Master of the Clockmakers' Company, laid a wreath on Thomas Tompion's tomb. Tompion was born in Northill in 1649, and began life as a blacksmith, but afterwards became the foremost clock and watchmaker in the country, being appointed Clockmaker to the Royal Observatory when it was founded in 1676.

He would appear also to have done some bellfounding, for it is said that he cast a bell for Northill, while he is also reputed to have made the clock which still marks the hours in Northill Church.

In 1751 George Graham, Tompion's former apprentice and partner, was buried in the same grave in the Abbey.

SPELDHURST BELLS RESTORED.

A DOUBLE SERVICE BY THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

On Friday evening, April 7th, the ring of eight bells at St. Mary's Parish Church, Speldhurst, was rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Rochester.

The fine old church appears to be in perfect condition, and it is interesting to note that one of the churchwardens, Mr. C. W. Powell, J.P., D.L., who is a cousin of the Chief Scout, has been responsible in a great measure for the restorations of the church from time to time, and that his family has had a long association with the church and the bells, the treble bearing the names of two past members of the family some 50 years ago.

For the joint service a full congregation was in attendance, including some 70 candidates for Confirmation. Immediately at the close of the dedication of the bells, the Bishop addressed the candidates and proceeded to their Confirmation. The procession of 40 girls, all dressed in white, headed by the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Masters, as they filed into the church, gave a picturesque touch to a ceremony intimately connected with the bells.

The usual dedication rounds were rung by the local band, and the first touch after the service was a 504 of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Moon, A. Maynard, Still, Turley, Denton, V. Maynard, Collins (of Croydon) and E. Turley, sen. Mr. Cyril Johnston also took part in subsequent ringing, which continued till 9 p.m.

The bells are a peal of eight, with a 13½ cwt. tenor in F sharp. No. 7 has been recast and the whole peal tuned by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the marked improvement in the tone and effect of the peal was the subject of much comment and satisfaction to the village of Speldhurst.

5,120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY A. J. PITMAN, PORT TALBOT, GLAM.

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Repeated.

Has the 6th the extent at home at ten course-ends, and eight times in fifth's.

Rung at St. Mary's, Willesden, on March 21st, 1933, conducted by C. T. Coles.

EASTER BELLS.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Easter Eve, April 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: F. C. Cattermoul 1, H. W. Cooper 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. C. Chandler 5, W. G. Lewis 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, W. W. Webb 8.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks): W. Copperwheat 1, S. G. Robinson 2, F. Stubbs 3, F. Kirk 4, J. Stubbs 5, C. M. Whitney 6, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 7, C. Barker (first quarter-peal) 8.

BENHILTON.—At All Saints' Church on Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Smerdon 1, G. Rayner 2, F. Randall (first in method) 3, C. S. Poole 4, G. Chiverton 5, G. Reed 6, W. C. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Enticknap 1, G. Reed 2, G. Chiverton 3, H. Smerdon 4, E. Enticknap 5, G. Rayner 6, W. C. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Easter Day for evening service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Gayes 1, A. Challinor 2, F. L. Ronan 3, A. V. Rees 4, J. Tipper 5, W. Stevenson 6, J. Worth (conductor) 7, J. Wainwright 8. Rung for the Easter celebrations of the church and also on the occasion of the engagement of Mr. J. Tipper to Miss M. Steele.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—At St. Leonard's Church on Easter Day for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Welch 1, S. L. W. Knott 2, H. Welch 3, A. Welch 4, P. L. Bazley 5, P. C. Bennett (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 360 Bob Minor: S. Clark 1, P. L. Bazley 2, H. Welch 3, A. Welch 4, S. L. W. Knott 5, P. C. Bennett (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor ever rung on the bells for Sunday service by an entirely local band of ringers. The bells were rung for the last time before restoration by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. on Easter Sunday, 1932.

ILMINSTER.—On Easter Day for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: B. Sibley 1, A. Sibley 2, E. White 3, A. J. Sibley 4, V. Crabb 5, F. Hansford 6, G. Sibley (conductor) 7, G. Novell 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church on Easter Day for matins, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. W. T. Ginn 1, D. Adams 2, G. Whybrow 3, C. Robinson 4, M. Ginn 5, R. Thoday 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) in the same method: A. W. T. Ginn 1, C. Robinson 2, F. Ginn 3, G. Whybrow 4, M. Ginn 5, R. Thoday 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Easter Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Walker 1, F. Wheeler 2, H. Taylor (conductor) 3, C. I. J. Pearce 4, H. Edwards 5, E. C. Hughes 6, T. Clarke 7, J. Beasley 8.

WINDSOR.—On Easter Day at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: G. F. Smith 1, E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 2, J. E. Glass 3, H. H. Hillyer 4, T. Smith 5, J. W. Croft 6, L. Stilwell 7, F. Simmonds 8. * First quarter-peal.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church on Easter Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): F. V. Sinkins 1, E. R. Mackrill 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. E. Judd (conductor) 4, W. H. Wood 5, H. C. Cook 6, B. Wiffin 7, C. Hunt 8, E. G. Miles 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

SEVENOAKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church for Easter evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Joan Baker (first quarter) 1, H. J. Ford, sen. 2, W. G. Turley 3, P. G. Turley, sen. (conductor) 4, H. B. Baker 5, S. Comber 6, H. D. Ford 7, H. Comber 8. The band is made up of four fathers, one daughter and three sons, and all are members of the above tower.

RUISLIP.—On Easter Day, at St. Martin's Church, for 7 a.m. service, 1,260 Bob Minor: George Bunce (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, W. Bunce, jun. 3, J. Bunce (first quarter-peal) 4, W. Bunce, sen. 5, Tom Collins (conductor) 6, S. Ewer (covering) 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Harold Ivo (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Bunce, jun. 2, P. Thrift 3, W. Bunce, sen. (conductor) 4, J. Bunce 5, Harry Ivo 6, Tom Collins 7, Fred Collins 8.

NETHERTON.—At St. Andrew's Church on Easter Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: L. Prestidge 1, H. Hill 2, W. Green 3, S. J. Hughes 4, A. Rowley (conductor) 5, A. Prestidge, jun. 6, T. A. Townsend 7, J. H. Davies 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Hubball and Mrs. Lily Round. The bridegroom has long been a much respected member of the Netherton band.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Easter Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Bond (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Withers, sen. 2, J. Withers 3, J. Turner 4, J. Vaughan 5, F. Hobbs 6, A. Chambers (conductor) 7, A. Hobbs 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church on Easter Day for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: J. C. Dean 1, A. Slade 2, E. Sibley 3, L. Farey 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturges 6, W. H. Austin (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks): E. Sibley (conductor) 1, A. Slade 2, H. Hare 3, J. C. Dean 4, W. H. Austin 5, W. Sturges 6, W. R. Parker 7, J. Wilkins 8.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 22nd. Cathedral bells (8) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; S. Nicolas' (10), 3.15 to 4.15. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 1s. each; business meeting afterwards.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, April 22nd. Towers open all day: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6), and St. Margaret's (8), 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 7.30. Committee in St. Matthew's Vestry at 4 p.m. Service in St. Matthew's Church 4.30. Tea (1s. each) in St. Matthew's Church Hall, 5.15. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Clerkenwell, April 22nd. Service at 5 p.m., with organ recital. Preacher, the Bishop of Kensington. Tea at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Cripplegate (12) from 3 to 4.30 p.m., at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8) from 7.30 to 9 p.m., and at St. James, Clerkenwell (8), from 3 to 5 p.m., and after meeting. — C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E4; F. W. Goodfellow, 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT.—A quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, at Northowram (near Halifax). Draw 3 p.m. —L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Holland on April 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. All requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Taylor, Church Road, Overton.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Oakford (8), Morebath (6) and Huntsham (8) also open.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lewes on Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Church Hall, 1s. 3d. each, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available again afterwards.—J. M. Cripps, Div. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. The next special practice will be held at Miles Platting, Tuesday, April 25th, commence 8 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller, at The Shrubbery House at 5 p.m. —B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Isham (six bells) on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service and unveiling of tablet in memory of Walter T. Wilson, late treasurer of the Guild, at 4.15. A representative attendance from all branches is hoped for.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells of St. Andrew's Church available during afternoon and evening. Committee meeting in the vestry at 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Reports will be ready for distribution.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly district meeting will be held at Swanmore on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 22nd, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street. A good attendance is hoped for.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, April 22nd. The bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) open from 2 p.m. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Those who require tea must notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford. All welcome. Good meeting requested.—H. Revill, and Robert W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at St. Giles' on Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing from 3. Tea in Parish Hall at 5. Service at 6. Address by Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, General Secretary of the Guild.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Rd., Sandy.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th, at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at 9d. per head. Will members please send me a card not later than Tuesday, 25th? Half-rail fares will be allowed according to rule.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Advise Mr. F. Sheraton, Hermitage Lodge, Chester-le-Street, for tea. Everybody welcome.—F. Robson and H. Tyson, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 29th. Service in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 8d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts' and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m. All requiring tea please send their names without fail to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 26th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.—A tablet erected by the society in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Parish Church to the memory of the late Mr. J. Thomas Salter will be unveiled on Saturday, April 29th, at 4 p.m., by the Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen, followed by a short service in the church with address by the Rev. J. F. Hastings. Ringers and friends interested are cordially invited to be present. Tea will be provided for all who notify the undersigned by Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available afterwards.—K. Salter, Sec., The Berwyns, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, April 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with address by the Rev. E. H. Rogers, Vicar, at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please notify intention of attending not later than Tuesday, 25th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aldwinkle on Saturday, April 29th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by April 26th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Brede on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, April 29th. 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 Wednesday, April 26th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sandford St. Martin, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Great Tew bells (8) available afterwards. For tea please notify by Tuesday, April 25th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Linton on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open 3. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. Please notify me early. Note: This meeting is being held at Linton as Lenham bells are not available. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upper Pyne, on April 29th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by April 23rd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting of the above branch will be held at Byfield (6) on Saturday, April 29th. Usual arrangements with regard to tea, etc.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wonston on Saturday, April 29th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.45, followed by tea, and business meeting at 4.30 in the Rectory, by kind permission of the Rector. Please let me know if you are coming.—George Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chardstock on Saturday, April 29th. Bell 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify me by April 25th?—C. H. Lathey, Sec., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Tideswell (bells 8) on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Dis. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting has been arranged at Slough on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available: Farnham Royal (8), Stoke Poges (6), 3 to 4 p.m. Slough (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Guild service at St. Mary, Slough, 4.30 p.m. Tea at The Cheshire Cheese, 28, High Street, 5.30 p.m., at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than April 24th. Business meeting to follow.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who will require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 25th?—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. A cordial welcome is extended to all ringers.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Bolton and Wigan Branches at Horwich on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Peter Crook and Norman Brown, Hon. Secs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting.—The society's next meeting will be held at Batley on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. in the Church Rooms.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 7 p.m. All requiring tea please notify me by April 26th.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Kindly let me know for tea for 26th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Green Bank, Bristol 5.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 26th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater Deanery will be held at Moorlinch on Saturday, April 29th. 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.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Peasemore on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. M. Rosier, Peasemore, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, April 26th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (13) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tattenhall on Saturday, April 29th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Those who require tea are particularly asked to notify me not later than the previous Wednesday.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Circular Drive, Chester.

RIPON CATHEDRAL.—Owing to the very limited time allowed for ringing at the recent dedication service of the recast bells, it has been arranged to hold a ringing day on Saturday, April 29th. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 4.45 and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A district meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. It is essential that all those requiring tea send in their names to me, not later than first post on Friday, April 27th. All welcome.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hardington Mandeville on Saturday, April 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea, at 6d. per head, will be provided only for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, April 25th. A good attendance is requested, and please do not forget notice for tea. Method for special practice: Superlative Surprise.—E. Cooper, Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Radwinter on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. per head. Those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) and meeting to follow at the Chapter House nearby. Nominations for general officers and Central Council representatives to be sent to me by April 22nd. Please let me know by Tuesday, May 2nd, numbers for tea without fail.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on May 6th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1/3 to all who notify Mr. W. Bolton, Croftlands, Silverdale, via Carnforth, not later than Wed., May 3rd.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District. —The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 2nd. By kind permission of the Rector, the grounds of the Rectory will be open to members.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, May 3rd, and oblige? Subscriptions for 1933 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Honiton Clyst on Saturday, May 6th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, by May 1st, to M. Powell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A good attendance desired. The local team have lately had instructions in change ringing. Please come and give them encouragement. —C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

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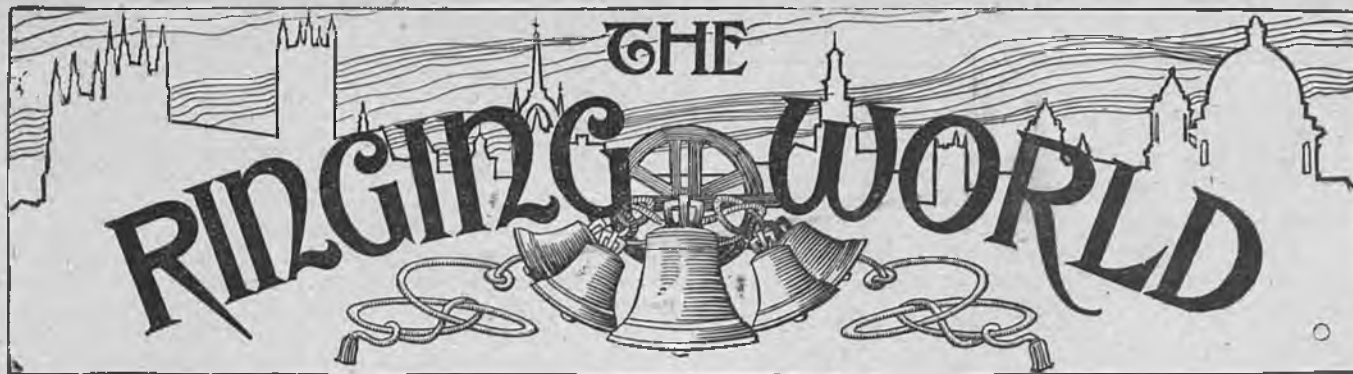
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clergyman. As a Chaplain of the Forces in the war he was loved by the men, and on the field of battle he showed himself equally ready with them to make the sacrifice if need be. For his bravery under fire he wore the Military Cross; his death is directly traceable to his war time experiences. Gassed in the war, his heart was affected, and to-day we mourn the loss of one who in the truest sense was a priest and a man. He has left us a great example. If every ringer could be imbued with something of his keenness and enthusiasm to give of his best in the interests of the art, ringing would reach a far higher standard, and ringers themselves become a more earnest body than they are at present; apathy and indifference would disappear, and the Exercise would take a new lease of life.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
EDWARD JENKINS 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Maximus on the bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Four Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 9
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 5	ALBERT W. COLES 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Maximus as conductor, and has now called peals of Cambridge on all numbers. First peal of Cambridge Maximus on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1933, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 8
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	THOMAS H. REEVES 11
ROBERT MATHEWS 6	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composition by JOHN CARTER.

No bobs were called throughout the peal.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

At the COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*HOWARD HOWELL Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
WILLIAM FISHER 2	BERT HORTON 7
THOMAS HILL 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 8
NORMAN HEAPS 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
SIDNEY ELTON 5	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by T. J. ELTON.

* First peal and first attempt.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

*J. WILLIAM HEATH Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 6
MISS ANY R. JOHNSON 2	JOHN HALL 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	*HAROLD SIRET 8
*FREDERICK G. NURDEN ... 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 9
JAMES HEMMING 5	FRANK SADLER Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Alderman James Hemming, the energetic and popular branch secretary, on his election as alderman for the Hampton Ward of the borough of Evesham. The best thanks of the band are due to Mrs. Hemming for entertaining the ringers to tea after the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GLADWICK, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5048 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WALTER BEAUMONT Treble	JOSEPH OGDEN 5
FRANK BEAUMONT 2	VERNON SYKES 6
JAMES ALBISON 3	HERBERT BARLOW 7
JOSEPH MOWBRAY 4	GEORGE BARLOW Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by G. BARLOW.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Samuel Stott, a ringer at the above church.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 15, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY NEWTON Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
EDGAR G. SWIFT 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble	ALBERT NASH 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... 7
ROGER W. DANIELS 4	COLIN RYDER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first Surprise peal for the association.

PENZANCE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

HENRY WILLIAMS Treble	MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 5
*MISS EILEEN SYMONS 2	JOHN WOOD 6
WILLIAM WOOD 3	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 7
PHILIP J. HITCHENS 4	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First peal on this beautiful new ring by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. A compliment to Dr. J. Symons, president of the Guild, who conducted a peal in this tower 50 years ago (June 4th, 1883). Rung to mark the centenary year of the Oxford Movement, Rev. John Keble, a pioneer of the Movement, having preached in this church on Easter Sunday, 1863, 70 years ago.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 1, cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*W. CYRIL SMITH Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
*MISS K. M. BRAUFORD ... 2	*ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
RONALD H. BOLLIN 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
*GEORGE MARRINER 4	*ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and by the association.

WHITWORTH, ROCHDALE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*HARRY MELLOR Treble	STEPHAN L. PARRY 5
HAROLD HAMER 2	FRED DUNKERLEY 6
ROSE A. BELL 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7
*JOSEPH OGDEN 4	IVAN KAY Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.

* First peal in method and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER STAPLES Treble	GEORGE W. SIMPSON 5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	GEORGE W. MILLS 6
ARTHUR J. FARR 3	HARRY NICHOLS 7
ARTHUR I. HOLMES 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

Rung for the Easter Festival; also a birthday peal for Arthur J. Farr.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	HARRY KILBY 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	WILLIAM H. COLES 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSILL 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as birthday compliments to W. Welling, E. Hancock and the conductor.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 19th, for evensong at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Stock 1, P. Stock 2, Albert Minning 3, J. J. Partridge (conductor) 4, A. Stapleton 5.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*HARRY JOYCE Treble	GEORGE GREEN 5
HENRY KIRTON 2	WILLIAM LINCOLN 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
CHARLES W. BURTON 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by Rev. EARLE BOLWER. Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in C.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Treble	JAMES H. RAPER 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON 2	EDWARD GREENACRE 6
JOHN A. GODFREY 3	WILLIAM J. ELDRED 7
ROBERT E. GREENACRE 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN } ... Tenor
	TONY PRICE }

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung after meeting short for Royal.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
ALFRED BACON 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 6
JAMES H. RAPER 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
JOHN A. GODFREY 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*ALFRED J. WYATT ... Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
JAMES HUNT 2	EDWARD WYATT 6
†ARTHUR H. REED 3	S. GEORGE COLES 7
WILLIAM G. GIGG 4	S. PERCY MERSON Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED J. WYATT.

* 100th peal. † 50th peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	JAMES POWELL 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	GEORGE KING 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	WILLIAM H. HOAD Tenor

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS. Conducted by W. H. HOAD.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE W. ABLITT ... Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 5
DAVID ELLIOTT 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
HARRY D. LISTER 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	HARRY KILBY 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	FRANK CORKE 7
*WILLIAM H. COLES 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paulinus.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
MRS. G. H. CROSS 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT

* 50th peal, and first in the method as conductor.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
JOHN BURLES 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
HARRY HOVERD 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. W. Souter, late of Stowmarket, a member of the local band.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	*ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 5
CHARLES TPIBE 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	WILLIAM P. TICKNER 7
JAMES POWELL 4	WILLIAM WENBAN Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major as conductor. Rung on the eve of the patron saint, St. George. The treble man is aged 77½, and the second 75. The conductor takes this opportunity of congratulating these two 'youngsters' upon their most excellent ringing throughout the peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Illtyd.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN M. SMITH ... Treble	FRANK ROWSELL 5
BENJAMIN J. TOBAY 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
CHARLES H. PERRY 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	EDWARD T. BAILEY Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

Arranged and rung as a wedding peal for the ringers of the treble, Mr. E. M. Smith, who was married at the above church on the 17th inst., this being the nearest date upon which a peal could be arranged, the band wishing him and his bride health and long life and happiness.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	ALBERT E. LAKER 5
* ERNEST W. RAZZELL 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3	CECIL NICE 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	JESSE HARRISON 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	WILFRED EDWARDS 6
EDGAR G. SWIFT 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung with muffled clappers as a memorial to the beloved Master of the Guild, who was laid to rest in his native parish, East Garston, Berks, the previous afternoon.

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

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 4½ cwt.

FRANCIS E. MAY Treble	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 5
FRANK BECKETT 2	GEORGE HORWOOD 6
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of sincere respect for the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	TONY PRICE 5
MISS MARGARET E. REYNOLDS 2	SYDNEY TAYLOR 6
FRANCIS E. MAY 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM 7
JOHN P. PELLOE 4	RICHARD A. POST Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Arranged and rung with half-muffled clappers, at the request of the Vicar, Rev. C. G. D. Oake, as a small tribute to the high esteem in which the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was held.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GREAT KIMBLE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Easter Sunday, April 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-seven 120's of Grandsire and fifteen 120's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN W. RUTLAND Treble	EDWIN D. HUMPHRIES 4
F. CHARLES HUMPHRIES 2	JAMES W. WILKINS 5
HAROLD W. HUMPHRIES 3	HENRY C. JONES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

This is the first peal for ringers of treble, 2, 3 and 4, who belong to the local band, having been instructed in change ringing during the winter by Mr. J. W. Wilkins.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
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.

ALFRED FORD Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
WILLIAM STAPLETON 2	EDWARD FROSSELL 5
REGINALD WEST 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five 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	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 4
PERCY L. JOHNSON 2	DAVID WHITING 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

CHARING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's, with 5-6 the right way. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. HENNIKER Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 4
MISS MARGARET PACK 2	JOSEPH T. PACK 5
MISS GLADYS PACK 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 18 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Bob Doubles. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT WARREN Treble	GEORGE PANNEL 3
* GORDON WARREN 2	ALFRED BIRD 4

ARTHUR RIPPINGALE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR RIPPINGALE.

* First peal. The first peal in three methods by all except the ringer of the third.

TENDRING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's, two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

W. SOUTHGATE Treble	ERNEST DURRANT 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY 2	HORACE A. WRIGHT 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents of Wells, three of London and two of Cambridge, each called differently. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOTT 4
CHARLES W. BURTON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 5
AMBROSE MASON 3	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal in three methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung on the 41st birthday of J. Elliott. At the conclusion of the peal the band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliott.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT NORWICH.

The annual festival of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Norwich on Easter Monday. The ring of bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael-at-Coslany and All Saints' were, by the kind permission of the incumbents, placed at the disposal of the members from 10 a.m. The association recorded with regret that permission had again been refused for the use of the bells at St. John de Sepulchre. Special service was held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Hugh McMullan, M.A.). The lesson was read by the president (Ven. G. M. MacDermott, M.A.), and the address was given by the Rev. Richard E. V. Prichard, M.A., Rector of Knapton-with-Paston, who gave an impressive and inspiring discourse on the text taken from Isaiah xlviii. 6, 'Thou hast heard, see all this: and will not ye declare it?'

After the service the members assembled for luncheon at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, the president (the Archdeacon of Norwich) presiding, supported by the Rev. Hugh McMullan (Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft), the Rev. Richard E. V. Prichard (Rector of Knapton), Mr. Charles E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Messrs. W. L. and W. C. Duffield, and ringers from Aylsham, Attleborough, Buxton, Diss, Fakenham, Great Bentley (Essex), Hethersett, Ipswich, Knapton, Lowestoft, Norwich, Palgrave, Paston, Saxlingham, Wroxham, Wymondham, Great Yarmouth, etc.

The President proposed the toast of 'The King.'

Mr. William C. Duffield, proposing 'The Bishop and Clergy,' said the association owed them a great debt. The association had had a large amount of help from them, and now had some of the very best officers they ever had. It was a great privilege to ring at St. Peter Mancroft, and they thanked the Vicar (Rev. Hugh McMullan) for allowing them year after year the use of his bells on Easter Monday. It was a privilege to ring the bells for service, which was the primary use of the bells, and while the bells were rung regularly for church services he thought the present happy relations of the ringers with the clergy would continue.

Rev. Hugh McMullan, responding, said thanks were not due to him. The boot was on the other foot altogether. It was always a great privilege and pleasure to him to welcome the diocesan ringers there on Easter Monday, and let them have the use of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft as far as ever they wished (applause). Sometimes, however, it did begin to get just a little bit wearisome in his study, and really the noise was that morning so much that he thought it would be better to go to the service than stick in his study (laughter). It was always a pleasure to do anything he could for bellringing in Norwich. There was nothing he appreciated more in their church life and in the great Church of St. Peter Mancroft than those bells, when there was music coming from them and not noise. It was a marvellous inspiration, one he held in the highest regard, and one he should foster with all his power while he was incumbent of that church (applause).

On the motion of the president, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. R. E. V. Prichard for his address at the service, and also to the incumbents of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael-at-Coslany and All Saints' for the use of their bells.

The meeting then proceeded to transact general business. The general secretary and treasurer presented the annual report and balance sheet for the year 1932, which was adopted on the motion of the Rev. H. McMullan, seconded by Mr. W. L. Duffield.

When the next item on the agenda, that of electing the president, was reached, the Archdeacon said: 'It need not be a parson, need it?'

Rev. Hugh McMullan: I am going to stop the Archdeacon talking (laughter). He is all right at times, and all wrong at others (laughter). There is only one person for the office of president, and I propose his re-election.—Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer) seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously and with enthusiasm.

The Archdeacon of Norwich, in acknowledgment, said that anything he could possibly do to further the interests of the association he would be only too glad to accomplish.

The vice-presidents were re-elected on the motion of Mr. A. L. Coleman, seconded by Mr. W. C. Duffield. Mr. Arthur L. Coleman was re-elected general secretary and treasurer, on the motion of Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), who declared that there was only one possible person for that office, and they thanked Mr. Coleman for all he had done for them in the past.—Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (hon. secretary of the East Norfolk Branch) seconded the motion, which was carried. Mr. G. P. Burton was re-elected hon. auditor, and Messrs. C. E. Borrett, A. L. Coleman and F. Nolan Golden representatives on the Central Council.

Miss Helen W. Bill, Messrs. George Bailey, James Taylor, Arthur G. Bason, Albert G. Harrison, Robert W. Cooke and George Love were elected members of the standing committee.

Mr. Richard T. Woodley moved, and Mr. George A. Cooke seconded, a notice of amendment to association Rule III., 'so as to have two elected members from each branch of the association on the elected members of the standing committee.'

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING APPROVES CENTRAL COUNCIL RULES.

Mr. Robert Howard presided at the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association at the Abbey Institute, St. Albans, on April 17th. Prior to the meeting, members attended evensong at St. Albans Abbey, at which an address was given by the Vicar of St. Stephen's, St. Albans (the Rev. H. O. Cavalier).

The following hon. members were elected: Mr. R. G. Cousins (Woodford) and Miss L. M. Wheeler (Enfield Park). Messrs. J. Harrison (Little Mundon), A. E. Rushton (Luton), J. E. Lewis Cockey (Harrow), G. Radford (Kenton) and W. A. Scarratt, F. Steward and R. French (Oxhey) were elected ringing members.

The report of the hon. treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham) was received and adopted, and showed a balance in hand of £15 10s. 4d., as compared with £18 3s. 8d. last year. The Benevolent Fund has £8 6s. 6d. to its credit—an increase of £1 18s. on last year's figure.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

The Hon. Secretary, in his interesting report, said: We are forty-eight to-day. So let us wish ourselves 'Many happy returns.' According to ringing achievements, each year seems to be progressive. Although our number of peals rung is lower, we have to our credit fifty-three upon tower bells, the methods rung being of infinite variety and compositions of high standard. Most noticeable is the number of members who have rung their first in a new method, and others their first peal. Two peals in new methods for the association have been rung at Bushey, viz., Lincolnshire Surprise Major, conducted by Mr. H. G. Cashmore, and Original Major, consisting of 5,760 changes, conducted by Mr. Maurice Hibbert. It is claimed that this peal is the second in the method yet rung, and a footnote to the peal adds that it contains the maximum number of calls yet rung in a peal, viz., 825. We congratulate both conductors and the bands upon this achievement, especially Mr. Hibbert, who has added further proof of his skill as a conductor. A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was also rung at Aldenham, and a peal of Rutland Surprise Major at Bushey Heath, both being the first in the method by the entire band, and rung at the first attempt. The Freemasons' peal of Stedman Caters at St. Peter's, St. Albans, is worthy of mention, because it commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the initiation of Worshipful Brother E. P. Debenham, P.G.D., P.P.G.W., in the Halsey Lodge, and also as a birthday compliment. I feel sure you will join in congratulating the Braubling Society on their first peal of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. Oliver Barnard, and Mr. W. K. North and his band for the peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, conducted by him at Westmill. Six peals have been rung upon handbells, four peals of Bob Major, three conducted by Mr. Ayre, and one by Mr. Rupert Richardson: a peal of Stedman Caters and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major both conducted by Mr. H. G. Cashmore. The latter peal is the outstanding feature of the year. It is the first for the association, and the first ever rung. The long peal of Bob Major, the attempt for which has been notified by our East Herts friends, has not yet been rung; but if optimism is a factor towards success, we shall yet have the pleasure of congratulating our friends in due course. It does not fall to the lot of many to have rung in one tower for fifty years, and for thirty years as leader, but this distinction has fallen to Mr. H. Golding, of the Hemel Hempstead tower. It is a record of which he may worthily be proud, and we offer congratulations to him upon his unique and worthy accomplishment. The report went on to record the loss of several members by death.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Referring to the Central Council, the report stated: It is generally agreed that the Central Council is an important and necessary part of our ringing organisation to-day. It has produced an excellent list of publications, dealing with method construction, collection of peals, bellfy rules, preservation of bells. It has ten committees working in various ways, and one of the most important of these is the Towers and Belfries Committee. The technical and expert knowledge of this committee is at the command of clergy and ringers, and it is ready to give advice on the strains and stresses of moving bells, strength of towers and frames. Those of you who read 'The Ringing World' have been interested in the articles by Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, much of which was a revelation to many. The Council is also observant in answering the outbursts against ringing which is occasionally reported in the Press, and this and many other activities, some of which I have mentioned, (Continued on page 263.)

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This concluded the general business of the meeting, and the members then adjourned to the various belfries.

An interesting 'touch' at St. Peter Mancroft was rung before the service in the morning. This consisted of 264 changes of Grandsire Cinques, and among those taking part were Frederick and William Tillet and Miss Phyllis Tillet—three generations of a celebrated Ipswich family of ringers. Another ringer in this 'touch' was Mr. Robert H. Brundie, also of Ipswich, and an original member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, who has rung at St. Mary-le-Tower with five generations of the Tillet family.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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is work that should be gratefully acknowledged by all affiliated associations. The sub-committee appointed by the Central Council to consider the new schedule of rules has now reported, and these have been published in 'The Ringing World.' As they will come up for discussion at the Central Council's annual general meeting at Whitsun, it may be well to mention the three main changes suggested:—

- (1) The constitution is changed in principle from a Council of individuals to a Council of affiliated societies;
- (2) Representation of territorial and diocesan societies will be in future on a definite limited numerical basis of membership; and
- (3) Societies' affiliation fees will be based on membership and not upon the number of representatives elected to the Council.

The first alteration will place the Central Council in the position of being the central and representative organisation of all ringing associations, a change which will strengthen the whole body of ringing associations.

The second deals with the basis of membership in connection with representation. This rule presents difficulties which are not, however, insurmountable, and can be adjusted in course of time if necessary. The difficulty is in dual membership, but this can be overcome, probably, if the membership is based upon county or diocesan residential qualification.

The third point is in connection with representatives. Hitherto an association, although entitled to send more than one representative, need only send one, and pay for that one only. It is now proposed that whether you send your full quota of representatives to the annual general meeting or not, the fee for each will have to be paid. The incentive of every association will be, I trust, to send its full complement of representatives, but although this may be an impossibility to some by reason of expense, probably representatives may be found willing to go at their own charges.

Continuing the report referred to 'The Ringing World': At the meeting of the Central Council at Plymouth last year, a resolution was passed calling upon all affiliated associations to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of our journal. In endeavouring to carry out this suggestion, a circular was sent to all towers in the county, signed by our president and myself, urging definite action in carrying out the resolution. If the appeal meets with the desired success, the Editor has promised not only a better, but a larger journal. May I appeal for your support of our journal, for a larger circulation would mean greater interest aroused and definite

progress in our art. Personally, I think the chief difficulty for many years has been in the price of the paper. Under present circumstances it cannot be lowered in fairness to the proprietor. Might I suggest, however, that each leader of a tower personally approaches his band upon the question, and forward the result of his enquiries to the Editor. If concerted action could be taken, and the leader became the distributing agent for his tower, I believe the circulation could be increased and also maintained if a reduction in price could be made possible.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

Bellfounders have been busy during the past year in rehanging and renovating various peals. At Tring, Miss Bright, in memory of her parents, has caused the peal to be rehung in ball bearings, and the frame and other appurtenances thoroughly overhauled. This generous act of Miss Bright is greatly appreciated by the parishioners, especially the ringers.

After referring to the work of the districts the report went on to say: Interest in our benevolent fund is gathering, and this is due to our district secretaries having discussed the question at their meetings. Although every tower was circularised when the scheme was launched, in some places its existence appeared to be unknown. The horizon is certainly clearer, for which we are thankful, and we look forward to the future without misgivings. The report concluded with thanks to the clergy, the hon. members and districts.

The report was read by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) and adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. C. H. Horton, it was decided 'that the financial year of the association end at 31st December instead of at Easter.'

The new draft rules of the Central Council were unanimously approved.

Mr. A. Shepherd (Hatfield) was elected president of the association for the ensuing year, and thanks were expressed to the retiring president (Mr. R. Howard) for his services.

Other officers were elected as follows. Hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. P. Debenham; hon. librarian, Mr. G. 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 W. Ayre, the latter being also elected representative on the Central Council.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Rev. H. O. Cavalier for his address, and to the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Albans, and St. Michael's, St. Albans, and the Dean of St. Albans for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for their services.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We regret that pressure on our space compels us to hold over a number of reports. They will appear in due course.

The new tenor bell for the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London, was recast at the Croydon Bell Foundry on Wednesday in the presence of a distinguished gathering.

The marriage will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Cold-Ash-ton, to-morrow, of Mr. Stephen H. Wood (son of Canon and Mrs. G. R. Wood) and Miss Margaret Mary Lennon.

For the second time in history 35 Minor methods have been spliced into one peal of seven true extents. This was rung on Saturday at Chelford, Cheshire, and the band are to be congratulated upon a wonderful performance. For five of the band it was the first peal in 35 methods, and for the other it was the first peal in this number of methods away from the treble. The first peal in 35 methods was rung at Norbury, Cheshire, in 1923.

Mr. William Pye has now rung peals in 500 different towers, completing this number at Leeds on Easter Monday. With his brother, Mr. G. R. Pye, he has rung twelve-bell peals in 41 towers, whilst Mr. C. T. Coles has rung peals in 40 twelve-bell towers.

A new ringing society has been formed—the N.O.P.G. If readers cannot guess what these initials stand for, there is a report in another column which will enlighten them.

Mr. J. Hemming, secretary of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, has been elected an alderman on the Borough Council of Evesham.

Mr. William Bishop, who joined the Parish Church choir at Little Milton, Oxfordshire, in 1857, and became one of the bellringers ten years later, is still an active member of both organisations. He has thus been a chorister for 75 years, and a ringer for 65.

Congratulations from a large circle of friends will be extended to-morrow to Mr. William Arthur (affectionately known as 'Billy') Hughes, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, on his coming of age.

At the annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association on Easter Monday Mr. William Short, who for a great number of years has rendered immense service to ringing in the West Midlands, was elected Ringing Master and vice-president.

We regret to state that Mrs. Wilford, wife of Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, is seriously ill, and has had to undergo a severe operation. Mr. and Mrs. Wilford's many friends will wish her a speedy recovery.

The peal at Dartford on Saturday was originally arranged to commemorate the centenary of Richard Trevethick, the great engineer and inventor, who is buried in Dartford Churchyard. William Souter was to have taken part in the peal, but died suddenly on Easter Monday, and was buried at Stowmarket on Saturday, so that the peal was rung muffled to his and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's memory. Mr. William Souter was a nephew of the late Mr. John Souter, of Diss.

CLOCK CHIMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was very glad to read in your issue of last week that the bells of Merton College, Oxford, are to be used for the clock chimes, and hope that this is the precursor of more ringing of these bells.

The chimes of the Oxford clocks are many and varied, the most remarkable being those of Magdalen and the old St. Martin's tower at Carfax, the latter being a very clever adaptation of the first five bells of a ring of six, the tenor being used for striking the hour only.

But the Westminster chimes are heard in Oxford in the old Saxon tower of St. Michael's, where there is an unringable peal of six, and are also attempted on a set of tubes hung in the campanile of another church.

I quite agree that it is a pity that the Westminster or Cambridge chimes (beautiful as they are) are so frequently used. In Truro, for instance, the Cathedral and the town clocks, situated quite close to each other, each strike the Westminster chimes in a different key. The Cathedral lost an opportunity, I think, when its clock was installed, not to have found someone to have composed special chimes for it. I rather welcome the old 'ting tang,' or as it strikes on the clock of the Community of the Epiphany in my parish on three little bells. Or again, what could be finer than those two glorious notes which sound each quarter from the south-west tower of St. Paul's?

W. H. R. TREWHELLA.

St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.

FIFTY PEALS AT 14.

Master Edwin A. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent, although only 14 years of age, has now rung fifty peals, including 20 in Surprise methods, one of which was in four methods spliced. Here is the list: Grandsire Triples 5, Union Triples 1, Stedman Triples 8, Bob Major 6 (conducted 1), Double Norwich Major 6, Double Oxford Major 1, Northfleet Little Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 2 (conducted 1), Cambridge Surprise Major 7 (conducted 1), New Cambridge Surprise 2 (conducted 1), Superlative Surprise 6 (conducted 1), London Surprise 3, Bristol Surprise 1, four Spliced Surprise 1; total 50 (conducted 5).

FUNERAL OF THE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN **IMPRESSIVE SERVICE AT VILLAGE CHURCH.**

The funeral of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, at East Garston, on Friday, was a remarkable demonstration of the love and esteem in which the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held. Ringers came from many parts of England, and in such numbers that the little church could not seat all the congregation.

The tiny village of East Garston lies amid the Berkshire Downs, and the central tower of its ancient church rises like a protecting bulwark over the little cluster of cottages. It was here that the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was born, and in this church he was baptised. Here he first learned to ring a bell and, remarkable coincidence, it was to this church he came on the very day of his death. On the morning after Easter Day he visited the place of his childhood and the spot which held for him so many hallowed memories. It was here that his body was laid to rest, here in the peace of the countryside that many of his friends took farewell of him for a time, and here, too, we think, many of those who are left to carry on the work which he had so long and so ably guided must have determined that for his sake there must be no slackening of effort and no dimming of enthusiasm.

Those who came to pay their last tribute of respect assembled to the sound of muffled bells, the little peal of six having only the tenor open at back stroke. The church rapidly filled by the constant stream of arrivals, who took their seats while soft music from the organ stole through the building, which still bore its Easter decorations. Then the choir and clergy, Canon G. F. Coleridge and Bishop Shaw, of Oxford, in the rear of the procession, passed from the vestry to the entrance to meet the funeral cortege. They re-entered the church while the opening sentences of the burial office were recited, and then the first hymn, 'Jesus lives!' struck the keynote of the service. It was a reminder of life and not of death. Bishop Shaw read the lesson from Corinthians xx., and the 23rd Psalm was sung. The other hymns were 'Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heav'n and voices raise,' and 'Praise to the Holiest in the height.' Prayers were offered by the Rector, and before the cortege left the church the 'Nunc Dimittis' was chanted.

Then from the dim interior to the spring sunshine slowly the procession made its way to the grave, lined with primroses and banked with most beautiful flowers, placed there as tokens of love and sympathy. Amid a silence, unbroken by any sound except the lowing of cattle, Canon Coleridge recited the committal prayers and Bishop Shaw pronounced the Benediction. A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung over the open grave by a representative company: W. Hibbert (Oxford Diocesan Guild and Ancient Society of College Youths) 1-2, W. Pye (Middlesex County Association) 3-4, E. H. Lewis (Central Council and Cambridge University Guild) 5-6, A. H. Pulling (Guildford Diocesan Guild and Royal Cumberland Youths) 7-8, W. A. Cave (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association) 9-10. Thus ended a most impressive service. The setting of this last scene was one of peace, amid the promise of life, for spring was in the sunshine, in the bursting trees and hedgerows and in the flowers. And there we left, enfolded in the bosom of the Downs which knew him as a boy and which he loved so well, all that was mortal of Cyril Walford Osborn Jenkyn, priest. To him, at any rate, has the Master said, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord.'

A REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Jenkyn (widow), Miss Florence Jenkyn and Miss Constance Jenkyn (sisters). They were accompanied by Dr. R. M. H. Walford (cousin) and Mrs. Walford, Mr. D. Kilburn (cousin), Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thomas and the Misses Mason. There were more than three hundred people present, among them being Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Council), Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer), and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (Cambridge University Guild and Ely Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. M. Atkins (Cambridge University Guild and Peterborough Diocesan Association), Mr. E. A. Young, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. H. Langdon (Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. J. Parker (Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president) and Mr. W. Willson (vice-president, Midland Counties Association), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (vice-president) and Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. F. Perrons (Warwickshire Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. sec.), and Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. sec., Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), Mr. W. Pye (Master), Mr. G. R. Pye and Mr. E. A. Pye (Middlesex County Association), Mr. E. J. Butler (district sec., Essex Association), Mr. G. Williams (Master) and Mr. G. Pullinger (Southampton district secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. E. Bishop (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon). Officials of the Oxford Guild present included Mr. A. D.

Barker (hon. secretary, East Berks and South Bucks Branch), Mr. W. Evetts (hon. secretary, Witney and Woodstock Branch), Mr. R. Gilling (hon. secretary, Vale of White Horse Branch), Rev. H. P. Bown (chairman of the South Oxon Branch), Mr. E. Pearson (hon. secretary of the Banbury Branch), Mr. W. J. Paice (hon. secretary, Sonning Deanery Branch), Mr. E. G. Foster (hon. secretary, Reading Branch), Rev. B. Girling (chairman, North Berks Branch), Messrs. A. D. Cullum, G. Essex, J. Hands and C. J. D. Cullum, represented St. Peter's Society, Caversham; Mr. W. Hibbert and Miss P. Holloway (St. Laurence's, Reading), and Dr. J. L. Joyce (St. Mary's, Reading).

Others included Mr. J. Swain, Mrs. R. T. Hibbert (Reading), Mr. W. Evans, Superintendent A. Wiggins, Dr. S. H. Chyney, Mr. Ernest Ravenscroft, F.R.I.B.A. (diocesan surveyor), Mrs. Hopgood, Miss Hopgood, Mr. H. G. Barnes (Tilehurst), Mr. E. Humfrey, Mrs. Gilbert Bowles, Mr. A. H. Kendall and Mr. R. P. Lunn (Caversham Lodge of Freemasons), Mr. W. C. Harvey, Mr. T. W. Palmer (Theale), Canon M. Norris (Twyford), Miss Eleanor Norris (Twyford), Mrs. Paddon Smith and Miss B. Smith (Birmingham), Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Miss V. Robinson (Wokingham), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock (Abingdon), Mrs. A. D. Barker (Slough), Mr. O. W. Porter and Mr. W. G. Wicks (Shiplake), Mr. F. Neile (Bicester), Rev. St. George Edwards (Checkendon), Major and Mrs. Cuningham,

VALE.

REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN, PRIEST AND RINGER.

Obit April 17th, 1933.

Cold is the hand, so honest and so true.
Frozen the heart that now had beat so warm.
Done! all the good that one good man can do
Come shine or storm.

* * *
To hold the torch aloft from year to year,
Like Mercury—spread knowledge as he ran,
In peal or pulpit to inspire and cheer
His fellow-man.

* * *
No need to mourn in deep Cimmerian gloom,
Nor let oblivion change our Day to Night.
Such souls as his are not within the tomb,
They walk in Light.

W. W.

Mrs. Kelly, Rev. D. J. Amies (Vicar of Northbourne), Rev. A. W. Batchelor (Rector of Launton), Mrs. Newhouse, Mr. H. F. P. Newhouse, Mr. G. G. T. Newhouse, Miss N. Howard, Miss D. Howard, Miss Fox (Chinnor), Lieut.-Col. A. S. Wedderburn, Mrs. Ernest Bishop (Swindon), Mr. Geoffrey Beale, Mr. Reginald Beale, Alderman C. A. Hawker, Mr. H. W. Curtis (Newbury), Mr. A. H. Brown (Thatcham), Rev. A. L. Whitfield, Mr. J. Aberly (Englefeld), Miss S. Davis and Mr. W. Matthews (Buckleybury), Capt. A. E. Reeves (late general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) (Bradfield), Mr. C. A. Denton, Mrs. Leeke, Misses Leeke, Mr. F. Pounds, Mr. A. Pocock, Mr. E. Woodbridge, Mrs. Barrett (East Garston), Mr. Alfred Harris (Welford), Rev. C. H. Mandel Jones (Eastbury), Miss W. Kennard (Lambourn), Mrs. H. L. Puxley (Farnborough), Miss Wroughton (Chaddlesworth), Rev. A. Ogle, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hibbert, Mr. G. J. Hibbert, Miss Lowe (East Hsley), Rev. H. Wardley King, Mr. E. Little (Hungerford Church Lads' Brigade), Rev. J. Cecil Cohen, Mr. J. E. Pryor, Mr. Cecil Hitchman, Mr. W. Hitchman, Mr. Rice (Harwell), Miss Walker, Canon Long (Wokingham), Mrs. Cole (Benson), Mr. S. Taylor (Oxford), Mr. G. Holifield, sen., Mr. G. Holifield, jun., and Mr. R. White (Appleton), Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley (Adderbury), Rev. T. Elliott Wigg (High Wycombe), Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Woodley, Mr. Jack Woodley (Basingstoke), Miss Ratcliffe (Cirencester), Canon and Mrs. Cunningham (Winchester), Mr. W. Taylor, Mr. G. R. Tyer, etc.

Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, one of the earliest friends of Mr. Jenkyn at Cambridge, deeply deplored his unavoidable absence from East Garston, no train being available to enable him to arrive in time.

THE FLOWERS.

The floral tributes numbered over a hundred, and included, in addition to the flowers from the family, Miss Osborn Jenkyn, the Misses Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar, Kilburn; wreaths, etc., from the Central Council of Church Bellringers; Oxford Diocesan Guild; Oxford Society, Oxford City and District Branch; Rev. H. Wilder and Bradfield Deanery Branch; North Berks Branch; Central Bucks Branch; East Berks and South Bucks Branch; North Bucks Branch; Reading Branch; Bicester Deanery Branch; Vale of White Horse Branch; Newbury Branch; Witney and Woodstock Branch; ringers of St. Peter's, Caversham; St. Laurence's ringers, Reading; hon. treasurer of the Guild, East Hsley church bellringers; St. Mary's ringers, Witney; Waltham St. Lawrence ringers; bellringers, Parish Church, Henley-on-Thames; Newbury Parish Church bellringers; Bucklebury

bellringers; ringers of All Saints', Wokingham; ringers of East Garston Parish Church; Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Lewis; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. James Parker; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston and family and the ringing members of the Croydon Foundry staff; the governors of Queen Anne's School, Caversham; headmistress and staff, Queen Anne's School; Old Girls of Queen Anne's School; girls of Queen Anne's School; the outside staff of Queen Anne's School; Caversham District Girl Guides' Association; Caversham Mothers' Union; chairman and members of executive committee, Reading Tuberculosis Dispensary Care Association; the Worshipful Master, officers and brethren of Caversham Lodge of Freemasons; Caversham Cricket Club, Queen Victoria Institute, Abbott's Walk; members of St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Caversham Choir and Club; Federation of Girls' Clubs Competitions; committee and members of Guild of Brave (Reading Branch); parishioners of East Garston; his godson, Timothy; his goddaughter, Rosamund; Brigadier-General and Mrs. Gilbert Bowles; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. Scrymgeour Wedderburn; Mrs. F. Edward Robinson and the Misses Robinson; the Misses Hart Davies; Dr. G. H. and Miss S. Cheyney; Dr. and Mrs. W. Vernon Shaw; Canon and Mrs. J. G. Tuckey; Rev. and Mrs. Morgan W. Thomas; Lady Mary Bevan; the Rector of Taplow; Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred A. Ferris; Dr. C. A. Lupton; E. M. and E. B. M.; Joan and Geoffrey W. G. Beale; Mrs. Bertram R. Beale; Hugh and Aileen Beale; Edward, Nina and Eleanor Norris; Miss A. Holmes; Nora and Ruth; Miss Turner; Margaret Cogill; in loving memory, R.I.P.: Mrs. Bickley; 'From a Bucklebury Garden'; Mark and Alice Thomas and family; Mrs. Powell and Dot; Angus McIntyre; Mrs. Kennard and family; Mrs. and Misses Wroughton; May; Reginald; Peggy, Molly and Betty; Hilary and Jean; Barbara and Joyce James; Miss Parker; the maids at Broadlands; Miss Sankey; Alex and Constance; Mr. and Mrs. Dean and daughters; Stanley and Kitty; Fred and the girls; Miss Radcliffe; Meynell and Mickey; Lillian; Mrs. H. A. Senly and Mrs. A. N. McIntyre; Mr. Clive O. B. Beale; Miss O. W. Lloyd and Miss D. G. Lushington; Miss Campbell and Miss Una Campbell; Katharine; Marwood; Ella and Maud Walford; Bernard Walford; C. R. S. Beale; A. Phillips; Mrs. Alston; etc. Many nameless bunches of flowers were also laid on the grave.

CARRYING ON.

At the annual committee meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which was held at Reading on Saturday last, and which was attended by 61 representatives of the fifteen branches, Canon G. F. Coleridge was asked to take the chair.

In a few sad sentences he referred to the irreparable loss the Guild had sustained. He said if the late Master could speak to the meeting he would say, 'Carry on,' and he personally was prepared and determined to do all he could to further the progress of the Guild as Mr. Jenkyn would have wished.

Canon Coleridge was asked, and consented, to act as Master until the annual festival, 1933, which (D.V.) will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th.

The usual routine of business was carried through, but it was a very sad committee meeting compared with those of the past few years.

At meetings of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Sussex County Association, on Saturday, votes of sympathy were passed with the widow and relatives of the late Mr. Jenkyn.

At the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association reference to his death was made by the Bishop of Kensington in his sermon, and the hymn, 'On the Resurrection Morning,' was sung in the course of the service. At the business meeting a vote of condolence with Mrs. Jenkyn and the Oxford Diocesan Guild was passed in silence.

The bells at many churches in the diocese of Oxford were rung muffled as a mark of respect. In addition to the ringing at East Garston, the bells of Newbury Parish Church, which Mr. Jenkyn was visiting when he died, were rung muffled immediately after the funeral and again in the evening.

At St. Mary's Church, Reading, with the bells muffled as a token of deep respect, after the funeral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by Reading and Tilehurst members of the Oxford Guild: H. Goodger 1, Miss Pat Holloway 2, H. W. Smith 3, C. Pullen 4, R. N. Runham 5, J. Swain 6, E. Humphrey (conductor) 7, W. Evans 8.

At Newport Pagnell, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: R. Abrahams 1, F. C. Tompkins 2, G. Boon 3, H. C. Beard (conductor) 4, J. Mapley 5, E. Lathall 6, W. F. Smith 7, C. Checkley (first quarter) 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Beaconsfield, Bucks, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), with muffled clappers: W. H. Fletcher 1, E. G. Smith 2, J. Harrison 3, Frank Buckland 4, W. Edwards 5, James Blackmore 6, Richard Buckland 7, H. Wingrove (conductor) 8.

In memory of their beloved Master, on Friday evening, at St. Mary's, Banbury, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Higham 1, W. Watson 2, E. Pearson 3, J. Simons 4, T. Impey 5, W. Tandy 6, H. Impey (conductor) 7, W. Aston 8.

At Bicester, Oxon, on Friday evening, with the bells muffled, 720 Grandsire Doubles (1,2 leading): W. Keays 1, H. Wilson 2, T. Ward

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HALIFAX ASSOCIATION CONTEST,

ONLY TWO TEAMS ENTER.

A quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association were held at St. Matthew's Church, Northowram, on Saturday. It is a pity more interest is not taken in the eight-bell contests. Northowram possesses one of the best peals in the country, installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1913, with tenor just short of 16 cwt., but only two sets entered the contest. The entrants were Earlsheaton and Liversedge, and 704 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung with three leads practice.

An excellent tea was provided, and was followed by the meeting, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham) president, occupied the chair.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Canon G. Watkinson, M.A., the Vicar, for use of the bells, and Mr. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe), seconded.

It was through Canon Watkinson's generosity that the bells were installed, and the ringers would appreciate many more of the Vicars if they took as much interest in them as Canon Watkinson does. He was amongst the ringers all the afternoon.

In reply to the vote of thanks, the Vicar thanked the association for their kind words. He said he could see several old gentlemen amongst them. Ministers, he added, lived long because they lived well. He thought the same applied to ringers, as they did a good church work. Canon Watkinson said he hoped to see them at Northowram again before long, and he would offer a set of medals to be rung for at the next contest to be held there.

Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford), who acted as judge for the sixtieth time, gave the result of the ringing: Earlsheaton 263 faults, penalty nil; Liversedge 250 faults, penalty nil.

The Vicar then presented the cup to Mr. F. Hodgson, the Liversedge conductor, and congratulated the band on their ringing.—Mr. Hodgson replied.

A vote of thanks to judge and chairman closed a very good meeting.

MEMORIAL TOUCHES

(Continued from previous column.)

3, F. Neale (conductor) 4, B. Cox 5, C. Kinch 6, H. Hatfield 7, T. Clifton 8. Longest touch by ringers of 2 and 3.

At Faringdon, Berks, on Friday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Walker 1, F. Wheeler 2, H. Taylor 3, H. Edwards 4, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 5, F. Whip 6, E. C. Hughes 7, J. Beasley 8.

At Great Coxwell, the five bells were rung muffled on Friday night.

A fully-muffled 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung upon the bells of the Parish Church, Launton, on Friday, as a token of respect to the late Master: J. Marriott, jun., 1, H. Foster 2, T. Marriott 3, H. Gregory 4, J. Marriott, sen., 5, F. Sharpe (conductor) 6.

At Bucklebury Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins. was rung in memory of the late Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn: Miss S. Davis 1, W. Wigmore 2, Miss R. Hazell 3, Miss E. Mathews 4, S. Chapman 5, C. Pearce 6, J. Hazell 7, A. Hawkins 8. Composed by W. Mathews, of Bucklebury, and conducted by Miss Stella Davis.

On Thursday, April 20th, by kind permission of the Very Rev. H. J. White, M.A., Dean of Christ Church, the Oxford Society met at the Cathedral to pay homage to a fellow-member and beloved friend in the person of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. The bells were rung with half-muffled clappers to Stedman Cinques for an hour, the following members being present: Miss M. E. Reynolds, Messrs. S. Haunslew, W. Stone, V. J. Bennett, W. H. B. Wilkins, W. Simmonds, W. F. Judge, G. Horwood, E. A. Post, W. G. Brigham, W. Blake, S. Taylor, F. A. Wilkins, F. E. Taylor, F. E. May and A. Gammon.

At St. Michael's Church, Bray, Berks, on Sunday evening after evensong, April 23rd, as a last token of respect to the esteemed late Ringing Master of the Guild, a fully-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: David B. Hart 1, W. J. Blackall 2, C. A. Gilder 3, B. G. Ludlow 4, F. J. Russell (conductor) 5, J. Russell 6. The above are all regular Sunday service ringers.

At St. Giles', Stony Stratford, on April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect for Miss Bird, late organist of St. Giles', and a token of sorrow at the loss of the Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn): H. Edwards 1, T. Tomkins 2, E. Yates 3, W. Clarke 4, W. Neale 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6, H. Tompkins 7, T. Trasler 8.

At Amersham, Bucks, on Sunday, in 1 hour 43 mins., a half-peal of London Surprise Minor (2,520 changes), with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Master of the Guild: C. Chalwin 1, F. C. Ayres 2, P. J. Lapham 3, L. H. Haddon 4, W. Edwards 5, W. E. Redrup 6.

The last touch of Stedman, the method which he most enjoyed, rung by Mr. Jenkyn, was for evening service on Easter Day for evensong at Caversham. It was a 504, the ringers being: Rev. G. W. O. Jenkyn 1, E. Essex 2, J. Hands 3, W. Lewington 4, F. Pounds 5, G. Essex 6, A. D. Cullum (conductor) 7, C. J. D. Cullum 8.

Muffled peals were rung, as recorded elsewhere, at Oxford, Dartford, West Wycombe, Ambrosden and Hitcham.

FIFTY YEARS AFTER.

A JUBILEE CELEBRATED AT PENZANCE.

Those who took part in the peal at St. Mary's, Penzance, on Easter Monday could but feel that in that very tower Cornish ringing history was made fifty years ago. At that time there was no Truro Diocesan Guild, and St. Mary's was affiliated to the Devon Guild. The band at St. Mary's came under the guidance and tuition of Dr. J. Symons, and on June 4th, 1883, a peal of Grandsire Triples was scored under his conductorship. About thirty years ago the bells were declared unsafe for ringing, and so they remained until three years ago, when Dr. Symons again got to work, enlisted the sympathies of the Vicar, Canon F. R. Carr, and the Mayor of Penzance (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow), and got the peal entirely recast and rehung. It was a splendid piece of work on the part of a physician to get the dumb to speak once more.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PENZANCE.

As soon as St. Mary's bells became silent, Dr. Symons transferred his attention to Gulval, and there, where he still rings for two Sunday services, the band has benefited by his help ever since.

It was a great link to have in the band Miss Symons, who has certainly inherited her father's ringing talents, and also Messrs. H. Williams (now of Truro) and P. J. Hitchens (Gulval), who both learned to ring with the old company at St. Mary's. The former afterwards spent 25 years in Canada, and since returning to Cornwall some four years ago has taken to the art as fresh as ever with the Truro Cathedral band.

There was just one other commemoration in mind—the centenary year of the Oxford Movement. There was reason for it, as John Keble, the early pioneer of this Movement, preached at St. Mary's on Easter Sunday, 1863—70 years ago. 'The Ringing World' has shown in some splendid articles, which appeared some three years ago, what this Movement eventually did for the improvement of ringing conditions. It was splendid to have this connection

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FUND STARTED FOR NEW CATHEDRAL BELLS.

At the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Guildford on Saturday, and attended by nearly 80 members, it was decided to start a fund for the provision of a ringing peal of bells at the projected Guildford Cathedral, on the site of which last week the Bishop unveiled a cross of oak, thirty-five feet high. In the afternoon there was ringing at the Cathedral and at St. Nicolas' Church, and the Guild service was held at the former, the address being given by Canon S. M. Jones, Vicar of Haslemere, to whom, subsequently, a vote of thanks was passed.

The business meeting was held after tea in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president) being in the chair, supported by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith). There were ringers present from Aldershot, Bagshot, Beddington, Crauligh, Croydon, Chiddingfold, Cobham, Dorking, Esher, Farnham, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Godalming, Haslemere, London, Leatherhead, Oxford, Ottershaw, Pirbright, Seale, Shalford, Windsor, Witley, West Clandon, Womersley, Woking, Worplesdon, etc.

Previous to considering the agenda the Chairman expressed the regret of the Guild at the death of Admiral T. P. Walker, the late hon. treasurer. 'We looked on him,' said Mr. Harrison, 'as the father of the Guild. The meetings did not seem the same without him. He was one of the most perfect examples of a good old English gentleman.' The meeting stood in silence in his memory.

Major Hesse referred to the loss to the Exercise by the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. As a ringer, as an example of all a ringer should be, he would be hard to replace; in fact, he did not think they were going to get anyone to fill his place in the Oxford Guild as he filled it. He was a most valued member of the Central Council, and particularly on the Towers and Belfries Committee. For a parson, his practical knowledge was really exceptional.—The meeting stood in silence, and approved the messages of condolence sent to Mrs. Jenkyn and to the Oxford Guild.

FALLING-OFF IN PEALS.

The annual report referred to the opening of the Guild library in the belfry of St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, and stated that chief among the improvements effected in the belfries in the diocese during the year was the completion of the scheme to add two treble bells to complete the octave at West Clandon. Egham and Ottershaw bells were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and similar work was carried out at Ashted by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A programme of 23 district meetings was carried out. It was a matter of regret that conditions in the Leatherhead District were hampering the work of the Guild in that area. The closing of the two towers in Epsom to any ringing by organisations outside the local bands, and the fact that Ewell and Dorking bells were now in a condition which rendered ringing on them difficult, was restricting not only peal ringing activities in that district but also making it difficult to find towers at which to hold meetings of the Guild. There was a falling-off in the number of peals rung in 1932, compared with the previous year, the total being 42 against 55. This was partly accounted for by the closing of towers for peal ringing purposes in the Leatherhead District. The peals were rung in 19 towers in the diocese (eight in the Guildford District, seven in the Leatherhead District, three in the Farnham District and one in the Chertsey District), and three outside the diocese. The conductors were Mr. A. H. Pulling 22, Mr. A. Harman seven, Mr. C. H. Kippin three, Mr. A. Pink and Mr. R. Hasled two each, and Messrs. H. Pitstow, L. C. W. Hunter, G. Gilbert, W. J. White, C. W. Denyer and S. Radford one each.—The report was adopted on the proposition of the chairman.

Mr. Corbett moved the statement of accounts, which showed a balance of £31 14s. 10d., against £44 3s. 8d., brought forward from 1931. Mr. Corbett paid a tribute to the services of Mr. C. N. Burdock, who audited the accounts on a bed of sickness.—The accounts were approved.

The following officers were elected: President, the Bishop of Guildford; vice-presidents, Provost E. C. Kirwan and Mr. Walter Harrison; Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; hon. auditor, Mr. C. N. Burdock; Central Council representatives, Mr. A. H. Pulling, Mr. A. C. Hazelden and Mr. G. L. Grover; Library Committee, Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. Harrison, S. Radford and S. Petter. The following new members were elected: Messrs. C. Bailey, D. Gain and A. Nash (Shalford), J. W. Wells (Farnham) and E. Mullahd (Witley).

The Secretary stated that it was proposed to erect in Woking Parish Church a memorial to the late Admiral Walker consisting of a bronze tablet mounted on marble, and that the bells should be improved by the recasting of the sixth, which was cracked, and tuning the others. The executive committee of the Guild considered that a contribution of five guineas should be voted to the fund. If the meeting approved of this sum, then, out of the £60 he had undertaken to raise to complete the bells portion of the scheme, there would only remain £6 15s. to be met. He moved that the Guild contribute five guineas.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden seconded, and the resolution was carried.—The raising of the balance was left in the hands of Mr. Goldsmith and the executive committee.

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RINGERS MARRIED AT GREAT BARR.

A wedding of considerable interest took place at St. Margaret's Church, Great Barr, Staffordshire, on Saturday, April 22nd, the bride being Miss Elsie May Ludlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludlow, of Old Walsall Road, Great Barr, and the bridegroom Mr. Richard Charles Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, of Aston Lane, Perry Barr. The church was beautifully decorated, and the Vicar of Great Barr officiated in the presence of a large congregation. The organist played suitable music for the occasion. The bride, who was given away by her father, carried a bouquet, and was charmingly attired in white satin and wore a veil. At the conclusion of the service the bells pealed forth as the bridal pair left the church. The reception was held in the Memorial Hall close to the church, where a large gathering of friends, including a number of ringers, assembled to extend their good wishes to the happy pair. The newly-wedded couple received a large number of useful presents.

During the afternoon a peal of Cambridge Minor, which is recorded elsewhere, was rung upon the bells of St. Margaret's, Great Barr, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ingram, both of whom are ringers and held in high esteem by members of the district. After the peal they were entertained to tea, and expressed their good wishes to the bride and bridegroom. J. P.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SWINDON BRANCH AT HIGHWORTH.**

A quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Highworth on Saturday, April 22nd, members being present from the two Swindon towers, Rodbourne Cheney, Blunsdon, Stratton St. Margaret, and visitors from Faringdon and Wootton Bassett. Good use was made of the bells from about three o'clock. A short service was held, which was followed by tea at the West Hill Cafe. Mr. C. J. Gardiner presided at the business meeting, Rodbourne Cheney and Bishopstone being chosen for the May and June meetings.

A return was made to the tower and the bells kept fully employed until about 7.45, when an excellent 'lower' closed the proceedings. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, several ringing their longest touch on eight bells, while the standard of ringing was very good.

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An amendment of the rules, recommended by the executive committee, that compounding members outside the diocese should have no vote at meetings of the Guild, neither should they have the right to propose or second any motion, was defeated.

NEW CATHEDRAL BELLS FUND SCHEME.

The Hon. Secretary said, as the members all knew, it was proposed to provide at some date a new Cathedral for the diocese. The architect's plans had been prepared, and in them was provision for a peal of bells. When the building of the Cathedral would begin was problematical, and when it would be finished was more so, and the tower and bells might never be finished in their lifetime. The executive committee suggested that the Guild should help to provide the bells. In the course of the years that must necessarily elapse they could raise a considerable sum by putting away an annual amount, and if they did something towards meeting the cost of the bells it might encourage other diocesan organisations to do something of the same kind for the new Cathedral. The proposal was that they should set aside a sum of money each year, so that when the time came for the provision of the bells they could say, 'Here is a sum of money for one or two bells.' In addition it would, he hoped, enable them to be consulted when the time came to provide the bells. An appropriate resolution had been prepared by Mr. Grover, which he asked the members to adopt. This provided that the Guild should deposit annually one guinea towards such a trust fund, kept under the control of the Guild, and permitted the annual contribution to be varied according to circumstances.

The Chairman, in commending the scheme to the members, said it was not so much the amount of money, but the thought behind such an action. As time went on they might be able to provide one, two or three bells. They would have sufficient funds at their command to say to the authorities, 'We want to see that it is done properly.'

Mr. Melville seconded the resolution, which he described as a first-rate scheme, and the proposal was carried unanimously.

The agenda of the Central Council was discussed, and it was decided to offer no objection to the proposed new rules.

There was diversity of opinion on the Minor question, but eventually a resolution was passed by a majority that the Guild's representatives should oppose both the motions except the portion which provided that a peal should consist of seven true and complete 720's.

The meeting expressed a desire to continue the annual dinners. Major Hesse proposed a vote of thanks to the Provost for the use of the Cathedral and the bells, and to the Rector of St. Nicolas' for the use of his bells. A vote of thanks was also accorded Mr. Harrison for presiding.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at 9d. per head. Half-rail fares will be allowed according to rule.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Advise Mr. F. Sheraton, Hermitage Lodge, Chester-le-Street, for tea. Everybody welcome.—F. Robson and H. Tyson, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 29th. Service in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 8d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts' and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.—A tablet erected by the society in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Parish Church to the memory of the late Mr. J. Thomas Salter will be unveiled on Saturday, April 29th, at 4 p.m., by the Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen, followed by a short service in the church with address by the Rev. J. F. Hastings. Ringers and friends interested are cordially invited to be present. Bells available afterwards.—K. Salter, Sec., The Berwyns, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, April 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with address by the Rev. E. H. Rogers, Vicar, at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sandford St. Martin, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Great Tew bells (8) available afterwards.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting of the above branch will be held at Byfield (6) on Saturday, April 29th. Usual arrangements with regard to tea, etc.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upper Pyne, on April 29th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Linton on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open 3. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. Please notify me early. Note: This meeting is being held at Linton as Lenham bells are not available. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wonston on Saturday, April 29th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.45, followed by tea, and business meeting at 4.30 in the Rectory, by kind permission of the Rector. Please let me know if you are coming.—George Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Tideswell (bells 8) on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Dis. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. A cordial welcome is extended to all ringers.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Bolton and Wigan Branches at Horwich on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Peter Crook and Norman Brown, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 7 p.m.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room 5 p.m.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Peasemore on Saturday, April 29th. 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.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (13) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

RIPON CATHEDRAL.—Owing to the very limited time allowed for ringing at the recent dedication service of the recast bells, it has been arranged to hold a ringing day on Saturday, April 29th. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 4.45 and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A district meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All welcome.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hardington Mandeville on Saturday, April 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested, and please do not forget notice for tea. Method for special practice: Superlative Surprise.—E. Cooper, Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Axbridge and Chew Deanery have arranged a combined meeting, which should meet with great success. For Chew Deanery, Wrington, with its fine peal of ten, has been chosen, and for the Axbridge Deanery, Congresbury, with its equally fine peal of eight. Particulars for each tower are:—Chew: Bells open, Wrington, 2.30. Divine service 4 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Then proceed to Congresbury for tea. Axbridge Deanery at Congresbury: Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Business meeting 5 p.m. Tea for combined meetings 5.30 p.m. This combination should appeal to all members and many visitors, and warrants a postcard direct to L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare, from all who have intention of attending for tea at Congresbury. All communications relating to Chew Deanery should be sent to Mr. P. Yeo, Long Ashton, Bristol. A hearty welcome to all from L. G. Tanner on behalf of the Axbridge and Chew Deanery ringers. Don't forget the date, Saturday, April 29th.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Willingham (Cambs) on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) (Taylor's, go like tops) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. All friends and others welcome.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting has been arranged at Slough, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available: Farnham Royal (8), Stoke Poges (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; Slough (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Guild service at St. Mary's, Slough, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 'The Cheshire Cheese,' 28, High Street, 5.30 p.m., at 1s. per head. Business meeting to follow.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly branch meeting will be held at Preshute to-morrow (Saturday), April 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—A. W. Dean, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Sturry on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on May 2nd and 30th, St. Magnus' on the 4th and 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Colne, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Radwinter on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. per head. Those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) and meeting to follow at the Chapter House nearby. Please let me know by May 2nd, numbers for tea without fail.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on May 6th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1/3 to all who notify Mr. W. Bolton, Croftlands, Silverdale, via Carnforth, not later than Wed., May 3rd.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 2nd. By kind permission of the Rector, the grounds of the Rectory will be open to members.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A joint meeting will take place at Handsworth (8 bells), on Saturday, May 6th. Handsworth cars from City. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. For tea please notify Miss N. Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield. Norton meeting cancelled.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Honiton Clyst on Saturday, May 6th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, by May 1st, to M. Powell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A good attendance desired. The local team have lately had instructions in change ringing. Please come and give them encouragement.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, May 3rd, and oblige? Subscriptions for 1933 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee (8), on Saturday, May 6th, from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4. Tea (invitation) 4.30, followed by business meeting. The Old Steeple (8) will also be open for ringing. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid before meeting. All welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea in Village Hall at 5. Keevil bells also available during the evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nail Street, Milnrow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A special meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.30, at which the Lord Bishop of Leicester will be present. Will every member in the district make an effort to attend? Other ringers cordially invited. Will those attending please send in their names for tea to me not later than Wednesday, May 3rd?—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at St. Edmund's, Northampton (8) on Saturday, May 6th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5.15, at Wedgwood Café, price 1s. Will all coming to tea please inform me by May 4th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by May 3rd. — H. Parker, Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts will be held at Bigby on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge. Business meetings to follow. *Important.*—Numbers for tea must reach the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, by the Wednesday previous. All welcome. — H. Mingay, Grimsby, and H. Morgan, Gainsborough, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the wardens, to all who notify Mr. J. Ridyard, 7, Railway Street, Southport, not later than Wednesday, May 3rd. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS. — A joint meeting will be held at Braughing on Wednesday, May 10th, the ringing anniversary, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Brown Bear, the ringers' home from home. Anyone welcome. Come and pay a visit to this old-world village. — W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts; G. Dent, Harlow Common, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton Parish Church on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas arranged for those who notify Mr. John Hague, The Smithy, Tarleton, by the 10th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Keeble, Rye Mills, Feering, not later than Wednesday, the 10th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL will be held at Dorchester on Tuesday, May 16th. Guild service in St. Peter's Church at 12.15. Luncheon (1/6) in Corn Exchange at 1.15. Annual meeting to follow. Towers open: St Peter's, Dorchester; Cattistock, Wyke Regis (8); Abbotsbury; Bere Regis; Buckland Newton; Fordington; Frampton; Maiden Newton; Puddletown; Upwey; West Lulworth; Wool (6); Bradford Peverell; Stratton; Sydling (5). Those requiring luncheon please inform the Secretary by May 8th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

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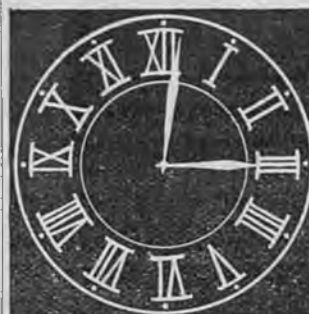
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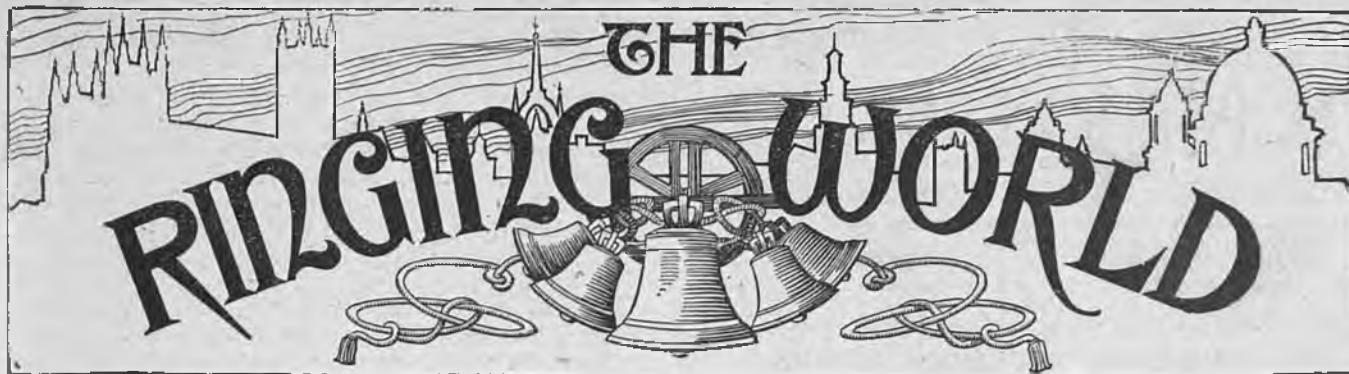
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The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, a vice-president of the North Notts Association and its representative on the Central Council, did not hesitate to offer some frank but kindly criticism when preaching the other day at the association's annual meeting. He was referring more particularly to the position of affairs in his own association, but his words are true of many other parts of the country. The need of to-day is men who can teach others the art of ringing. He urged special meetings for the benefit of those who were willing to become instructors, and said there were many glorious peals of bells in England which were not rung or in danger of not being rung because there were not the men to ring the bells. What was needed was more enthusiasm for teaching among those who had the qualifications.

The Rector of Ordsall has good ground for all that he said, and he touched a further truth when he said that officials worked hard in carrying on the association, but they could not go into the towers and make good bands of ringers. This subject of instructors is no new one, but it is more pressing than ever. It seems to us that there is real need almost everywhere for new plans for extending the art. Tuition of ringers in the past has been much too casual to do any lasting good in other than exceptional cases. The system of instruction requires overhauling; it needs to be put on fresh footing; to every tower in which the ringers are unable to make progress on their own account, whether it is to break from rounds into change ringing or to advance from plain to higher methods, qualified instructors ought to be available so

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that proper tuition can be given. It needs organising and it might mean expense to the associations, but it would be money well spent. Essentially it demands that the instructors should be efficiently trained and the lines upon which this could best be done might well be a matter for consideration by the Central Council. At present there is no co-ordinated scheme in existence that we have heard of for training instructors. It seems to us that there is great scope here for useful work, which in time would give a ten-fold return. We would like to see the Council turn its serious attention to the subject.

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FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 3 version.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED J. CLAYTON Treble	JOHN F. GALYER 6
*MISS JESSIE M. MELVILLE 2	FRANK E. DARBY 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	TONY PRICE 8
*FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 4	DANIEL D. COOPER 9
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal. First attempt for a peal of London, also of Surprise Royal as conductor. Miss Melville is the first lady to ring a peal of London Surprise Royal. Arranged and rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Darby.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY FRING Treble	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 8
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 9
HARRY J. SANGER 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of the composer to Miss Margaret Mary Lennon.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

*ERNEST THORPE Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	HAROLD WALKER 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
ALBERT H. WARD 4	JOHN THORPE 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal on ten bells, and first of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 6
JACK HONEY 2	EDGAR HUMFREY 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	HARRY W. SMITH 8
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 9
CHARLES POLLEN 5	PERCY DYKE Tenor

Composed by W. H. HALEY.

Conducted by EDGAR HUMFREY.

Rung for the dedication festival, also for the 45th anniversary of the conductor's first peal in this tower, and as a birthday compliment to H. Humfrey, tower foreman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON Treble	PERCY GREEN 5
HERBERT DEVENISH 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN 3	ARTHUR HEAD 7
THOMAS LINCOLN 4	FREDERICK FLODDER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

Rung in memory of the late Rev. Hircel De Lisle, who lost his life in Africa a short time ago. It was at this church the Rev. De Lisle learnt to ring. He was also at one time an excellent handbell ringer. Messrs. G. Green and W. Lincoln rang with deceased over 40 years ago, and six of the above hand rang in deceased's last peal, one of Bob Major, at Widford, Essex, conducted by Mr. W. Lincoln.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL EBLEK Treble	WALTER CHARMAN 5
JAMES BURDFIELD 2	PETER CHARMAN 6
RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 3	JOHN COOK 7
RAYMOND WOOD, SEN. 4	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN.

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

WALTER ARNOLD Treble	JOSEPH DYERS 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 2	GEORGE EVANS 6
CHARLES W. BURTON 3	AMBROSE MASON 7
BERTIE WEBB 4	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

The above band are all bachelors, and this is the first bachelors' peal in the North-Eastern Division of the county. Rung to commemorate St. George's Day.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (Transposed).

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

ERNEST WILSON Treble	ARTHUR J. BARTON 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	GORDON W. CHECKETTS 6
DENNIS SAYERS 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
RALPH SAYERS 4	FREDERICK G. YATES Tenor

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

Rung by the Claines Sunday service band, by the courtesy of the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Pettigrew, this being the first peal on the bells, which were recast and augmented in August, 1932, by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN C. NEWMAN Treble	GEORGE HAYWARD 5
ALFRED G. G. THURLOW 2	ERNEST MINGAY 6
*JOHN SHYNN 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	FREDERICK FLODDER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 5
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	FRED HAWKES 6
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
WILLIAM HULFORD 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.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT Treble	†JAMES W. BERRY 5
EDWARD T. SNELLER 2	WILLIAM E. SMITH 6
ROBERT W. WARWICK 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
*WILLIAM EDWARDS 4	*MARK ROSIER Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Ernest Warwick, who was married earlier in the day; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN MALYAN Treble	REN JARMAN 5
*HENRY JARMAN 2	*GILBERT DEBENHAM 6
*THOMAS BLOW 3	*GEORGE DEBENHAM 7
THOMAS HULL 4	*HAROLD FROST Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Mr. Ben Jarman has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

OLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REGINALD CHANCE Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6
JOHN BASS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
HECTOR G. BIRD 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

COBHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church after Confirmation by Bishop Golding-Bird, 720 Bob Minor: G. Lee 1, A. Roberts 2, W. James 3, W. Faulkner 4, E. Matthews 5, W. Holden (conductor) 6. All are local service ringers.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	WALTER GRINSELL 5
LEONARD HOLDEN 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
DENNIS HOLDEN 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
FREDERICK HOLDEN 4	JOHN W. FRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal in the method by all except the conductor. Rung for Easter Festival.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

HAROLD C. SKETCHLEY ... Treble	THOMAS C. CASTLE 5
LEONARD FIDLER 2	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS 6
T. REGINALD DENNIS 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
DONALD C. MEARS 4	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S	Tenor 10½ cwt.
JAMES WM. BAXENDALE ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
WALTER POPPLEWELL 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
CHARLES PRATT 3	J. ERNEST PROCTER 7
SAMUEL WARD 4	JOHN AMBLER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pratt.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE CURSON Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
HERBERT FULCHER 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
WILLIAM FLATT 3	ROSELL RICHES 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 113th anniversary of a 6,400 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung at Redenhall on April 24th, 1820, in which the great-grandfather and the great-great-grandfather of the conductor took part.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY COPELAND Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
WILLIAM WATHEN 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
SHERFORD SPARROW 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. William Souther, who for upwards of 40 years was captain at this tower, and was interred at Stowmarket on this date.

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LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES BELLOCK Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE TITTERINGTON ... Treble	CHARLES E. LAWSON 5
JOE BROADLEY 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	FREDERICK SEAGER 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells. Rung after meeting short for London. Arranged and rung on the 20th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Treble	LESLIE T. STAGRY 5
JOSEPH H. WICKS 2	WILLIAM J. BEER 6
JAMES CARROT 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
THOMAS E. TAYLOR 4	CYRIL W. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal 'inside.' This is the first peal by an entirely local band on the bells.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

FRANK CHAPMAN Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS 5
OLDER WAGHORN 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 6
RICHARD RELF 3	JAMES G. POWELL 7
FRANK RELF 4	WILLIAM REYNOLDS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. G. POWELL.

* First peal. Rung for the wedding of Miss E. M. Austen-Smith and Captain the Hon. G. Campbell. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
CHARLES W. SONE 2	THOMAS SAUNDERS 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
HORACE GILBERT 4	WILLIAM WENBAN ... Tenor

Conducted by T. E. SONE.

* 200th peal. Rung with muffled clappers as a memorial to the late Charles W. Player, who was laid to rest the same afternoon at Stone-in-Oxney. Mr. Player's last peal was rung in this tower on February 18th this year.

IVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	* EDWARD S. T. FARR 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	RONALD H. BULLEN 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	FRANK CORKE 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of Superlative on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S SIX-PART, No. 9.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD 5
J. CHARLES DICKEN 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains all the 7-4's, 4-6's and 6-7's at backstroke.

APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT EDWARDS Treble	PERCY PAGE 5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 6
WILLIAM BIDNELL 3	HARRY PARKES 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of deep respect to Charles W. Player, who was interred in Stone Churchyard the same day. The above ringers are all old ringing friends, and represent eight different towers.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

L. WILLIAM JACQUES Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
HERBERT ALLSOPP 2	* JOHN ROBINSON 6
THOMAS BETTISON 3	* CHARLES CARR 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	* CLAUDE RANDALL Tenor

Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

* First peal. † First in the method.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 27, 1933, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES G. BOWKETT Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
* JAMES WOODYATT 2	† THOMAS G. GREEN 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 7
† WILLIAM R. POWELL 4	† REGINALD ROWE Tenor

Conducted by J. J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. All but the ringer of the sixth are Sunday service ringers at this church.

OROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Mothering Sunday, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: F. Baileys (conductor) 1, W. A. Wood 2, J. H. Baileys 3, E. M. Watson 4, G. A. Charlton (first quarter-peal) 5, T. Fryer 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. HURRELL Treble	GEORGE RAWLINGS 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6
CHARLES ELLIOT 3	JIM HURRELL 7
JOHN E. LIDDIARD 4	CHARLES A. BINES Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by CHARLES A. BINES.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Captain William E. Rivers, only son of the Rev. Elphinstone Rivers, Vicar of Eltham, and Miss Priscilla Margaret Couper, daughter of Sir John Couper, of Kaimend, North Berwick, Scotland. First peal as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. BOTHAM Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
GEORGE R. PYB 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
* MISS MARGARET PACK 4	WILLIAM PYB Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYB.

* First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Six Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,432 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
JOHN COOK 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 7
PETER CHARMAN 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

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

Longest peal of Treble Bob by the association, and longest peal by all the band with the exception of the treble ringer. This peal was originally arranged for February last for the 42nd anniversary of the 10,176 in the same method on these bells on February 2nd, 1891, but had to be postponed owing to illness. W. Charman rang the 7th in the former peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN. Treble	H. CHARLES BOND 4
* FRANCIS J. LEWIS, JUN. 2	WILFRED H. HAYWARD 5
HARRY S. PARSONS 3	JOHN HOPE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt. Arranged and rung as a birthday peal for Mr. Wilfred H. Hayward. First peal of Minor on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CENTRAL BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. HODGES Treble	T. HAYNES 4
V. G. COOKE 2	* J. HAYNES 5
V. G. PHILLIPS 3	F. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by V. G. PHILLIPS.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 76th birthday of Mr. Joseph Orchard, who has been church clerk for a number of years.

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

On Tuesday, April 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Colloge Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE Treble	DENNIS R. MORRIS 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 different callings.
Tenor 18 cwt.

JEFFREY TOSSELL Treble	GEORGE GILLING 4
JACK PARKER 2	EDWARD J. AVERY 5
ERNEST TOSSELL 3	JAMES GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Dare, who was sexton at this church for 18 years, and was interred the same day.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY PRACOCK Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY 4
JACK BRAY 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN 5
GEORGE L. HALL 3	FRANK LORD Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in five methods.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, April 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten 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, each called differently. Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

LESLIE WARNER Treble	T. FREDERICK LANCASTER 4
REGINALD C. SHARPE 2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT 5
BASIL D. BUTTRESS 3	SIDNEY BROWN Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal of Minor and first attempt. First peal on the bells since the tenor was added by Taylor and Co. in 1921, and believed to be the first ever rung at this church. This band represents six different parishes, and was the quarterly peal for the district.

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CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents in 35 methods, viz.:—

- (1) Chepstow, Dover, Balmoral, Skipton and Fotheringhay Delight.
- (2) Rostherne, Ely, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight.
- (3) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburg Delight.
- (4) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, Colloge Bob IV., and Willesden Delight.
- (5) Grove, Braintree, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight.
- (6) Ockley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, Colloge Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob.
- (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.

WILLIAM GAYES Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	JOHN WORTH 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

First peal in 35 methods away from the treble for James Fernley, jun., and also the first in 35 methods for the remainder of the band. This is the quickest and also the first peal in 35 methods on the bells. The ringers of this peal would like the name of Mr. James Fernley, sen., to be associated with it, as they are indebted to him for his valuable advice previous to making a successful attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT ADSUM COTTAGE, RYE LANE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by WILLIAM KESBLE.

LUDLOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STREETON DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of Original, four of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire.

DANIEL T. MATKIN 1-2	WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3-4
ARTHUR C. NASON 1-6	

Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

Witness—Mrs. E. M. Beniams.

* First peal in three methods.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. AYRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 12 in F.

JOHN MALYAN 1-2	FRANCIS KIRK 5-6
WALTER AYRE 3-4	CHARLES JEFFS 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witnesses—Mrs. W. Ayre and Mrs. F. Kirk.

Arranged as a wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Ayre, and also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. Jeffs, W. H. L. Buckingham and J. Malyan.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, April 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT 18, GLISSON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
REV. E. B. JAMES (Caius) 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7-8

Composed by Revd. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

(A number of reports of peals and meetings are unavoidably held over.)

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. UNEMPLOYMENT AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The attractiveness of Crich was again in evidence on Easter Monday, when approximately 60 ringers attended the annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association. The ring of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.), recast and augmented by Taylor and Co. in 1927, were busily engaged during the afternoon and evening in various methods, and many of the visitors ascended the famous 'Crich Stand' to admire and enjoy the wonderful view, not only of Derbyshire, but also of the adjoining counties. A well-attended service was conducted in church by the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Jones, whose address was enjoyed by the ringers, and a fair number of other visitors to this old village. It was pleasing to see both churchwardens (Dr. Rankin and Mr. J. B. Humphrey) present, and also to hear the Vicar's remarks on the spirit of brotherhood existing amongst ringers.

After service, the visitors were the guests of Dr. Rankin to a substantial tea, provided in the Church Schools.

At the business meeting the towers represented were Crich, Heath, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Ripley, Selston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, South Normanton, Melbourne and Heanor. After the balance sheet had been adopted, some discussion took place on the question of subscriptions, the view being expressed that many of the members were unable to pay their annual subscriptions owing to unemployment, which is very prevalent in the district, on account of the slackness and short time being worked in the coal mining industry.

Confidence in the officers was expressed by the re-election of the president, Mr. W. Dobbs; vice-president, Mr. W. Allin; treasurer, Mr. T. Stimpson; secretary, Mr. J. W. England; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Clark; auditors, Messrs. J. Machin and G. H. Jolland; and three members of the executive committee, Messrs. C. Rogers, E. Ashman and C. J. Partridge, a vacancy on the executive committee being filled by the election of Mr. A. Elliott.

Mr. T. Clark, in a report of the activities of the association, stressed the importance of the only ringing journal, 'The Ringing World,' and urged the members to give their unstinted support.

Eight new members were elected, and it was arranged to hold meetings during the coming year at Ault Hucknall, Morton, Alfreton, Swanwick, Pentrick, South Wingfield, Shirland and South Normanton.

Mr. Hobbs complimented the officers on the manner in which the business of the association had been carried on, and votes of thanks to the Vicar, Doctor, organist and ladies then concluded the meeting.

The bells were lowered in peal in 8.45, and brought to a close a gathering enjoyed by everyone.

FUNERAL OF SUFFOLK RINGER.

FORTY YEARS TOWERKEEPER AT STOWMARKET.

On Saturday, April 22nd, the funeral took place at Stowmarket of the late Mr. William Souter, who passed away after a very short illness at Swanley Junction, Kent, at the age of 86 years. Deceased left Stowmarket for Kent only about 12 months ago. He had been towerkeeper for upwards of 40 years at Stowmarket. He was a much respected member of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild, and had rung about 30 peals.

Although not a great peal ringer, he was a regular Sunday service ringer, and always insisted on good striking.

After the choral funeral service at the Church of SS. Peter and Mary half-muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by H. Copeland 1, W. Tydeman (conductor) 2, H. D. Lister 3, S. Sparrow 4, W. Wathen 5, J. Wade 6, G. A. Blaxcell 7, J. Dale 8. Later in the day a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung.

DEVON GUILD.

EAST DEVON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday in splendid spring weather. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Rev. L. Stallard, who gave an excellent address on bells and how they were rung in the historical 13th century church of Ottery St. Mary about 400 years ago.

Upwards of 80 members and friends sat down to tea, which was served in the Church Institute. Ringers were present from Plymouth, Paignton, Exeter, Buckfastleigh, Bramford Speke, Kenn, Buckwell, Honiton, Luppitt, Taletton, Sidmouth, and the local band, also from Ilminster, Yeovil, Martock and Milverton, Somerset, and Lyme Regis, Dorset, etc.

At the business meeting which followed, the chairman of the branch (Rev. J. F. Prowse) presided, supported by the Rev. L. Stallard and the Rev. E. V. Cox.

The officers were re-elected, and it was decided to have the next annual meeting at Axminster on Easter Monday, 1934, and the autumn meeting at Taletton next September. Six certificates were presented by Mr. John H. Godfrey to Messrs. V. Pyne, H. Dyer, J. Hill, H. Butt, T. Ealton, and A. Wright. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the use of the bells and Institute, also to the organist and to the ladies, the wives and daughters of the band of ringers, who attended so well to the tea arrangements. Afterwards ringing continued in Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Bob Major, bringing to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A representative committee has been set up among the London ringing societies and those which border the Metropolis to arrange the social side of the Central Council gathering this year. The committee consists of Messrs. A. A. Hughes (College Youths), J. D. Matthews (Royal Cumberlands), T. H. Taffender (London County), E. A. Young (St. Clement's Youths), C. T. Coles (Middlesex), E. J. Butler (Essex), F. Mitchell (Kent) and C. H. Kippen (Surrey).

It is interesting to note in connection with the peal of Cambridge Royal at Beverley Minster recorded this week, that the only previous occasion on which Beverley Minster tenor has been turned in to a peal was in 1904, when Mr. W. Pye rang it to Kent Treble Boh Royal. Incidentally that was the first peal on the new ring of ten. Mr. Ted Jenkins volunteered to ring it at the last minute last Saturday after it had been expected that the method would be Stedman Caters, and at the conclusion of the peal he received the hearty congratulations of the band on the magnificent way he accomplished his self-imposed task. Truly a great little man!

Two interesting commemorative peals are recorded this week. At Warnham, Sussex, a peal of 10,432 Kent Treble Boh Major was rung on Saturday to commemorate the 42nd anniversary of a 10,178 of the same method rung on February 2nd, 1891. Mr. Walter Charman, now a veteran among Sussex ringers, took part in both peals.

At Redenhall, Norfolk, a peal of Treble Boh was rung to commemorate a peal in this method rung in the same church in 1820. Between this peal and the one recorded this week, conducted by Mr. Ernest Whiting, is an interesting link. Mr. Whiting's great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather both took part in the peal of 1820.

As the result of a fall in High Street, Irthlingborough, Mrs. Annie Perkins, wife of the well-known Northamptonshire ringer, Mr. Walter Perkins, is now in hospital, suffering from a broken leg.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. EXTENSION OF THE TEWKESBURY BELL SCHEME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The special committee desire to thank the Central Council, all associations, guilds, ringers and friends for the generous response to the appeal for £250.

We also thank members of the Exercise for their suggestions and recommendations, that we should retune the existing peal of ten. We have adopted this scheme and propose recasting the present two trebles and retuning the back eight. With the two new trebles making twelve, this should be a peal worthy of the Abbey and a fitting memorial to Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

We need an additional £40 to £50, to carry out the complete memorial, and we appeal in confidence to members of the Exercise to help us. We believe that many friends of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies will now subscribe, knowing that the existing ten is to be retuned.

As soon as the faculty is granted, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have been entrusted with the work, will commence retuning, recasting and augmentation.

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STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please extend my congratulations to Mr. J. Hunt. If my challenge has had the effect of rousing the latent talent in him I am very pleased. In order to prove I am sincere I will endeavour to call his composition at the next opportunity.

Bristol.

W. A. CAVE.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION. RINGING CONTEST.

The annual ringing contest of the Cumberland Association was held at Egremont Parish Church on Easter Monday, when four bands representing Cockermouth, Egremont, Hensingham and Workington competed for the 'Rawnsley' shield and medals. The judge was Mr. A. Deas, of Gosforth-on-Tyne, who at a subsequent meeting gave his decision as follows: No. 1, Egremont, rang 560 Grandsire Triples with 64 faults, and being the home team had 20 more added, making 84 in all; No. 2, Cockermouth, rang 720 Kent Minor with 42 faults; No. 3, Workington, rang 720 New London Pleasure with 100 faults. Hensingham rang 720 Boh Minor with 53 faults. Cockermouth were therefore winners of the contest and entitled to hold the shield for the next twelve months and also medals.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Workington about the end of June.

Votes of thanks were given to the Rector of Egremont (Rev. J. Earnshaw) for presiding and for the use of room and bells, also to Mr. A. Deas for acting as judge. The tower of St. Mary's was afterwards visited, and various touches rung in the standard methods.

BOW TENOR RECAST.

FIFTH OF A FAMOUS LINE.

Acknowledged to be the most famous peals of bells in the world, the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London, associated by tradition with Dick Whittington, are nearing complete restoration at the Croydon Bell Foundry, and on Wednesday of last week the tenor was recast in the presence of a distinguished company. For some years Bow Bells had been left unring, owing to the dilapidated condition of their fittings, and, while money was coming in for the restoration of the church and steeple, the repair of the bells themselves seemed to be doomed to long delay, until Mr. Gordon Selfridge made his generous offer to have the work done.

At the Consistory Court, when the application was made for the faculty, before the dismantling of the bells had taken place, the recasting of two, or possibly three bells, was all that was thought

le-Bow), and Mrs. Ponsonby, Ald. Sir Louis Newton, Bart. (chairman of the Appeal Committee), and Lady Newton, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Croydon and Mrs. Woods, Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge (donor of the bell restoration), and Princess Wiasensky, Lt.-Col. G. K. M. Mason, D.S.O. (M.P. for North Croydon), Mr. H. G. Williams (M.P. for South Croydon) and Mrs. Williams, Lady Slade, Mr. John Place, M.I.Mech.E. (St. Mary-le-Bow), Sir James B. Slade, J.P. (St. Pancras), Lt.-Col. C. C. O. Whiteley, O.B.E. (St. Pancras), Mr. H. J. Collens (All Hallows', Honey Lane), Mr. F. P. Coates (St. John-the-Evangelist) (churchwardens), Mr. L. H. Tufnell (Master of the Worshipful Company of Grocers), Mr. R. D. Poland (Master of the Worshipful Company of Skinners) and Miss Poland, Mr. H. O. Serpell, D.L., J.P. (Master of the Worshipful Company of Barber Surgeons), and Miss Oliver, Mr. Bernard Kettle (Master of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers), the Master of the Worshipful Company of Felt-makers, the Master of the Worshipful Company of Pewterers, Mr. H. Holton Sturges (Master of the Guild of Freeman) and Mrs. Sturges, Mr. A. W. Hersee (hon. treasurer to the Appeal Committee) and Mrs. Hersee, Mr. E. S. Underwood (architect to St. Mary-le-Bow), Mr. J. H. L. Trustram, B.A. (vestry clerk), Mr. A. B. Peck (Ancient Society of College Youths), Dr. J. Newnham (town clerk of Croydon) and Mrs. Newnham, Sir Herbert and Lady Brown, Mr. Deputy Bennett and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Deputy White and Mrs. White, Mr. J. E.



POURING THE METAL INTO THE MOULD AT THE RECASTING OF BOW TENOR.

necessary. After the bells reached the foundry, however, other bells, including the tenor, were found to be cracked, and five of them have now been recast for this reason. The three trebles have also been recast, and the whole peal corrected in tune. The old bells remaining are the 4th, 5th, 9th and 11th.

All the bells are being fitted with iron headstocks, ball bearings, specially designed clappers, etc., and while the old oak frame has been retained it has been immensely strengthened. A massive 'grillage' of girders and bracing, weighing 3½ tons, has been fixed immediately beneath the wood frame and securely anchored to the tower. The frame itself has been strengthened with corner brackets in all directions, and has been altered on one side so as to improve the circle of ropes.

The tenor bell, the last to go through the furnace, is the fifth in line of succession of 'great' bells of Bow. John Doune, a citizen, left two houses in 1472 for the maintenance of the great bell. William Copland, one of the churchwardens in 1515-16, presented a great bell to complete a ring of five. Dame Dyonis Williamson, of Norfolk, gave £2,000 towards rebuilding the church and furnishing it with bells after its destruction in the Great Fire of 1666. Eight bells were placed in the tower in 1667, and were cast by John and Christopher Hodson, of St. Mary Cray, Kent. In 1738 the tenor was found to be cracked, and was recast by Phelps and Leicester, and this is the bell that has now been replaced as part of the gift of Mr. Selfridge.

A large company gathered at the invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to witness the historic casting. Among those who were present were his Worship the Mayor (Ald. Wm. Peet, J.P.) and the Mayoress of Croydon, Rev. S. G. Ponsonby, M.A. (Rector of St. Mary-

Humphreys (organist at Bow Church) and Mrs. Humphreys, Mr. H. A. F. Crowdsom (clerk to the Musicians' Company) and Mrs. Crowdsom, Mr. Roger North, Mr. H. B. Walters, Mr. Martin Stewart (Wimborne) and the Misses Stewart, Mrs. A. A. Johnston, Mrs. Cyril Johnston, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, the Central Council) and Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild).

The guests were received by Mr. Cyril Johnston and were shown round the works, where they found a great deal of activity in progress, both in bell and clock work. There were several ringing peals in process of restoration, and new carillons for Secin Abbey, France (42 bells), St. Paul's School, Concord, U.S.A. (23 bells), the Church of our Lady of the Rosary, Saltley, Birmingham (23 bells), and chimes for Southampton Civic Centre (with 3 ton hour bell), Freemantle Park and East Ham. The clock department was particularly busy, and special interest was manifested in the electric clock installations and the Neon lighted dials.

Eventually the tour of the works brought the visitors to one of the tuning rooms, where eleven of the bells of Bow were standing. These were tapped round, and, although the crowning note was absent—its source was at that moment still in the furnace—the tonal quality of the new bells was strikingly apparent. The fact that four of the old bells have been retained has limited the scope of the bell foundry, but these eleven gave promise that Bow bells will be better than ever before.

Passing to the foundry for the event of the afternoon, the visitors watched with quite a thrill the tapping of the furnace and the flow of the golden metal into the gigantic ladle. Then, at the invitation

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING HONOURS OLD MEMBERS.

The annual meeting of the Worcester and Districts Association was held on Easter Monday at Worcester.

In the Cathedral Chapter House, the Dean of Worcester welcomed about 150 members who were present, and then spoke of the death of two most enthusiastic and respected members, Messrs. T. J. Salter and A. E. Parsons, whose presence would be sadly missed, and the meeting stood in silence in respect to their memory.

The Dean was unanimously re-elected president, and it should be noted that this is his 25th year as such. Mr. Knowles wishing to resign his position of Master, Mr. W. Short was elected to this office and also as a vice-president, all the other officers being re-elected, the work of the clerical and lay secretaries being spoken of with warm appreciation.

It was decided to give a donation of £5 from the Belfry Repairs Fund towards the cost of rehanging the bells at Dodderhill, where, although it is only a small parish, a great effort has been made, and the original peal of six have been rehung and augmented to eight.

The representatives on the Central Council were re-elected, and the secretary pointed out that under the suggested new rules the association would be entitled to four members.

A new class of membership of the association was decided on last year, which the president most aptly named 'freemen of the association.' Messrs. W. Short and J. H. Hemming, who has been the secretary of the Southern Branch since its formation, and who has recently been made an alderman of Evesham, were the first to be elected.

As the jubilee dinner was so much enjoyed, a sub-committee was appointed to make arrangements for a similar one at Worcester in the autumn.

At the service in the Cathedral it was a very great pleasure to listen to an address by the Bishop of the diocese, for it is many years since any of his predecessors had been able to come to any of these meetings. The Bishop also came to tea afterwards.

The various rings of bells in the city were available with one exception, that of the eight at St. Helen's, and at the meeting a hope was expressed that these would be put in order by next year, for it is a great pity that the oldest ring of eight in the city, and such a good one, should be silent.

Worcester has seen many of these meetings on Easter Mondays, but with good weather and a good attendance this was quite as successful and enjoyable as any of the previous ones.

A CATHEDRAL PEAL TABLET.

A very handsome tablet has been placed in the ringing chamber at Worcester Cathedral, recording the peal of Stedman Cinques rung there on May 16th, 1931. The lettering is in gold, relieved with cardinal red and emerald green, on a black glass background, hermetically sealed with glass front and mounted in an oak frame. It is the gift of Mr. F. E. Dawe, of London, the composer and conductor of the peal. Mr. Dawe has rung peals in nearly all the cathedrals in England which contain a ring of bells, and the peal at Worcester was one which he specially appreciates, as it was something like 40 years between his first attempt and his final success. The tablet was dedicated on Easter Monday in the presence of a large gathering of Worcestershire ringers, assembled for their annual meeting, by Bishop Duppy, one of the Canons Residentiary, and immediately afterwards a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung, in which several members of the peal band took part.

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of Mr. Johnston, a number of representative people threw silver coins into the molten mass. Those who shared in this little ceremony were the Rector and churchwardens of Bow, the chairman of the Appeal Committee, Mr. Gordon Selfridge, the Masters of the City Livery Companies, the Mayor of Croydon and Mr. A. B. Peck, representing the Ancient Society of College Youths.

At this stage the Bishop of Croydon offered a prayer of dedication: 'Accept this offering, bless and hallow this bell that through this generation and through the generations to come it may continually call together Thy faithful people to praise and worship Thy holy Name.'

Then came the climax of the day—the pouring of the metal into the mould, which was half sunk into the earth. This took some minutes, and was watched with eager interest, which held to the end, when Mr. Johnston smilingly announced, 'Ladies and gentlemen, Bow bell is cast.' Afterwards the visitors were entertained to tea.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. THE HEYWOOD MEMORIAL.

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Easter Monday at Nottingham, and from an early hour visitors began to arrive from all centres of the association's area, as well as from neighbouring associations. The bells of St. Peter's (10) and St. Mary's (10) were set going to various standard and Surprise methods with varying degrees of 'striking,' and some of the visitors went to Daybrook (8) to try their hand there. The committee met in the afternoon in the Co-operative Hall, and carried through their usual routine business.

The Hon. Treasurer reported a very poor response indeed from his recent appeal in 'The Ringing World' for subscriptions towards erecting a bell at Duffield to the memory of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, founder and first president of the Central Council, and suggested that a collection might be taken at the general meeting following. This was subsequently done and yielded £2 0s. 3d.

It was agreed that the local district secretaries appeal to the various towers in their districts to subscribe to this fund.

A small committee was formed to revise and bring up to date the rules of the association.

At the tea which followed some 107 ringers and friends sat down, and the association was well represented by members from each of the eight districts: Burton, Derby, Chesterfield, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, Peak and Hincley, and friends from as far afield as Bushey, Herts, London, Sheffield, Northampton, Coventry and Devon were also welcomed.

The general meeting was presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president), supported by Mr. William Willson (vice-president), Mr. Wm. E. White (hon. treasurer), Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary), Rev. Alan Chaplin (Rector of Colgrave, Notts), and Rev. R. P. Farrow (Rector of Stoney Stanton).

The President said how pleased he was to see such a good company present, and trusted all had enjoyed their visit to Nottingham. He reviewed the work of the past quarter, and noted that 24 peals had been rung, which, although less than usual in number, covered a variety of methods from Doubles to Royal. They had lost four members by death—W. H. Mundy, of Leicester, and E. Robbins, of Bolsover, both resident members, and W. Walsley, of Macclesfield, and J. A. Gorton, of Whitley Bay, life members. He referred to the recent articles in the ringing Press on 'Striking,' and suggested that the public would appreciate their efforts more if this branch of the art was thoroughly attended to.

Mr. Colin Harrison proposed that the balance sheet, as appearing in the jubilee report, be passed, and stated that, in auditing, he had found all correct and the books kept in an excellent condition and style by the hon. treasurer.—Mr. J. H. Dean, the joint auditor, supported these remarks, and the accounts were passed 'nem con.'

The hon. secretary read over the list of new members nominated since the last meeting, viz., two rejoining, 22 ringing, four honorary, and one life.—Their election was duly ratified.

At this juncture the company were honoured by the arrival of the Right Rev. Bishop Talbot (late of Pretoria), who has recently been inducted Vicar of St. Mary's, Nottingham. The president welcomed him on behalf of all members present, and the Bishop suitably replied, apologising for his late arrival. Although he had missed the tea, he was very glad, he said, he had not missed the opportunity of meeting the assembled company of ringers. He had only been inducted to Nottingham, St. Mary's, on Palm Sunday, but had made a point of ascending the tower and seeing his ringers (applause). He found everything here in England so very different from South Africa. Here, all around, things spoke of antiquity and tradition; there, all was new, and nothing akin to the surroundings one found in the old country. There were no peals of bells out in the Transvaal, and in all his old diocese (a district as big as Great Britain) they had very few bells to give the countryside a 'tone.' He had, however, learned something of bells and bellringers from his colleague, Rev. Canon Riddout, who was a very keen 'campanologist.' The Bishop added that he hoped to come into contact with the Midlands organisations now, and to see more of the ringers of the churches around. He wished the association 'all good things in the Name of the Lord.'

The general officers were proposed as before, viz.: President, Mr. E. Denison Taylor; vice-president, Mr. Wm. Willson; hon. treasurer, Mr. Wm. E. White; hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S.; and these were duly elected. Five names were submitted for Central Council representatives, and as four only were required, a ballot was taken, resulting in the election of Mr. E. D. Taylor, Mr. W. E. White, Mr. J. H. Swinfield and Mr. E. C. Gobey.

After discussion and voting, the three following places were selected for next quarterly meetings: Creswell (June), Quorn (September), and Earl Shilton (January).

Regarding the Minor and Doubles controversy, the representatives to the Central Council were instructed to vote only for 'truth and correctness,' and an amendment to the proposals appearing in 'The Ringing World' of April 14th will be submitted in due course to the proper quarter.

This concluded the business, when the members dispersed to the four towers open for ringing, and to spend the evening in 'convivings' till train time called 'That's all!'

E. M.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED ALTERATION OF NAME.

The 36th annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, April 22nd, at St. James' Church, Clerkenwell. The proceedings started punctually at 3 p.m., from which hour until the time of the service the bells were heard to great advantage. A large number of ringers attended at St. Giles', Cripplegate, where from 3 to 4.30 some very creditable Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, as well as some rounds, were rung. The service at Clerkenwell was attended by about 100 ringers. It was jointly conducted by the Revs. Thear and Royds, assisted by the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane (president of the association). The lesson was read by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president) and the Bishop of Kensington (formerly the Rector of Stepney) was the preacher.

The Bishop preached from the text, 'They were of the same craft.' He referred to the association of Aboliah and Bezaleel in the construction of the tabernacle—men of outstanding ability at their craft, whose names in the Old Testament never occurred separately. Of all the links in life that of sharing the same job was, said the Bishop, one of the oldest. In modern life brotherhoods of the same occupation were created through the trade unions. They had precisely the same thing within the Church. The Church was one great brotherhood, which had certain craft brotherhoods as well. The ringers were a brotherhood within this bigger brotherhood, brothers of the same craft within the Church itself. There was a religious comradeship; they were brothers of the same craft. He wondered how many of their finest friendships had been made within the circle of that craft? He would like them to pay tribute to it that afternoon, as to the friendships it had given them in the course of their life. The Bishop went on to refer to the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, whom he had known as chaplain of his daughter's school, and had met at ringers' gatherings in London. He spoke of his admiration of the skill which ringers exercised in their craft, in which every person contributed his proper share. There were certain jobs, he said, where it did not matter if people asserted themselves, but there were certain things in which any self-assertion just ruined the whole job. It was true more or less of a choir; it was truer still in the case of ringing. Was that not what life absolutely called for? Everyone paying his proper contribution to the best of his ability? Would it not be marvellous if the whole world became nationally and internationally a sort of ringing team? The world cried aloud for team spirit. Let them always, as ringers, remember their main objective. They were a brotherhood of advertisers of the Church. Let them try to do it in simple sound from the tower, but there was nothing like influence and personality and character and help to bring the people back.

After the sermon the hymn, 'On the Resurrection morning,' was sung, having been specially chosen in remembrance of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. The service concluded with an organ recital given by Mr. Basil Rideaux, which was much appreciated.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, under the church, and an excellent meal, which had been prepared by Miss G. Bailey and friends, was enjoyed. The Bishop, who was unable to stay after the service, had previously addressed a few words of good wishes to the ringers present.

After tea, the business meeting was held. The president took the chair, being supported by Messrs. W. Pickworth and J. A. Trollope (vice-presidents), Mr. W. H. Hollier (hon. treasurer), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Mr. W. Pye (Master), Messrs. A. W. Coles and E. C. S. Turner (District Masters), Mr. W. H. Oram (district treasurer), and other association officers, whilst among those present were Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council) and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. R. Sanders, etc. The president referred to the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who, he said, had died whilst actually at his work as Ringing Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had been a member of the Middlesex Association for some twelve years. He was an outstanding figure in the Exercise, and they would all regret his death. The president asked members to show their sympathy with Mrs. Jenkyn in the loss of her husband, and with the Oxford Diocesan Guild in the loss of their Master, by standing in silence for a few moments. This was accordingly done.

THE REPORT.

The annual report referred to the district meetings, and said that in these days of depression, when money was scarce, it was not to be wondered at that attendances were below the usual standard, but members were urged to do their utmost to be present at meetings, to give encouragement to the few who habitually attend, and to the secretaries and Masters who arrange them. The ringers of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, were welcomed to membership, as well as those at Norwood Green, who had rejoined after a short period outside the association.

Including the ringers at these towers, two honorary and fifty-nine ringing members were elected, of which number the South and West District can claim a slight majority, and the total membership of 868 shows a small increase on last year. The number of lapses owing to non-payment of subscriptions was again to be regretted, and in addition to drawing the attention of members to the suggestions made last

year, it was also suggested that only by continuous recruiting could local Guilds be kept up to full strength. At least one new ringer annually should be the aim of each band; it would be found much easier to keep the strength up by this means than by waiting for the time to come when it would be necessary to recruit in a wholesale fashion.

Compared with 1931 there was an increase of seven in the number of peals rung. Out of a total of 83, four were rung on handbells, and the churches at which peals were rung numbered 33. Twelve members rang their first peals. Members who took part in the peals numbered 168, an increase of 23 over the previous year. The increasing popularity of Spliced Surprise ringing was shown by nine members ringing their first peals in four methods. Members who rang their first peals in the more advanced methods included two London, two Bristol, and six Cambridge Royal. One member rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques, and one Maximus. 'In all,' added the report, 'some 126 members rang their first peals in something new, which, we venture to say, is a sure sign of progress. There were 24 conductors, and Mr. R. T. Newman is to be congratulated on conducting a peal for the first time. Amongst the seven peals of Spliced Surprise Major was one in four methods at Bishopsgate on February 22nd, which Mr. C. W. Roberts conducted from a non-observation bell! The first peals ever rung in seven and eight Surprise methods were accomplished at Willesden on April 19th and June 21st respectively, both conducted by Mr. W. Pye, and the first peal of Belgrave Surprise Major by the association was rung at Bishopsgate on October 3rd, conducted by Mr. C. W. Roberts.'

After referring to the various bell restorations in the association's area, the report went on to say that the venture of the South and West District in holding a supper and social at Heston on January 14th of the present year met with success, some 75 members and friends attending. It was confidently hoped that this function would be the first of many such gatherings.

Mr. W. Webb, of the St. Mary's, Finchley, band, had completed 57 years as a ringer at that church, and Mr. F. Pratt had been a ringer at St. Mary's, Hendon, for 54 years. Both these gentlemen appeared in the first report of the old Middlesex Association, dated 1890, and had had an unbroken line of membership. Mr. Pratt had recently had to give up ringing owing to ill-health, but it was hoped this would be of a temporary nature, and that both he and Mr. Webb would enjoy their bellringing for many years to come. The Central Council at its last meeting passed a resolution urging greater support for 'The Ringing World.' The Editor of that journal promised a larger paper if sufficient new readers were forthcoming, but apart from that, it was thought that ringers should, in their own interests and those of the association, support it to the limit of their ability to do so. The difficulties of running an association without a convenient means of communication with members would be so great as to be almost insuperable. It would be a bad day for the Exercise if 'The Ringing World' ceased to appear, and members generally were urged to support it.

THE ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.

The balance sheet, submitted by the treasurer, and showing a credit balance of £33 5s., was adopted. Five new members were elected, including the Misses G. and M. Pack, Mrs. P. Humphrey, of St. Mary Abbots', Kensington, Mr. W. T. Elson, and Miss M. Albon, of Clerkenwell.

The whole of the retiring officers were re-elected as follows: President, Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, who nominated Messrs. W. Pickworth and J. A. Trollope as vice-presidents; Master, Mr. W. Pye; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Hollier; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth.

Messrs. C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Hollier and W. Pickworth were appointed Central Council representatives for the next triennial session.

A suggestion that an alteration be made in the name of the association, so as to bring the diocesan part of the title into greater prominence, was referred to by Mr. Trollope, who asked members seriously to consider the advisability of making some change. The president referred to the advantages of using the term 'Diocesan,' whilst Mr. C. T. Coles urged caution in view of a future breaking-up of the diocese. The matter was left over for discussion by the districts.

A recommendation from the Central Committee that the sum of £2 2s. be given to the Rev. H. Law James Memorial Fund was endorsed.

Ealing was chosen for the next annual meeting.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Kensington for his excellent sermon, which they had all so much enjoyed; to the incumbents of Clerkenwell, Cripplegate and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, for the use of the bells at their respective churches; to the clergy who had conducted the service; to Mr. Rideaux, the organist, who had added considerably to the harmony of the proceedings; and to Miss Bailey and friends for an excellently served tea. This was carried with acclamation.

Subsequently some good practice was obtained in most of the standard methods, both at St. James', Clerkenwell, where Mr. Pye catered for all ringing tastes, and at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, where Mr. A. W. Coles was in charge. Thus ended a meeting which for enthusiasm and good-fellowship will long be remembered.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.

The annual meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Chislehurst on Easter Monday, when about 120 members attended. The committee met earlier in the day, and, among other business transacted, five guineas was voted from the Belfry Repairs Fund to Thowley Church, where the present peal of six are to be rehung and two trebles added as a memorial to the late Lord Harris, who was a foundation member of this association.

The service of the association was held in the Church of St. Nicholas at noon, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. O. Hardman, who in his address said that every time they heard the bells, whether mournful or joyful, they were ringing out the Christian message. A collection in aid of the Benevolent Fund amounted to £14s. 1d.

The luncheon followed in the Village Hall, presided over by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, supported by the Rector and the Rev. F. W. Hassard-Short, Vicar of St. Luke's, Bromley, and the officers of the association. Among the many apologies for absence was one from the late hon. secretary, Canon F. J. O. Helmore, and the secretary was asked to convey the best wishes and kindly affection of the members to Canon Helmore.

After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, Mr. F. White submitted 'The Archbishop and Clergy.' He said it was one which it was always a delight to honour as churchmen and women and as bellringers, because from the clergy they did get such wonderful help, both from the way in which they were allowed the use of the bells for their meetings and practices and from the services when visiting the churches. He thanked the incumbents of the various towers who had allowed their towers to be opened that day, and coupled with the toast the name of the Rev. Dr. O. Hardman.

Dr. Hardman, in replying, welcomed the association to Chislehurst, and assured them that the clergy in the county were not only glad to welcome them to the towers for ringing the bells, but looked upon them as most valuable assistants in the ministry of the Church by the service which they rendered. Bells were a part of the whole tradition of Church life in the Church of England.

Mr. F. Mitchell, hon. secretary and treasurer, presented the annual report and balance sheet, which showed the association to be in a distinctly flourishing condition.

OVER £900 IN HAND.

The report showed that in spite of the conditions prevailing in the country the association was steadily carrying on its work and maintaining its efficiency, as was evidenced by its growth of members and financial resources. The meetings, 32 of which had been held in various parts of the county during the past year, were well attended, and it was distinctly encouraging to see that younger members were taking up the art, and a keener interest in the affairs of the association. They had 112 towers in union, an increase of two over the previous year, and the membership had increased from 1,371 to 1,411. Peals of 5,040 and over had totalled 147, and had been rung in 61 towers. Grants from the Belfry Fund had been made to the extent of £11 to Sandhurst, Little Chart and Woolwich. Three grants of £5 each had been voted from the Benevolent Funds to aged and deserving members during the year. Losses by death had robbed them of two valuable members, Messrs. E. Barnett and E. Buesden, among many others. Mr. Barnett had been a member for 44 years, a member of the committee for 40 years, and represented the association on the Central Council since 1902. The vacancy on the Benevolent Committee caused by his death had been filled by the election to the committee of Mr. W. J. Jeffries. Mr. Buesden was at one time secretary of the Canterbury District and leader of the ringers at Canterbury Cathedral. To the bereaved of all who had been called to higher service they offered their sympathy.

The financial report and balance sheets were submitted. The balance in the General Fund was £39 13s. 7d., a slight decrease on the previous year. The balance in the Belfry Repair Fund was £129 16s. 11d., an increase of £9 11s. 6d., and the Benevolent Fund showed an increased balance of £23 8s. 11d., being £195 15s. 11d. With the invested funds the total in hand now amounted to £912 12s. 1d., an increase of £30 over the previous year.

Mr. E. H. Lewis (chairman) said the report and balances were distinctly satisfactory, and congratulated Mr. Mitchell on the result of the year's work. He also took the opportunity of congratulating him on his election as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

On the proposition of Mr. Steddy (Edenbridge) the report and balance sheets were unanimously adopted.

THE EDWIN BARNETT MEMORIAL SCHEME.

Mr. Lewis, referring to the memorial to the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, said the matter was discussed at a meeting of the sub-committee at Crayford Church, and it was decided to collect funds for a memorial to take the form of a screen to replace the curtain between the tower and the church in the tower arch. The screen would cost about £80, but if it was not possible to raise that amount they might get the design modified to meet the amount collected. He appealed to all to support the fund.

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DEATH OF MR. C. W. PLAYER. LOSS TO KENT RINGING.

The Kent County Association and the Romney Marsh Guild has lost a stalwart by the death of Mr. Charles William Player, of Stone-in-Oxney, who died on April 22nd, at the age of 55 after only four days' illness from pneumonia. He was a member of the Central Council and one of the pioneers of the Romney Marsh Guild, which does so much good work in a scattered district in Kent. He carried on business as a builder, the firm having been established by his great-grandfather. A widow, three sons and a daughter are left in bereavement.

Mr. Player began his ringing career at Margate, but moved to Stone about 30 years ago. His first peal (Grandsire Triples) was rung at Faversham on December 23rd, 1901, and his last attempt was at the same tower on April 1st, when a peal of Superlative Surprise unfortunately came to grief about half-way. Altogether Mr. Player had rung 293 peals, of which he had conducted 37.

There was a large gathering at the funeral which took place at Stone on Wednesday week, among those assembled to pay a last tribute of respect being no fewer than 63 ringers from 22 towers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Newman, assisted by Canon F. J. O. Helmore, of Canterbury Cathedral, formerly hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, Rev. G. Wright (Appledore), Rev. W. E. Watson (Wittersham), and the Vicar of Lympne (Rev. A. L. Brine). The family mourners were Mr. P. Player (brother), Messrs. George, Harold and Thomas Player (sons), and Miss Margaret Player (daughter).

The bellringers present included Mr. C. W. Everett (Master) and Mr. P. Page (secretary), Romney Marsh Guild; Mr. A. C. Kay, district secretary of the Guild; Messrs. S. Finn (Brabourne), C. Tribe and R. Edwards (Tenterden), A. Battin (late of Tenterden), Slingsby (Sturry), Saxby (Margate), Harrison-Smith (Wickhambreau), E. S. Ruck (Willesborough), C. Franklin (Kingsnorth), Parkes (Canterbury), Bignall (Hythe), F. Bennett (Brighton) and others.

The coffin was of polished oak with brass furniture made in the workshops of his firm, and the bearers were selected from the oldest employes.

After the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. C. Tribe, H. S. Humphrey, F. Bennett and H. Parkes.

The family wreaths were inscribed: 'In loving memory of my dear Charlie and our dear Dad, Clara, the boys and Margaret; 'In loving memory of my dear brother,' from Henry and his family.

There were over 50 wreaths, among them being flowers from the Romney Marsh and District Guild; the Stone ringers; Tenterden ringers; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone (Paddock Wood); F. White (Crabrook); W. Wenban (Staplehurst); 'His Margate ringing pals, 1900-1933'; Mr. and Mrs. R. Edwards and family (Tenterden); E. H. Stuteley (Rye); Mr. and Mrs. Pitman; Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey and Bert (New Romney); Mr. and Mrs. G. Harvey and family (Wittersham); etc.

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Seven candidates had been nominated for representatives on the Central Council, and the voting resulted in the election of Messrs. F. M. Mitchell, T. Groombridge, sen., J. H. Cheesman and T. E. Sone.

All the officers were re-elected, and Mr. F. White proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the hon. secretary. He said no one realised the amount of work the position entailed. In Mr. Mitchell they had one who was adequately carrying on the work of Canon Helmore, and he wished him good health and long life to carry out the duties as their hon. secretary.

In replying, Mr. Mitchell said when elected he would do his best, and so long as his best was appreciated by the members he would be happy to carry on as their hon. secretary. He had excellent district secretaries, and thanked them for their work during the past year. He thanked Mr. Lewis for his kind remarks on his election as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, a position of which he was justly proud.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting. In addition to St. Nicholas' tower, other towers open during the day were SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, St. Luke's, Bromley, St. George's, Beckenham, St. John's, Eltham, and St. Mary Cray.

NOTICE.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13th, at St. Michael's, Teignmouth. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Gervis' Cafe. St. James' bells (8) also available. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 30th, St. Magnus' on the 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Colne, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Radwinter on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. per head. Those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Bells of St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, Southwark (8) are also available from 3.4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in the Cathedral, 5 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) and meeting to follow at the Chapter House nearby.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on May 6th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. —A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District. —The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn after service, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector, the grounds of the Rectory will be open to members.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Honiton Clist on Saturday, May 6th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—M. Powell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Clist St. George, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting of this branch will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hanier, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. —A joint meeting will take place at Handsworth (8 bells), on Saturday, May 6th. Handsworth cars from City. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. For tea please notify Miss N. Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield. Norton meeting cancelled.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A good attendance desired. The local team have lately had instructions in change ringing. Please come and give them encouragement. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due. — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee (8), on Saturday, May 6th, from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4. Tea (invitation) 4.30, followed by business meeting. The Old Steeple (8) will also be open for ringing. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid before meeting. All welcome. — Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District. —A special meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.30, at which the Lord Bishop of Leicester will be present. Will every member in the district make an effort to attend? Other ringers cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Ambrosden (8) on Saturday, May 6th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Launton, Oxon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. —A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. —H. Parker, Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts will be held at Bigby on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge. Business meeting to follow. All welcome. — H. Mingay, Grimsby, and H. Morgan, Gainsborough, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Lyndhurst on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS. — A joint meeting will be held at Braughing on Wednesday, May 10th, the ringing anniversary, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Brown Bear, the ringers' home from home. Anyone welcome.

Come and pay a visit to this old-world village. — W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts; G. Dent, Harlow Common, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton Parish Church on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas arranged for those who notify Mr. John Hague, The Smithy, Tarleton, by the 10th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Keeble, Rye Mills, Feering, not later than Wednesday, the 10th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 13th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, E. Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon on Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by business. Usual terms for tea, please advise me by May 10th. All members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Five Bells Inn. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, by Wednesday, May 10th. All welcome. Come and try this fine peal.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Rocester on Saturday, May 13th. Will all who intend to be present please inform Mr. J. Bullock, 3, West View, Rocester, Staffs.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Cassington on Saturday, May 13th. 3.30 p.m., service in the Parish Church. Preacher: Rev. F. R. Marriott (Wootton). 4.30 p.m., tea at the School, at 1s. per head. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Cassington, Kidlington (8), Bladon (6). Members who intend to be present must let me know by Thursday, May 11th, first post.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The recently recast and rebung bells of St. Mary's, Portsmouth (8), by Taylor and Co., will be available for general ringing on Saturday, May 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Bells available again after tea. All ringers will be welcomed and tea will be provided for those who inform me by Thursday, 11th.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—The 34th annual meeting will be held at Nasington, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Meat tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea please let me know by Tuesday, May 9th.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Street on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Somerset.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Deerhurst, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Ringers attending please notify secretary by Wednesday, May 10th.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business after. Visitors welcome. Those wanting tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 9th.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull, Taunton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Blakesley on Saturday, May 13th. Service 3 p.m. Notify for tea before May 10th.—Rev. R. Howes, Hon. Sec., Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, May 9th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea in St. Mary's Hall. Those requiring tea please notify me by the previous Wednesday. A cordial reception given to all. Visitors are very welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Hallam on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Holt's Café. A good attendance desired.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL will be held at Dorchester on Tuesday, May 16th. Guild service in St. Peter's Church at 12.15. Luncheon (1/6) in Corn Exchange at 1.15. Annual meeting to follow. Towers open: St Peter's, Dorchester; Cattistock, Wyke Regis (8); Abbotsbury; Bere Regis; Buckland Newton; Fordington; Frampton; Maiden Newton; Puddletown; Upwey; West Lulworth; Wool (6); Bradford Peverell; Stratton; Sydling (5). Those requiring luncheon please inform the Secretary by May 8th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Witley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to me by May 16th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting to follow tea. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beasley Green, Worsley, not later than Wednesday, May 17th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45 p.m. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, May 16th.—G. F. Hoad, Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 10d. per head to those who notify me not later than Monday, May 15th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne (13) on May 27th. Tea at the George Café at 5.30 p.m. — W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meetings of the above will be held jointly at Egham on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Tuesday, May 23rd. All ringers are heartily welcome. — Miss K. Eastes and D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Secs.

DEDICATION OF DUFFIELD RECAST RING OF 10 BELLS SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd, at 3 p.m.

Will Midland Counties Association Change Ringers try to be present at Duffield Church, as above, when the Lord

Bishop of Derby has promised to dedicate the bells, after which ringing will take place. By the kindness of the President of the association and the Vicar and churchwardens of Duffield, a **free meat tea** will be provided to all ringers and their families or friends. To enable arrangements to be made by the caterer, tea tickets will be issued on receipt of a postcard to Mr. F. Ruffell, Duffield, by members or their secretaries to reach him by Thursday, June 1st. Tickets will be posted.

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The society have promised to assist in getting funds for the scheme, and would be very grateful for any donations, however small, which will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by the Hon. Sec.:—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

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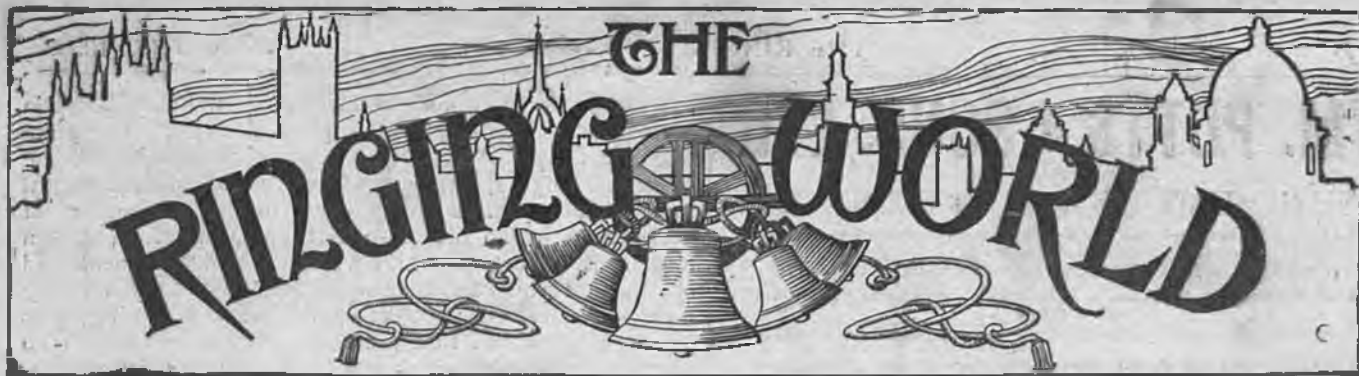
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There is a remarkable divergence of opinion among ringers on the topic which has become known as 'the Minor controversy' and to which the Central Council will be called upon to devote some of its time at the meeting on Whitsun Tuesday. The divergence is two-fold. First, there is the difference of view on the technical side. There are those, on the one hand, who hold strongly that nothing but the pure, unadulterated, conventional 'true and complete 720 changes' shall be admitted in the constitution of a peal of Minor and those who, on the other, contend that a peal of Minor can be equally true and complete if, in practice, far wider limits are given to its conditions. That is the case upon which judgment has to be given. If the Council find in favour of those who ask that the old conventions shall be broken down and fresh standards erected, then they have to decide further how far beyond the old barriers they recommend ringers to draw the new line.

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W. C. G. JINKINS 4	D. G. HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by H. MANN.

* First peal. † First peal in method 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal by a Scottish minister. The peal was rung as a compliment to the president of the association, W. B. Sampson, on the occasion of his birthday, and also to its first Master, Stephen H. Wood, on his marriage to Miss Margaret Mary Lennon.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*REGINALD ARGENT Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER 5
HENRY HATTON 2	†NEIL ALLNATT 6
GEORGE LANCASTER 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 7
*CHARLES J. HATHAWAY 4	*ELI VINCENT Tenor

Conducted by NEIL ALLNATT.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples and first peal as conductor. Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hathaway.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
*REGINALD MARTIN 4	ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Albert Wiffen has now 'circled' this tower.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 34 cwt.

JOSEPH OGDEN Treble	NORMAN HEAPS 5
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 2	WILFRED MOSS 6
STEPHAN L. PARRY 3	VERNON SYKES 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	HARRY MELLOR Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

First peal of Stedman ever rung on back eight and first on the bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

BROWNEDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the R.C. Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN T. BIMSON Treble	E. ROGER MARTIN 5
JOHN CHARNOCK 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
FREDERICK HARWOOD 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 41).

Conducted by WM. SHARPLES

First peal in method as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Ten-Part, No. 2.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	JOHN E. ROTES 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	GEORGE HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Mr. Anthony Blackwell, patron of this living.

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DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... Treble	WALTER S. JOLLEY ... 5
THOMAS COLLINS ... 2	WILFRED G. WILSON ... 6
HARRY PENDRY ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
*GEORGE WATERS ... 4	JOSEPH LOVELL ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. R. JAMES.

* First peal.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation of THURSTANS'. Tenor 20 cwt.	
WALTER H. POOLE ... Treble	ALFRED J. WYATT ... 5
JAMES HUNT ... 2	JACK ROY ... 6
*ROBERT SIVIER ... 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 7
ARTHUR H. REED ... 4	*WALTER E. PRIDDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT ... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2	CECIL NICE ... 6
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS
First peal in the method on the bells and for the association.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PRYKE ... Treble	HARRY TURNER ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6
FRANK G. RINGE ... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
ALBERT PRYKE ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.	
HAROLD GORTON ... Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 5
HAROLD RUSHTON ... 2	EDWARD IUDON ... 6
EVEREST FORD ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
NORMAN BROWN ... 4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the 4th ringer, also to commemorate the birth of a daughter of the ringer of the treble.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble	ERNEST BRETT ... 5
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6
JOSEPH MARKS ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JOSEPH WAGBORN, JUN. ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.	
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 5
ROBERT W. GREEN ... 2	THOMAS LANGDON ... 6
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 7
PERCY E. CLARK ... 4	ALFRED JOYCE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung as a farewell to A. Joyce, who is leaving for Peterborough, and to celebrate the coming of age of William Arthur Hughes, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. P. E. Clark.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 20 cwt.	
WILLIAM H. TURNER ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
JAMES HEMMING ... 2	HECTOR G. BIRD ... 6
WILLIAM SHORT ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 4	REGINALD CHANCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Major. Great credit is due to the local treble man, who made up the band and scored his first peal. Arranged for Alderman J. Hemming, of Evesham.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

DAVID GOSLING ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 6
WILFRID STEVENSON ... 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Jack Fletcher and Miss Annie Langley, daughter of Mr. Harry Langley, one of the local band.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 3	WILLIAM E. BASON ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Nolan Golden.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT ... Treble	SAMUEL HOLT ... 5
ALFRED FROST ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
ROBERT DAVIES ... 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... 7
WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 4	WILLIAM H. SEUKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDK PAGE.

Arranged and rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. D. Vincent, and also of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. Page.

TRING, HERTS.—On Palm Sunday for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Cherry (first quarter-peal) 1, F. J. Reeve 2, H. Brackley 3, C. Badrick 4, F. W. Leach 5, F. C. Reeve 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, H. Bull 8. The conductor hails from London, the rest are the local band.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB TWENTY-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

MATRICE SWINFELD Treble	J. ALFRED BARRATT 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	CHARLES DRAPER Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The peal was a birthday compliment to C. Draper.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FRANK BROWN Treble	SAM PINDER 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	JOHN E. HOBBS 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

Rung in honour of the composer's wedding. J. C. Dicken's 260th peal. J. E. Hobbs has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... Treble	† ERNEST BRITAIN 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	† FRANK LORD 6
GEORGE W. MOODY 3	JACK BRAY 7
GEORGE W. CREASEY 4	† CECIL PYE Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First in the method 'inside.' † First peal in method. First in the method as conductor and on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BADBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SIDNEY FOSKETT Treble	WALTER PERKINS 4
AMOS SMART 2	CHARLES WM. CLARKE 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

* D. JAYCOCK Treble	* P. JAYCOCK 4
* W. WOODLEY 2	† E. BARRETT 5
G. J. BERRY 3	* R. WALKER Tenor

Conducted by G. J. BERRY.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band, who are all Sunday service ringers at the above church. First attempt made by the band. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, late Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble	A. NORMAN GEARY 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
RONALD RUSSELL 3	* ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the eve of St. George's Day. First peal of Minor on these bells. * 50th peal.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD S. RUCK Treble	LRSIE C. SMITH 4
EDWARD J. DIXON 2	* WILLIAM LANCEFIELD 5
HENRY C. CASTLE 3	PERCY PAGE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal of Minor.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARVEY E. BURRELL ... Treble	† HAROLD BARSLEY 4
FRANK DEWEY 2	† CYRIL E. BURRELL 5
* JOHN J. L. GILBERT 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods. Arranged for John J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, Yorks, who was on a visit to the district.

HADDENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, varied callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WHYBROW ... Treble	WILLIAM SEEKINGS 4
MANSFIELD GINN 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
* STANLEY SHIPP 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First Surprise peal. First peal on the bells and by the new-formed district. The conductor's 140th peal.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEWIS CHAPMAN ... Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2	HENRY W. GAYTON 5
PEARL INSKIP 3	HENRY STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the conductor, and in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. T. G. Crouch, the esteemed leader of the local band.

KENT RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Easter Monday a party of ringers from Egerton, Charing, and other towers, spent a most enjoyable half-day visiting the towers at Ospringe, Teynham, Sittingbourne and Tunstall. At all places the local ringers were most kind, and had everything ready for the visitors. The ringing on six and eight bells was in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge Surprise. An attempt for a course of Cambridge Major unfortunately came to grief in the last lead.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LEDBURY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

T. PRATT	1	Treble	C. BOWERS	4
R. LEWIS	2		D. HORNE	5
*W. NUT	3		G. JORDON	Tenor

Conducted by D. HORNE.

* First peal.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
720's of Kent and Oxford, rung alternately.

FRED RIX	1	Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY	4
ALBERT W. BOGG	2		ARTHUR J. HAYNES	5
JOHN H. PITCHER	3		Cecil V. EBBERSON	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil V. EBBERSON.

Rung for the festival of St. George.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with 12 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

Mrs K. WILLERS	1	Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	2		WILFRID H. J. HOOTON	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3		REV. E. BANKES JAMES	Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

This peal, the first of Stedman on the bells, was rung fully muffled in memory of Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, priest.

LECHLADE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTONS' DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ARTHUR R. MILSOM	1	Treble	ERNEST TELLING	4
*THOMAS LAPPINGTON	2		ALFRED J. KING	5
JOHN HOPE	3		*WILLIAM PEACHEY	Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

* First peal. Especially rung to commemorate Mr. and Mrs. E. Telling's silver wedding.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WALTER G. BROCKHURST	1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING	5-6
MAURICE SMITHER	3-4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung at the residence of Mr. W. G. Brockhurst who, through illness, has not been able to ring tower bells for the last few years.

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SPLICED GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

HUNDREDS OF CALLINGS.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

As the Central Council at their next meeting are going into the question of what shall constitute a peal of Minor and Doubles, I have been investigating, with the idea of seeing if any advantage is to be gained from splicing the various callings of Doubles. I place the results, so far as I have gone, before the Exercise so that they may judge for themselves.

I may say I was surprised that such a mass of material was opened up, and if I was able to be present at the meeting should wholeheartedly support the resolution.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Prick out the old ten extents with 3rd and 5th half-hunt bells. Then prick out the same in the reverse, i.e., starting from 13254. These latter have the 2nd and 4th as half-hunt bells.

Upon examination it will be found that four leads in each of the forward extents are similar to four in each of the reverse. These mark A, B, C and D, thus:—

Forward.	Reverse.
2345	3254
A 2534	B 3425
B 3425 —	5234 S
3542	3452 —
4235 —	A 2534 S
4523	2453
3245 S	C 3524 S
C 3524	D 2435 —
D 2435 —	5324 S
2543	5432
4325 —	2354 S
4532	5423 —
2345 S	3254 S

Start the forward extent, and when we come to A cross over to the reverse extent at A, ring the whole of that extent, and when we return to A switch over to A in the forward extent and complete that extent.

Next treat B, C and D in like manner. We have the following results:—

A	B	C	D
240	240	240	240
2345	2345	2345	2345
A 2534	2534	2534	2534
2453	B 3425 B	3425 B	3425 B
3524 S	5234 S	3542	3542
2435 B	3452 B	4235 B	4235 B
5324 S	2534 S	4523	4523
5432	2453	3245 S	3245 S
2354 S	3524 S	C 3524	3524
5423 B	2435 B	2435 B	D 2435 B
3254 S	5324 S	5324 S	5324 S
3425	5432	5432	5432
5234 S	2354 S	2354 S	2354 S
3452 B	5423 B	5423 B	5423 B
A 2534 S	3254 S	3254 S	3254 S
3425 B	B 3425	3425	3425
3542	3542	5235 S	5234 S
4235 B	4235 B	3452 B	3452 B
4523	4523	2534 S	2534 S
3245 S	3245 S	2453	2453
3524	3524	C 3524 S	3524 S
2435 B	2435 B	2435 B	D 2435 B
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4532	4532	4532	4532
2345 S	2345 S	2345 S	2345 S

Each of the ten forward extents, if spliced in like manner to each of the ten reverse, gives us three hundred and sixty-eight 240's, equalling 88,320 changes without a repetition of calling.

I might add that in the majority of cases four double extents will be obtained.

DEVON GUILD.

The Aylesbeare Deanery Branch held a very pleasant meeting at Honiton Clyst on Saturday, May 6th, when there was an attendance of about 45. A service was held in the church, at which the Rector (the Rev. Dr. Keane) gave a most helpful address and offered a warm welcome to the branch. An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, and the subsequent business meeting was presided over by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. E. A. Jullian, Rector of Whimpe. Guild certificates were presented to Messrs. D. and B. Fidgeon, of East Bridleigh, and the next meeting arranged for September 9th at Colaton Raleigh. Some good ringing took place on the very nice ring of eight bells during the afternoon and evening.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DIVISION'S FIRST MEETING.**

Splendid weather favoured the twice postponed meeting of the newly-formed Southern Division on Saturday, April 22nd, at Southover, Lewes, about 30 members attending. Ringing commenced soon after 2.30 p.m., and continued until 5.15 p.m., when an excellent tea was served in the Church Hall. Owing to the Rector being called away, no service was held.

At the business meeting the Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, referred to the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, whom he had known for nearly 40 years, and the members stood in silence as a token of respect.

Four new members were elected, viz., W. Murrell and F. Hicks (Rotherfield), F. Shepherd (Shoreham), and G. Berkshire (of the Good Shepherd, Brighton). Messrs. S. E. Armstrong, F. W. Cripps and K. Hart were elected on the Association Committee and the Committee of Advice.

The Hon. General Secretary, Mr. A. D. Sione, reminded members that the annual meeting would be held on Whit Monday, June 5th, at Brighton.

The towers represented were St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd, Brighton; Crawley, Cuckfield, Hurstpierpoint, Lindfield, Ringmer, Rotherfield, Seaford, Shoreham, Southover, Lewes, Turner's Hill and Uckfield. After the meeting a further visit was made to the tower, touches in methods being successfully rung.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Alton District was held at Froyle on April 22nd. This annual fixture was favoured with beautiful weather, and a large number of ringers attended to accept the hospitality of Sir Hubert Miller. Ringing began in good time and continued till 4.30, when the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Sangster), with Mr. Stroud (Frensham) at the organ. Tea was served at the Shrubbery House, when Sir Hubert personally entertained the ringers, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. The party numbered 33, representing, in addition to the local band, the towers of Alton, Blackmoor, Bramshott, Frensham, Liss, Privett, Steep and Winchester Cathedral.

In the regrettable absence of Rev. F. G. Eyres (chairman of the district), Mr. Wilfred Andrews proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Hubert Miller, which was seconded by Mr. Read, and carried with applause.

A stroll round the grounds, in the full perfection of their spring beauty, was much enjoyed by all before ringing was resumed.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**SECRETARY COMPLETES TEN YEARS IN OFFICE.**

On Saturday week the Leeds and District Society's annual general meeting was held at Batley Church. The president for the past three years is a service ringer here. At this quaint old church the belfry is down stairs from the outside level of the churchyard, and in the belfry is an ancient ringers' notice board which is printed in very old English style.

The bells were rung up at 3.15 p.m., and ringing continued until 9 o'clock. Close on 40 members were present during the day from Almondbury, Armley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley St. Michael's, Earlsheaton, Elland, Dewsbury, Birstall, Liversedge, Pudsey, Northowram, Queensbury, Wakefield and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower. The president took the chair, and one new member, Mr. J. Moorhouse, of Wakefield, was elected.

The balance sheet for the past year was adopted, on the motion of the president.

The secretary read his report, which showed the total membership of the society to be 178. One outside appeal had been supported—the Davies Memorial Fund—and the financial side again showed an increase.

The retiring officials were re-elected for the coming year.

The best thanks of the society were accorded the Vicar of Batley and the local company. A special vote of thanks was passed to the secretary on the completion of 10 years of office.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**NEW CENTRAL DISTRICT APPROVED.**

The annual meeting was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday and attracted a fair number of ringers. The towers of St. Mary, St. Andrew, St. Bene't and the R.C. Church were open for ringing at intervals during the day and were made good use of. The business meeting was held in the vestry of St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m. under the Rev. R. Copeman as chairman.

The report and balance sheet were not of any sensational character. Officers were almost all re-elected, but Mr. T. R. Dennis retired from being representative on the Central Council in favour of Miss K. Willers.

The next annual meeting was arranged to be held at St. Neots.

The formation of a Central District, around Ely, provoked an animated discussion, but was approved by the meeting, with the necessary change in the rules.

Votes of thanks terminated the proceedings. A short service in St. Mary's Church followed the meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Rupert Richardson has lost no time in 'completing the circle' at Surfleet. By ringing the second to a peal of Cambridge Maximus he has now rung a peal on every bell in the tower.

We are very pleased to state that after eight weeks in a nursing home at Southampton Mrs. George Williams is home again at Eastleigh and is making improvement. Mr. and Mrs. Williams wish to thank the many ringing friends who have written to them during Mrs. Williams' illness. They hope to reply to each individually as soon as possible.

Bands who desire to compete in the open six-bell ringing contest at Hoylandswaine, Yorks, on June 24th, should write for copy of rules to Mr. E. Brookes, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine.

A few seats at 11s. are available in a private motor coach to Christchurch on Saturday, July 8th, in connection with the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild. It is rumoured that Kate may be present, so roll up, bachelors! Any ringer wishing to join the party should send to Mrs. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

Short notice of a meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association appears to-day. The meeting is at Hale to-morrow afternoon.

It had been hoped to attempt an 'Empire' peal at St. Clement Danes', London, on May 24th (Empire Day), but we are informed that it has had to be postponed. The band was to have consisted of ringers who have sojourned at some time or other in distant parts of the Empire.

The band who rang the peal of Double Oxford Bob Triples at Upton-on-Severn, April 22nd, would like to know if a peal in that method had been rung before.

The peal rung at Bocking on April 29th was the first of Bristol by all resident members of that division of the Essex Association. The correct time for the peal of Treble Bob at Feering on April 22nd was 3 hours 9 mins.

The report of a peal of Minor, rung at Upchurch, Kent, on April 1st, has been sent without the name of the conductor.

The peal of Superlative at Handbridge, Cheshire, on April 1st, contained 5,083 changes, and not 5,184 as reported.

Fifty peals of Stedman Triples, forty peals of Stedman Caters and twenty peals of Stedman Cinques are the totals which J. S. Goldsmith can now claim after a peal of Triples at Godalming, Surrey, on Saturday.

Pressure on our space compels us to hold over a number of reports of meetings and peals and an article on the Minor controversy by Mr. Stephen H. Wood.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Nineteen societies have so far failed to pay the subscription, which became due on January 1st.

Members of the Council are requested to advise me as soon as possible if they are coming to the meeting, in order that adequate arrangements can be made at the Skinners Hall.

The members of the Council and their friends are invited to tea by the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, at Slater's Restaurant, 50, Cannon Street, E.C., after the Council meeting. To enable a correct estimate to be arrived at, tickets will be issued, and applications for these should be made to Mr. C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, London, E.4.

Any member desiring to take part in peals on Saturday, June 3rd, or Whit Monday in West Middlesex should write without delay to Mr. W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,

Hon. Secretary.

METHODS AND PROGRESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is the ambition of every tower leader worthy of the name to see his ringers make progress. He knows the weak points which may retard progress, but as long as his band improves on the 1½ hours' practice a week (which, incidentally, is not enough to learn to play a tin whistle), he is a happy man. I can hardly see how one can say whether ringing generally is improving or not by how many methods are rung in a peal of Minor. You may have six men from as many towers who can ring almost any method, all anxious to add to their peal number. Let them enjoy themselves by all means, but the words 'Rung by the local band' after the peal carries a great deal more in some cases than 'Seven Surprise methods' in others.

There are hundreds of towers where change ringing proper is done to-day, where it was not even heard of in Jasper Snowden's time. Galhampton.

P.S.—When are we to get the pamphlet on 'How to hold the rope'? I saw a man nearly hanged last week.

W. A. OSBORN.

COMING-OF-AGE CELEBRATION.

To celebrate the 'coming of age' of Mr. W. A. (Billy) Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Lawrence Jewry on Sunday week. Father and grandfather (Mr. W. D. Smith) rang in the touch: W. D. Smith 1, A. A. Hughes 2, E. Murrell 3, A. Bacchus 4, S. Stonad 5, F. Shorter (conductor) 6, G. Moody 7, E. Owen 8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MARKED ADVANCEMENT IN HIGHER METHODS.

One of the most successful meetings ever held by the Surrey Association took place last Saturday, when over a hundred members and friends attended the annual general meeting at Southwark Cathedral. The Cathedral bells were kept going from three o'clock, and at five o'clock choral evensong was held. A most interesting address was given by the Rev. Canon A. H. Phelps, Vicar of Wimbledon, who spoke of his long connection with bellringing at Worcester, Pershore and Dudley. He appreciated the good work of the various associations to further the art of bellringing, and emphasised the need of towers being affiliated to the county or diocesan associations.

Tea was served in the Chapter House (the overflow had tea in a neighbouring cafe), and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. D. K. C. Birt (Master) presided, supported by Mr. C. Dean (hon. treasurer), Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary), Mr. F. E. Darby (assistant secretary), etc. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, R. White and H. E. Wills. The association expressed the hope of a speedy recovery to Mr. Wills, who is at present in hospital.

NINE SURPRISE METHODS BUT ONLY ONE OF GRANDSIRE

The committee's report was as follows:

The year 1932 shows a marked advancement in the ringing of higher methods, peals of no less than nine different Surprise Major methods having been rung during the year, and a peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. At the same time only one peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, and the committee hope that this does not show a lack of enthusiasm upon the part of fresh ringers but is due to progression towards more advanced methods. Fifty peals have been rung, 26 in the North-Western District and 24 in the Southern District, being an increase of 15 upon the previous years. This is probably due to the remission of the peal booking fee. Set against this, however, is the increase in number of towers where peal ringing has been stopped or severely curtailed through complaints by parishioners, and it is hoped that, in these cases, the work of boarding up the louvres, thus modifying the sound in the near vicinity of the towers, will be carried out, thus enabling the association to have the same facilities for ringing as in the past. The conductors of the peals numbered 16. Mr. C. H. Kippin conducted 21 peals, Mr. L. A. Tidy 10, Messrs. A. R. Pink and G. F. Hoad three each, Mr. H. R. Thorpe two, Messrs. F. E. Collins, A. H. Winch, T. Price, H. B. Wells, W. S. Smith, W. Claydon, W. H. Hewett, W. Williams, O. Sippetts, A. Harman and F. E. Darby one each.

The peals were rung in 28 towers, four of which were outside the county. Four peals of Cambridge Royal were rung, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal one each, Stedman Caters two, Grandsire Caters two, London Surprise Major three, Bristol, Londonthorpe, New Cambridge two each, Superlative Surprise Major six, Cambridge, Ashtead, Beddington, Cambridge and Superlative (Spliced), Ipswich Surprise Major one each, Plain Bob Major two, Stedman Triples one, Grandsire Triples one, London Surprise Minor two, Cambridge Surprise Minor 3, Minor in seven methods three, in six methods two, in five methods two, in four methods three, Plain Bob Minor one, and Doubles in three methods one. The peals of Beddington and Londonthorpe were the first ever rung, and Ashtead and Ipswich first peals in the method for the association. The peal of Doubles was rung at Coulsdon Old Church, and although the bells represent the oldest complete peal in the county this was the first peal rung upon them.

FINANCIAL PROGRESS.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual general meeting, another peal book has been purchased at a cost of £6 15s., and next year the committee hope to report that the number of peals that require writing up will be considerably reduced. The association still progresses financially. The balance in hand on December 31st, 1932, was £41 13s. 3d., compared with £46 8s. 8d. at the beginning of the year. There would have been a substantial increase in the balance upon the year's working, but, in addition to the usual expenses, arrangements for the special meeting at Croydon entailed an expenditure of £7 5s. 2d. It should be remembered that there will be a loss in revenue to the association caused by the remission of the peal booking fee. The committee regret to report that three members have passed away during the year. Mr. John Wyatt (Ashtead), who had been a member of the association for the greatest consecutive number of years, Mr. H. J. Rumble, who had been also a member for many years, and Admiral T. P. Walker, who was hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Our neighbours sustained a great loss by his death, and have the association's sympathy. The North-Western District has had a most successful year from all standpoints, meetings have been well attended, progress has been made in most towers in the district, new and higher methods have been practised to a greater extent, more peals have been rung than in 1931, and also the membership has slightly increased. In conclusion the officers and committee thank all members for their support during the past year.

Six new members were elected to the association—Messrs. G. Briggs and L. Greenbow (SS. Peter and Paul's, Mitcham), C. S. Broadbridge (Christ Church, Mitcham), Messrs. G. Welch and R. Pocock (Merstham) and A. J. Harding (Clapham Common).

Seven towers were proposed for the next annual meeting, including Southwark Cathedral again. After a vote, Beddington was chosen, with Leatherhead as second choice.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A most successful joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday week. Ringers were present from Blaydon, Consett, Whickham, Tamfield, Willington, Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, Kirkby Stephen, Sunderland, Newcastle, West Hartlepool, Gateshead, and the local men.

The beautiful bells of St. Mary's and St. Cuthbert's were kept going during the afternoon, and afterwards a happy party sat down to a bountiful tea. A short meeting took place immediately after, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president of the Eastern District, being in the chair.

After the loyal toast, the chairman welcomed the Rector, Canon F. H. Jackson, to the meeting, and made sympathetic reference to the deaths of Mr. Gofton and Mr. Siddle. The members present stood in silence as a token of respect.

Canon Jackson, in replying to the welcome extended to him, said that while he had not often attended ringers' meetings they could be assured that his thoughts were always with them, and although he could not ring a bell he had tried once, when there was no ringer present to toll for an evening service. His wife was present, and as he pulled the rope it went flying all over the belfry, and he said to his wife, 'Run, run for your life.' Of course he had never touched them since (laughter). However, his interest was with the bells. It was, he added, a great pleasure to see a good number of ringers present, and he thanked them for their work for the church. Bellringing was a noble art and science, and he hoped they would all be spared many years to give their services. The Canon went on to refer to the fact that King Athelstan gave the sanctus bell in the year A.D. 900, and in doing so had said, 'If any person take any article away that I have given to this church, let him be condemned in the Day of Judgment with Judas the traitor.'

Mr. Anderson, president of the association, proposed a vote of thanks to the Canon for the use of the bells, and the Rector suitably replied.

Mr. W. Storey proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing such a splendid tea, and said the ringers were grateful to them in that, by the kindly spirit which they showed, they helped the district meetings to be a success. Mr. Storey also gave some happy reminiscences of his part in bellringing during the last 50 years. The vice-president also remarked on the good comradeship of the ringers, and mentioned the fact that one of the ringers had made the long journey from Kirkby Stephen to ring with his old friends again. That, said Mr. Storey, was the spirit that helped the fine art of ringing.

Mr. J. W. Parker proposed that a joint meeting be held at Gateshead on Saturday, June 10th, and this was carried.

The meeting then closed, and the ringers went back to the belfry, where ringing took place until 8.30 p.m. All the ringers had their turn on the bells, and the methods rung were Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. It was a pleasing feature to see some young ringers have their first touch at a meeting. It was one of the most successful district meetings held in Durham for a long while.

CHURCH'S 873rd ANNIVERSARY.

At Waltham Abbey, for matins on May 7th, to celebrate the 873rd anniversary of the consecration of the church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Berry 1, C. House (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss G. Church 3, G. Thurgood 4, W. Newnham 5, F. Perrin 6, A. House (conductor) 7, W. Perry 8.

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As no other nominations were received, all the retiring officers were declared elected for the ensuing 12 months. Three nominations were received for Central Council representatives, but as the membership of the association was six short of the number required for three representatives, Mr. C. Dean withdrew his nomination, and Mr. C. H. Kippin and Mr. D. Cooper were elected.

The Secretary reported upon the Davies Memorial scheme, details of which have appeared in 'The Ringing World.' In accordance with the committee's recommendation, the association voted a sum of £2 2s. to the fund.

It was reported that one of the old members of the association had been very ill for a long time, and sympathy was shown in a practical way by a whip round at the meeting, which brought a generous response.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, and to all those who had contributed in making the meeting such a success, concluded the business.

Good use was made of the Cathedral bells during the afternoon and evening. Rounds on twelve to Treble Twelve and also a course of London Royal were rung.

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, good use of the bells was made in Triples and Major during the afternoon and evening. Members attended from Ashtead, Beddington, Benilton, Buckland, Croydon, Camberwell, Esher, Ewell, Guildford, Kingswood, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Reigate and Streatham, with visitors from London, Loughton (Essex), Tiverton (Devon), Dartford and Rochester (Kent), Feltham (Middlesex), Henfield (Sussex) and Sheffield.

It was the first time the association had met at Southwark Cathedral, and in view of its great success, it is hoped that this will not be the last to be held at this historic place.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**TRIBUTES TO THE LATE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.**

The second meeting of the year of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch was held at Reddish on Saturday, April 29th. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and the service which followed at 4.30 was conducted by the Rector. The organist and choirboys were present. The organ here is a very fine one, and in the hands of such a splendid organist was heard to great advantage, especially in the voluntary at the conclusion of the service. The church, a brick structure, was built and endowed by the late Sir William Houldsworth in the latter part of the last century, and the tower contains a merry ring of eight bells with a tenor of 12½ cwt. from the famous Loughborough Foundry. Needless to say, these were made full use of during the afternoon and evening. After full justice had been done to a bountiful tea provided in the schools by the local ringers' wives, the business meeting followed. In the absence of the branch chairman, Mr. W. Gordon presided. Three new members were elected, viz., Albert Andrew Fildes, of Hyde, Edward Jackson, of Stockport St. Mary, and Horace Whittaker, of Disley.

The Chairman stated that the suggestion made by the hon. secretary at the last meeting, that members should make the annual Guild Festival at Chester the occasion of their annual outing, had been acted upon, four bands having so far notified their intention of doing so. He also appealed to others to do likewise, and the hon. secretary promised to give full particulars of the arrangements at the next meeting.

Mr. Wolstencroft congratulated the band who had rung the peal of Treble Bob Minor in 35 methods on the previous Saturday, and hoped they would go on and ring a peal in 42 methods, which he believed was possible.—Mr. Barnes and the chairman also voiced their congratulations, and the members present gave audible acknowledgment. Mr. Ernest Bennett, the conductor of the peal, returned the thanks of the band, and said they would attempt a peal in 42 methods when they could get an arrangement of the methods to comprise the peal in seven true 720's.

The Chairman moved a vote of condolence on the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and that copies be sent to his widow and to the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He said that not only the Oxford Guild, but the whole ringing Exercise had lost a good ringer and a true friend. He also read the appreciation by 'W. W.' from 'The Ringing World'.—Mr. Wolstencroft also spoke of the good work that the deceased had done to uplift ringers and ringing, and said that the tower at Caversham reflected his work.—Mr. Barnes also spoke of the thoroughness of Mr. Jenkyn's labours, and the members stood for some moments in silence.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, the organist and choirboys, and also to the local ringers and tea servers for all they had done to make the day so enjoyable.

This concluding the business, a return was made to the tower, where methods ranging from Bob Minor to London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung to give all present—over fifty ringers—an opportunity of having a pull, the bells being finally lowered about 9.20 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF FYLDE BRANCH.

A meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 6th, and, with the kindly help of several members of the Preston Branch, was a great success. Shortly after 3 p.m. the bells were rolling along in Grandsire Triples and, despite the very long draught of rope, the striking was good. Bob Major and Double Norwich followed, and some of the local team were steered through 120 Bob Doubles and 180 Bob Minor. Tea was provided at short notice in the school nearby, and was much appreciated by all. After tea the secretary, in a slightly reminiscent mood, referred to the fact that the Fylde Branch was formed after a meeting held at Lytham in June, 1891, and the Preston Branch in February, 1892.

It was decided to hold the June meeting at Singleton.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local team for having everything ready, and to the lady for arranging the tea, also to Mr. R. Taylor for his services as chairman. Previous to going back to the tower for more ringing, a member of the branch, who has been instructing the local team, tapped a course of Bob Minor and Bob Major on handbells he had bought at a nominal price through one of the local ringers, the member remarking that he got the instructions from 'The Ringing World' of September 3rd, 1926, written by Mr. J. A. Trollope.

Touches of Stedman, Kent and Little Bob brought the meeting to a close.

FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS.

Five fathers and their five daughters attempted a peal at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, but were unfortunate in losing it through a broken rope. The attempt was made to celebrate the anniversary of the accession of H.M. the King and the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Crook. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in 53 mins.: Miss Ethel Collier 1, Miss Norah M. Bibby 2, Miss G. Annie Crook 3, Miss Annie Potter 4, Mrs. Mary A. Tonge 5, James H. Hollier 6, William Bibby 7, Donald Brown 8, Peter Crook, sen. (conductor) 9, John Potter 10. D. Brown substituted for William H. Shaker after the peal failure.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**GREATER ENTHUSIASM FOR TEACHING NEEDED.**

Preaching at the annual meeting of the North Notts Association at East Retford Church on April 22nd, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, and the representative of the association on the Central Council, asked, 'What is it that the North Notts Association needs so much to-day?' He thought the answer was that men who could teach should be willing to teach others this particular form of art. The preacher's text was taken from 2 Timothy ii. 2, 'And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.'

Mr. Wilkinson went on to suggest that a series of meetings should be arranged to be held in this part of Notts for the benefit of those who were willing to become instructors. The officials worked hard in carrying on the association, but they could not go into towers and make good bands of ringers. Such ringers needed an instructor to give them proper training.

There were glorious peals of bells in England which were practically not rung because there did not appear to be men who were apt to teach. He feared that the day would come when there would not be the men to ring the bells. It was marvellous to think of the many restorations which had been carried out in church belfries since 1919 and the amazing amount of money which had been raised, but what was needed was enthusiasm among men in the towers who were able to teach the art of change ringing.

Mr. Wilkinson urged upon his hearers not to be content with anything but the best in bell ringing.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Parkinson), and Mr. H. Blagg was at the harmonium.

Tea was partaken of in the Ebsworth Hall, and the Vicar presided over the business meeting. He was supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, the hon. treasurer and hon. secretary (Mr. R. W. Stockdale), hon. assistant secretary (Mr. H. Revill), and the auditor (Mr. D. A. Piety).

Among others present were Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, Lancham (hon. life member), Mr. J. H. Brothwell (Treeton), Mr. J. Flint (Bolsover), Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. J. P. Fidler (Taylor and Co., Loughborough), and Mr. F. E. Collins (Gillett and Johnston, Croydon).

The Vicar extended a welcome to the association, and said he was always pleased for the members to meet at East Retford for the annual meeting. They had a responsibility to every tower in the area of the association inasmuch as Retford was a great centre for bell-ringers, and he expressed his high appreciation of the work that was being done by all the ringers.

BELL RESTORATION.

The following are extracts from the report of the secretary:—The past year has again been a success in the matter of finance; peal ringing has been an even greater success; the membership has increased by 20; but Sunday service ringing, I doubt, is not so good as it might be in many parts. Ten peals on tower bells were rung and one on handbells. The meeting at Newark was successful as regards attendance, but the 'go' of the bells was not so good as was expected. I was very sorry about this, because ringing in Newark is at a very low ebb, and I thought if we could get a successful day there we should get the art extended in this district. Bell restoration seems to be out of the question in North Notts. We have had a disappointment at Barnby, near Newark, where £300 was left to restore a peal of four bells, and a fifth was given. The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson has tried to persuade them to get a sixth, but the answer was always 'No, we cannot raise the money.' Friends in North Notts should remember that six bells are more musical than five, and eight more than six. When ringing bells we are calling people together to worship in the church, and I think the more music we can produce from the tower the more effect it will have outside.

The association, I think, is not making progress, but we are not declining. May I ask young ringers, and persons willing to ring, what is more pleasant and enjoyable than to be ringing bells for Sunday service, and at the same time having an interesting pastime? A good Sunday service band are mostly good change ringers, and good change ringers are generally good churchmen. So please try to improve both in the service to God and in the art of change ringing.

The membership roll up to the end of the year contains four hon. life members, 20 vice-presidents, 75 non-resident life members, 121 performing members, and three unattached members—223 in all.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson said he should like to add to the report that the Vicar of Barnby was trying to get a sixth bell, and there was a very good chance of him succeeding.

The report was adopted, and thanks were expressed to Mr. Stockdale for his excellent services during the past year.

The officers and committee were re-elected.

The Rev. B. Hughes (Ordsall) was elected a vice-president.

Messrs. O. Streets (Retford), A. Nash (Rotherham), L. Rollinson, B. Parsons and F. Priesley (Sutton-on-Trent) were elected unattached members.

It was decided to hold the annual contest for the Crawford Challenge Cup at Shireoaks on Saturday, September 30th.

The next meeting of the association was fixed to be held on Saturday, May 27th, at Edwinstowe and Perlethorpe.

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MARRIAGE OF MR. STEPHEN WOOD. HANDBELLS AT THE WEDDING SERVICE.

The pretty little Church of Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton, was filled to overflowing on Saturday, April 29th, for the marriage of Mr. Stephen Henry Wood and Miss Margaret Mary Lennon, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Lennon, of Kilkenny, Ireland. Mr. Wood is the second son of Canon G. R. Wood, Rector of Cold Ashton, and Mrs. Wood, and is actively interested in ringing. While at Cambridge he practised with the University Guild, and rang many peals with them. Afterwards, while resident in Scotland, he got together a band in Glasgow and was largely instrumental in founding the Scottish Association. He has been elected an honorary member of the Central Council.

The wedding ceremony was performed by Canon Wood, who was assisted by Canon W. A. Robins, Vicar of St. Paul's, Bedford, who was a fellow-curate of the bridegroom's father at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. The bridal party made a charming group in the flower-decked chancel. The bride, who was given in marriage by Dr. Basil Price, wore a dress of soft cream satin cut on Empire lines, and an old lace train, lent by the bridegroom's mother. The veil of old Honiton lace was held in place by orange blossom. Her bouquet was of lilies of the valley and pink carnations, and she wore a string of pearls and a diamond brooch, the gift of the bridegroom's parents. The bridesmaids were Miss Rosemary Harris, Miss Margaret Wood (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Hilary Webb (cousin of the bride), who were attired in dresses of rose pink chiffon, with wreaths to match. They carried bouquets of pink carnations and vanity bags,

the gifts of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. C. F. Bull, and the ushers Mr. R. W. Wood and Mr. J. P. Wood.

The hymns sung were 'Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us,' 'O Perfect Love,' and 'May the Grace of Christ our Saviour,' and a feature of the service was the introduction of handbells, there being no ringable tower bells at Cold Ashton. Before the Psalm a course of Stedman Triples was rung in the church by Messrs. F. H. Haynes, E. H. Lewis, W. H. J. Hooton (members of Cambridge University Guild), and G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council).

The organist was Mr. R. T. Morgan, of St. Mary Redcliffe, who amongst other music played an improvisation on the theme of Mr. Stephen Wood's hymn tune, 'Hogmanay,' while the bridal party were in the vestry. 'Hogmanay' is a new setting for the words of 'Tennyson's poem, 'Ring out the old, ring in the new.'

After the service the bridal party and the guests walked to the Rectory grounds, where photographs were taken while the sun shone brightly upon an animated scene. As the bride and bridegroom passed into the Rectory house the handbells were rung on the lawn, Mrs. Fletcher joining the other ringers in a course of Grandsire Caters, which much interested the uninitiated.

In the evening a peal of Stedman Caters, in honour of the event, was rung by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at St. Stephen's Church, Bristol, the composition being one by the bridegroom, which is on new lines and introduces a much greater variety of music than the customary tittums and handstroke positions.

The bride and bridegroom heard part of the peal on their way to Devonshire for their honeymoon.



THE BRIDAL PARTY LISTENING TO A COURSE OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

The ringers are E. H. Lewis, F. E. Haynes, Mrs. Fletcher, W. H. J. Hooton and G. W. Fletcher.

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SUFFOLK GUILD. SUBSCRIPTION RAISED.

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, held on April 22nd, was probably the largest yet arranged, for while there were 60 who sat down to tea in St. Andrew's Hall (as against 64, the largest previous record, at Bury) there were a number who had to leave for distant parts of the county before then, while others, from nearer towers, did not arrive till later. St. Matthew's was chosen for the service and meeting this year with some hesitation, as, although the ring there has just been augmented, it was feared that the distance from the Tower Church and St. Margaret's would reduce the attendance. These fears, however, proved to be groundless, and a good congregation attended to hear the Rector, Rev. R. Sinker, give a most interesting and instructive sermon.

At the meeting afterwards, it was reported that the Guild had during the past year for the first time rung over 100 peals in the twelve months. The secretary said that they might well be proud of the fact that they had over 1,000 members on their books, and had got into three figures with their peals. They were, therefore, among the select band of Guilds who had done this—a small number almost to be counted on the fingers of one hand. Moreover, the others covered either more than one diocese or more than one county, while they in Suffolk were confined to one diocese and part only of one county.

The officers and committee were all re-elected with the addition of Rev. R. Sinker as vice-president and Mr. Laurence Poulson, of Lavenham, on the committee.

The accounts showed that the receipts each year were five pounds less than was needed to carry on the work of the Guild, and that the balance in hand was now down to five pounds. The Ringing Master, Mr. Ch. Sedgley, therefore proposed that the subscription be raised from 1s. to 1s. 6d. This was strongly opposed, especially by the secretary, but after a number of amendments had been lost, it was carried by a very large majority.

The chairman was heartily congratulated on the success of the appeal for the additional bell in St. Matthew's tower, and a hope was expressed, and much applauded, that he would not cease his efforts until the octave was complete.

The Secretary said that this was the second tower in Ipswich which the Guild had helped to improve, and he hoped they would not rest until all the towers were in proper order. He detailed the efforts he had made to get three other rings of bells in the town put into proper repair, but in each case it was in vain, owing to the un-instructed prejudices of some laymen in the respective parishes. All present agreed that it was a disgraceful thing that bells should be allowed to hang in a church tower and not be kept in order. It was clear that the members of the Guild intended to make the laymen connected with such churches feel ashamed of such a condition of things, so unfitting to a house of God.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**ALTERATIONS TO RULES.**

The 26th annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Rugby on Saturday, April 22nd. There was a splendid attendance of members and friends from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Clifton, Husband's Bosworth, King's Norton, Lillington, Nuneaton, South Kilworth, Stanford-on-Avon, Stoke-in-Coventry, Warwick, Welford and Wolvey, together with the local band. St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, is the proud possessor of two peals of bells, a ring of eight (tenor 25 cwt.) in the new tower, and a light ring of five in the old tower. The two peals were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, being rung alternately.

A committee meeting was held in the vestry, followed by service in the choir of the church, conducted by the Archdeacon of Coventry (Rev. J. W. Hunkin, M.A.), who is also Rector of Rugby. The hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung, and the Guild's form of service was followed.

The address by the Archdeacon was based on the words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' He stressed the point that ringing was a service to the community, and therefore a service to God. He read a poem by Rev. Hawker, 'Come to thy God in time,' which related the story of the loss of a peal of bells cast abroad and intended for Roscastle, Cornwall. The ship, with the bells on board, sank when in sight of the Cornish coast, 'owing to the impiety of the captain, who, taking upon himself all credit for a prosperous voyage, reviled the pilot for giving thanks to God.'

Tea at the White Heather Cafe followed the service, and then the members adjourned to the larger helfry, where the business meeting was held. Mr. J. H. W. White taking the chair. Apologies were read from Canon J. L. White (Vicar of Nuneaton), Rev. J. A. B. Davies (Vicar of Chilvers Coton), Mr. G. E. Over (Rugby), Mr. W. C. Rhodes (Birmingham) and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hinde and son (Bulkington).

At the commencement of the meeting those present stood for a short time in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

Arising out of the minutes, the alteration of certain rules was again brought up. It was decided to alter them as follows: Rule 6: Delete the words 'hon. 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. Rule 14 to be deleted.

The balance sheet for 1932 was read and passed, a balance of £25 19s. 8d. being shown.

The report of the general hon. secretary was adopted. It gave the membership as 257, made up of seven hon. life members, four hon. members, 137 non-resident members, and 119 ringing members. Thirty-two new members joined. Peals rung during 1932 numbered 14, Warwickshire Surprise Major on March 5th, at Nuneaton, and Spliced Treble Bob Major at Stoke, on December 31st, being the first rung in those methods by the Guild.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. J. A. B. Davies; vice-presidents re-elected en bloc; Master of the Guild, Mr. J. H. W. White; hon. general secretary and treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; hon. auditor, Mr. A. H. Beamish; Central Council representatives, Messrs. F. W. Perrens and J. H. W. White.

The selected meeting places were: May, Grendon; June, Solihull; and July, Monk's Kirby.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector and the organist, and ringing continued in both towers until about 8.30, the majority of the standard methods being rung. D. E. B.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**CENTRAL DISTRICT'S FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING.**

A good practice meeting, the first 'official' gathering of the new Central District, took place at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, April 29th. Very stormy weather kept several away, but about 25 were present during the evening. Service was held in the south chapel of the Parish Church, and the Rector, Canon A. C. Hair, M.A., gave a very interesting address, his theme being the brotherly feeling between ringers. Tea was taken at the Three Tuns, among the visitors being Mr. and Mrs. Percy Webb, of Ickleton. Methods rung included Plain Bob and Treble Bob and Spliced Treble Bob, with several Surprise methods, including London. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Littleport on about May 27th.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION

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A letter from the Vicar of Harworth, asking for the appointment of an instructor, to enable young men to ring at the Church of All Saints, was referred to the committee.

Mr. Collins, referring to the remarks of Mr. Wilkinson on the training of instructors, suggested that a syllabus should be prepared, and said it would be found very useful in imparting knowledge to learners of ringing.

Afterwards various touches were rung in the towers of East and West Retford and Ordsall Churches.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 30th, St. Magnus' on the 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th; 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.—A bye-meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon on Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by business. All members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Five Bells Inn. All welcome. Come and try this fine peal.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13th, at St. Michael's, Teignmouth. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Gervis' Cafe. St. James' bells (8) also available. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch. — The branch annual meeting will be held at Cassington on Saturday, May 13th, 3.30 p.m., service in the Parish Church. Preacher: Rev. F. R. Marriott (Wootton). 4.30 p.m., tea at the School, at 1s. per head. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Cassington, Kidlington (8), Bladon (6).—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 13th. Tower opened 3 p.m. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, E. Grinstead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The recently recast and rehung bells of St. Mary's, Portsmouth (8), by Taylor and Co., will be available for general ringing on Saturday, May 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Bells available again after tea. — A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea in St. Mary's Hall. A cordial reception given to all. Visitors are very welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Street on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton Parish Church on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business after. Visitors welcome.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull, Taunton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Hallam on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13th, at Newton-in-the-Isle, near Wisbech. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Parish Room. All welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Catherine's, Feltham, tomorrow (Saturday). Ringing (8) from 3.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in Railway Hotel at 5.30 p.m. Current subscriptions thankfully received.—F. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale to-morrow (Saturday), May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. A p.c. to the Vicar would be appreciated.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL will be held at Dorchester on Tuesday, May 16th. Guild service in St. Peter's Church at 12.15. Luncheon (1/6) in Corn Exchange at 1.15. Annual meeting to follow. Towers open: St Peter's, Dorchester; Cattistock, Wyke Regis (8); Abbotsbury; Bere Regis; Buckland Newton; Fordington; Frampton; Maiden Newton; Puddletown; Upwey; West Lulworth; Wool (6); Bradford Peverell; Stratton; Sydling (5).—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A joint meeting with the Leicester District, M.C.A., will be held at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for all who notify E. A. Marsh, Husbands Bosworth, Rugby, or the local secretaries not later than Thursday previous. Theddingworth bells (5) available during evening.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., Welford, Rugby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Witley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to me by May 16th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting to follow tea. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beasley Green, Worsley, not later than Wednesday, May 17th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be at Grendon, near Atherstone, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bottesford, 2.30 p.m., Saturday, May 20th. Ladies invited.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 20th, at Ruardean. Bells (8) open at 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. in Church Schools. All ringers who require tea must let me know certain by May 17th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45 p.m. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, May 16th.—G. F. Hoad, Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 10d. per head to those who notify me not later than Monday, May 15th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Chequers Tea Rooms, 1s. 3d. per head. All those intending to be present kindly advise me early.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barthomley (8 bells) on Saturday, May 20th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 17th inst.—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who will require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 16th.—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, May 20th, instead of May 27th, per calendar. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — A meeting, in conjunction with the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Guilsborough Branch, will be held at Husbands Bosworth (5 bells) on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, for all those notifying Ernest A. Marsh, Church Street, Husbands Bosworth, near Rugby, by Thursday previous. A good meeting is requested. — E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Rodbourne Cheney on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Frequent bus service from Swindon (Town Hall). St. Mark's bells (8) available 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, by May 17th. — W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Puckington on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business after. Visitors welcome. Those requiring tea please write me by Tuesday, May 16th. — D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Tydd St. Mary on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by May 15th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 20th. Please notify me as early as possible.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Woolpit on May 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also at Drinkstone (6) and Wetherden (6). Tea (1s. each) at the Swan Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided free of charge to those who notify me not later than Monday, May 15th. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 20th. Service 4.15. Tea at the Sun Hotel 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.) for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. and after the meeting. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge on May 20th. Bells (6) open at 4.30 p.m. No arrangement for tea. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fort Fields, Dursley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Sawston on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Please look up Sawston Imperial. Tea at White Lion Inn at 5 p.m. price 1s. each. Service 7 p.m.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec. Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs

FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.—St. Chad's bells, recast by Messrs Taylor & Co., will be re-opened on May 20th. Service 3 p.m. Tea, 6d. each. Please advise if you are coming. Bells open until 9 p.m.—Canon Marshall, St. Chad's Vicarage, Leeds, 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Hook Norton on Saturday, May 20th. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 16th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. It is hoped there will be a better attendance at this meeting. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Cot Dairy. Will those requiring tea please let me know by May 17th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne (12) on May 27th. Tea at the George Café at 5.30 p.m. — W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bardney (6) on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, May 24th? — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meetings of the above will be held jointly at Egham on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Those requiring tea please

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at Littleport (near Ely) on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers very welcome. Buses all ways. For tea please notify Mr. F. J. Arnold, 79, Wisbech Road, Littleport, Cambs, not later than May 24th.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec., Over, Cambs.

ALDENHAM, Saturday, May 27th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A joint meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (13) will be available from 8.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association will be held at St. Peter's Hall at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. 4d. per head for all who notify Mr. F. Renton, 143, Stratford Street, Beeston Hill, Leeds, by May 23rd. Meeting afterwards.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., Leeds and District Society, 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds, J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at Morpeth on Saturday, May 27th. The bells of the Watch Tower (8, tenor 14½ cwt.) will be available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.30, and tea at 5 o'clock, at the George and Dragon Hotel, 1s. 6d. each. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than the 24th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 54th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 5th.—F. W. Pitstow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.—The annual open ringing contest for six bells will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Rules will be sent to any band on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas not guaranteed unless applied for.—E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—W. H. Harris, secretary of the Gloucester Branch, has removed from No. 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester, to No. 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, to whom all communications should be addressed until further notice.

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MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. H. W. WILDE.

It is proposed to erect a memorial in Eccleston Church to the late Mr. H. W. Wilde, who died in October last. The memorial will take the form of a tablet, cast in

bronze, and placed in the Baptistry near the belfry door.

As Mr. Wilde was widely known as a talented ringer and composer, it is felt that there must be many outside the Chester Diocese who would welcome the opportunity of associating themselves with this memorial. The committee will be glad to acknowledge subscriptions, which should be forwarded either to the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Richards, School House, Farndon, Chester, or to Mr. J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

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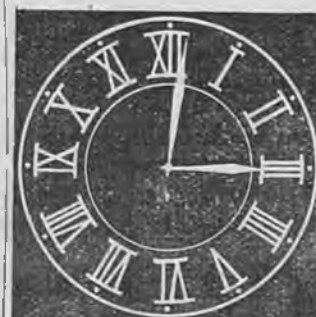
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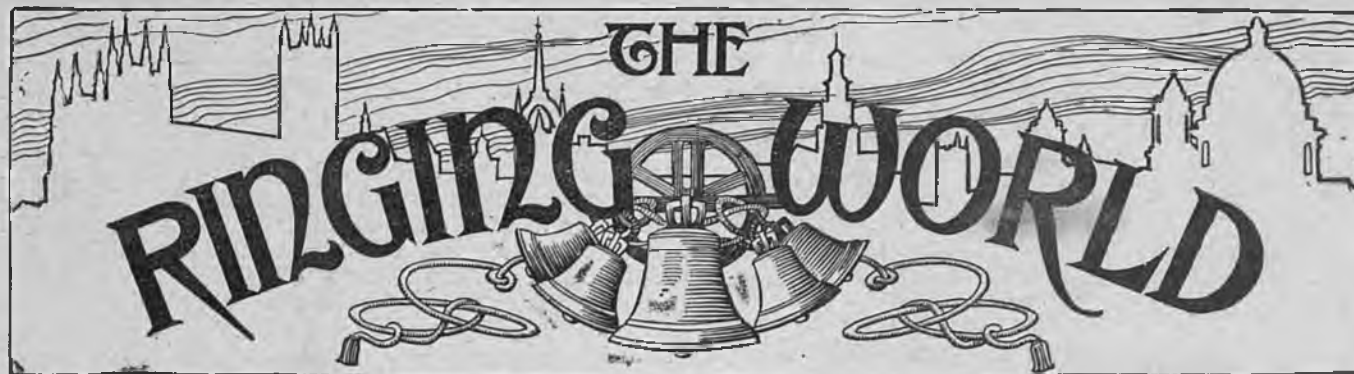
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TWO SIMPLE FACTS.

From time to time it has been explained in this column why it is not possible to publish, much as we should like to do so, everything that is sent for insertion in 'The Ringing World.' It seems necessary that we should do so again, for there still seem to be some people who do not realise two simple facts; first, that you cannot squeeze a quart into a pint pot, and second, that no undertaking like 'The Ringing World' can be run privately at a continual loss. The activity in the ringing Exercise to-day is greater than ever it was. There are more meetings; more peals and touches rung; more events of interest happening than at any previous time, and most of them worthy of finding a place of record in the ringing paper. But it happens that 'The Ringing World' is limited to size, not for mechanical reasons, but by the cost of production and the revenue that the Exercise provides. There being, therefore, more material than the columns of the paper can accommodate, some kind of selection has to be made as to what can be used and what must, of necessity, be discarded. No one expects one of the great national newspapers to report all the events that happen in a day. They use what they think will be of the greatest interest to the greatest number. In a more modest way, the same policy has, under the circumstances, to be pursued by 'The Ringing World.'

This article is particularly prompted by a discussion which took place at a ringing meeting last Saturday, and in the course of which the old criticism was offered, that there would be more readers among young ringers if more touches were published. None would be better pleased than we should if the report of every quarter-peal that is rung could be published, but we are tempted to ask the question: Should ringers only buy the paper in order to see their names in print, or to keep themselves informed of what is going on in the art generally, and of the doings of the ringing organisations throughout the country? While we do not for a moment belittle the local importance of touches to the ringers concerned, a paper devoted to the ringing affairs of the whole country has to take the broader view and publish for preference those things which have the widest interest and importance. As was pointed out to the meeting in question by an honorary secretary, who obviously realises the difficulties of the editorial task, it is not merely the reports of touches which suffer from the restricted space; other matter has constantly to be sacrificed on the same altar. Frankly, however, we admit that the publication of touches is a matter of great perplexity, and of one thing we are convinced: That, whatever steps were taken, it would be almost impossible to satisfy the demands which

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would be made. We no sooner publish, when space permits, a column or so of these performances than for the next week or two we are inundated with similar reports, and the more that appear the greater the deluge. Experience has shown, therefore, that we should never be able fully to satisfy the demand for space for these reports, and there would still be a number of dissatisfied contributors. We ask our readers, therefore, to accept our assurance that, so far as space is available, we will do our best to meet the need, but we must continue to exercise the editorial discretion in regard to what should take precedence—although we are the first to admit that there are others who believe they could do it far better.

TEN BELL PEAL.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Three Hours and thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE B.V. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 2	*FREDERICK S. MACEY ... 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 8
*FREDERICK R. WELLER ... 4	*FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... 9
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 5	FREDERICK WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by the late F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by F. J. COLLUM

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, also first peal of Royal as conductor. It had been arranged to ring a Frederick peal, but owing to the sudden bereavement of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. Allen kindly stood in at the last minute. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. G. Brett, on completing 40 years as a ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FLIXTON, LANCES.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS ETHEL COLLIER ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 5
DAVID VINCENT ... 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... 6
*SAMUEL RICKARD ... 3	JAMES H. COLLIER ... 7
*PHILIP WILLIAMS ... 4	*ROBERT THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. All except ringers of 5 and 6 are service ringers at this church. Rung as a compliment to Lt.-Col. S. Stott, V.D., J.P., on attaining his 81st birthday, also to Mr. H. Chadderton on his retirement after eight years' service as churchwarden. Both are members of the local band.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 5, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
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PISTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD SMITH Treble	EDWARD J. BEER 5
JOHN BURLS 2	E. GEORGE MORRAD 6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 3	STUART SANDFORD 7
*CHARLES GOODBURN 4	WILLIAM J. BEER Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal in the method.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

WILLIAM HOPWOOD Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
*JOHN HAYES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBT. SPERRING.

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

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

THOMAS JERVIS Treble	GEORGE W. JEFFS 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE 6
CHARLES M. WHITNEY 3	FRANK KIRK 7
JAMES M. NICKERSON 4	CYRIL WILSON Tenor

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS H. REEVES Treble	ALBERT E. NORMAN 5
HENRY H. FEARN 2	FRED PRICE 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
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PISTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

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E. LEONARD TAYLOR 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

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At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK CORKE Treble	JAMES H. HUNNISEY 5
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD 2	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKRY 3	WILFRED G. WILSON 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN W. MALYAN Treble	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 5
THOMAS J. HULL 2	FREDERICK J. SPICER 6
JOSEPH CHAYLEY 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	HAROLD V. FROST Tenor

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Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOAD Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
ERNEST J. LADD 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 6
JAMES G. NOWELL 3	THOMAS HOAD 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

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On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*OWEN FRENCH Treble	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	S. GEORGE COLES 6
WALTER H. POOLE 3	JAMES HUNT 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	S. PERCY MERSON Tenor

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BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
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On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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FRANK G. RINGE 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
GRAHAM LINGRIDGE 3	ALBERT WIFFEN 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung on the 23rd anniversary of the King's accession.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	WILFRED HALLIWELL 5
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 7
TITUS BARLOW 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Rung on the 23rd anniversary of the King's accession.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOHN HALL Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
GEORGE FRYKE 2	†JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 6
*ALBERT E. WHITING 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

* First peal of New Cambridge. † First peal of New Cambridge 'inside.' The conductor has now 'completed the circle,' in this tower in eight attempts. This is the fifth tower in which he has rung all the bells to a peal.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
WILLIAM C. RHODES 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM 6
JONATHAN PRESTON 3	*RALPH PARSON 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung at the request of the Vicar to mark the opening of the centenary year of the church. F. W. Rishworth has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal. This was G. F. Swann's 400th peal for St. Martin's Guild, and he is the first to achieve this number.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY, CENTRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

A. WILLIAM T. GINN Treble	FRED C. GINN 5
MANSFIELD GINN 2	ROBERT THODAY 6
ROBERT SMITH 3	CHARLES ROBINSON 7
GEORGE WHYBROW 4	ARTHUR J. GINN Tenor
	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Owing to business reasons it was arranged for R. Thoday to ring for the first hour and C. Robinson (sub-postmaster) to finish. Rung to commemorate the twenty-third anniversary of H.M. the King's accession.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... Treble	*FRANCIS G. SHCETTER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	RAYMOND G. COUSINS 6
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 3	JACK A. WAUGH 7
ERNEST J. KING 4	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 23rd anniversary of the accession of King George V.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK ROPER Treble	GEORGE ARCHER 5
ERIC BENNETT 2	DAVID WHITING 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON 3	CLEMENT J. MORE 7
WILLIAM MUSK 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by C. J. MORE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Ireland, who attained the age of 81 on May 6th. Also as a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 2nd bell.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
*ERNEST W. PYE 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
ALFRED PYE 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Surprise away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest W. Furbank.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON 5
ARTHUR ALFORD 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
GLYN SHAW 3	EDWIN H. FOSTER 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Surprise for all, and the first for the Hereford Guild by resident members. A compliment to Reginald Poston, son of the conductor, on his 21st birthday.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
GEORGE GILBERT 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	RONALD H. BULLEN 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by C. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

A peal in this method, published in 'The Bell News' of September 9th, 1899, by Rev. E. Bankes James, is now rung for the first time. Rung without previous practice to mark the jubilee of Mr. Fussell's first peal in Berkshire, this having been rung at St. Paul's, Wokingham, in 1833.

APSLEY END.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, May 7th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Rogers 1, C. J. Henley 2, E. Upton (first 720 and first attempt) 3, G. Bruce 4, F. Tompkins 5, A. V. Good (conductor) 6.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	CHARLES YOUNG 5
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	JOSEPH LAWRENCE 6
FRED HAWKES 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
WILLIAM HALFORD 4	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to, and also by the special request of, the late Mr. C. Pumfrey, an old and respected inhabitant of the town, who was interred that afternoon.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WEST DEEPING, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM NEAL Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... 2	JAMES H. MURSON 5
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Quickest peal on the bells.

GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in G

JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 4
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	WILLIAM C. RHODES 5
FREDERICK W. RISEWORTH ... 3	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Minor. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. R. C. Ingram and Miss E. M. Ludlow (both ringers at the above church) on the occasion of their marriage.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

T. LEWIS Treble	J. TRISTRAM 4
*J. WALLIN 2	A. NORMAN 5
*J. LAFFORD 3	*L. PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by A. NORMAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five 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.

*SIDNEY DAVIS Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
†EWART ANDREWS 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 5
†WILFRED NEWMAN 3	J. WILLIAM HEATH Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar of Hampton, the Rev. E. Spencer Jones, M.A., on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Anita Rosalie Leader, daughter of the late Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Leader, of Plymouth.

THEALE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY GOODGER Treble	*CYRIL J. HIBBERT 4
JAMES AHERY 2	WILLIAM EDWARDS 5
RICHARD N. RUNHAM 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal on six bells. This was specially arranged for the conductor to enable him to ring a peal in the church of his childhood's days, with best thanks to all concerned. It was also the 50th tower in which he has rung a peal.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALBERT H. BOOTH Treble	HARRY PARKER 4
*FREDERIC H. CRAWLEY ... 2	†GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 5
*RICHARD T. HOLDING 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'in side.' First peal in seven methods as conductor.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 16½ cwt

FRED RIGBY Treble	*THOMAS HAILWOOD 4
*HOARCE LOMAX 2	ALBERT WANE 5
*WALTER W. HUNTER 3	GEORGE HEWITT Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal.

WENDOVER, RUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twenty-four 120's of Grandsire, eighteen 120's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE SIMMONS Treble	HENRY C. JONES 4
JAMES W. WILKINS 2	FREDERICK W. LEACH 5
FREDERICK J. REEVE 3	*ERNEST GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

* First peal. This peal was arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Miss M. Durst and Mr. B. Crawley.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS 4
CHARLES J. TAYLOR 2	*WILLIAM H. POCKETT 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	*ARTHUR C. BERRY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

* First peal.

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THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Cuthbert, Stella,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Hereward Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... 4
STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 2	ERNEST LOWERY ... 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

Quickest peal on the bells.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven six-scores each of Stedman, New, St. Simon's, Old, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 30 different callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK ... Treble	E. JOHN TARGETT ... 4
*DAVID MACKAY ... 2	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 5
*LEONARD DUNFORD ... 3	*W. REGINALD TARGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

* First peal. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

HERBERT T. EASTBROOK ... Treble	LEONARD TOSELAND ... 3
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 2	JACK STUBBS ... 4
ERIC J. SARGEANT ... Tenor	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the conductor.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, Wells, London, Durham, York and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HARRY CHAMBERS ... Treble	FRANCIS BALL ... 4
MISS EVELYN STEELE ... 2	AMOS SMART ... 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

WOUGHTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

CHARLES W. SMITH ... Treble	†GEORGE AMOS ... 4
*GEOFFREY JACKSON ... 2	ALBERT FLEET ... 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 3	HORACE H. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. SMITH.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor, and a member of the local company.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*NORMAN HOUGH ... Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN. ... 4
†SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	WILFRED STEVENSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal. Rung in connection with Knutsford Royal May Day, and for the 23rd anniversary of His Majesty the King's accession.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

SPICED GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

(Continued from page 294.)

My next experiment was to obtain three extents of Grandsire Doubles in two equal parts each.

Taking each of the two-part 120's I spliced into each half—in the same manner as before—another extent, the following being a few examples:—

360	360	360	360
2345	2345	2345	2345
2534	2534	2534	2534
3425 B	3425 B	3425 B	4325 S
3542	3542	3542	4632
4235 R			3245 B
	3254	3254	3524
5342 S	4532 S	5432 B	
4253 B	3245 B	5243	3452
3542 S	5432 S	3452 S	5234 B
3254	5243	3245	5423
4532 S	3452 S	4532 B	2354 B
3245 B	5234 R	4253	2435
5432 S	4352 S	5342 B	5324 S
5243	4235	5234	5432
3452 S	5342 S	4352 S	3254 B
5234 B	4253 B	4235	3425
4352 S	3542 S	3542 B	2534 B
4235			2453
	2435 S	2435 S	3524 S
4523	2543	2543	
3245 S	4325 B	4325 B	2435 B

Each to be repeated.

The spliced-in 120 is shown between the lines.

There are twenty-eight examples, which, if started at different leads, make five hundred and four, giving 181,440 changes. The remaining twenty-four I append by their calling:—

5. 2.3S.2.2.2S.2.2.1.2S.
6. 2.3.2S.2.2.2S.2.1.2S.
7. 2.2.3S.2.2.2S.2.2.1S.
8. 2.2.3.2.2S.2.2.2S.1S.
9. 2S.1.2.2S.2.2.2S.3.2.
10. 2S.1.2S.2.2.2S.2.3.2.
11. 2S.1S.2.2.2S.2.2.3.2.
12. 2S.2.2.1S.2.2.2S.2.2.1P.
13. 2S.2.2.1.2S.2.2.2S.2.1P.
14. 2S.2.2.1.2.2S.2.2.2S.1P.
15. 2.1.2.2S.2.2.2S.3.2S.
16. 2.1.2S.2.2.2S.2.3.2S.
17. 2.1S.2.2.2S.2.2.3.2S.
18. 3.2S.2.2.2S.2.1.2.2S.
19. 1.2.2S.3S.2.2.2S.2.2.
20. 1S.1.2.2S.3.2.2S.2.2.
21. 2.2.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1S.2.
22. 2.2S.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.2.
23. 2S.3S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.1.2.
24. 2.3S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.1.2S.
25. 2.2S.1S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.3.
26. 2.2.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.2S.
27. 1.1S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.3.2S.1P.
28. 2.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.2.2S.

Each to be repeated. 1P=one Plain Lead.

DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL E. TAYLOR.

The Kent County Association has lost another much respected member by the death of Mr. Sam Taylor, of Lynsted, Kent, who passed away on Wednesday, April 26th.

The funeral took place at Lynsted on Monday, May 1st. Among the many wreaths was a very nice one from his brother-ringers in the Rochester and Sittingbourne districts. The following ringers were present at the interment: Messrs. W. Spice, sen., W. Wood, W. Easter, T. Dennis, W. Cook, W. Walker, J. Exell, H. E. Simpson, E. J. Dobbie, S. B. Dobbie and E. H. Spice (Canterbury).

An impressive feature at the funeral was the ringing of a course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside on the late Mr. Taylor's own handbells by E. H. Spice 1-2, S. B. Dobbie 3-4, W. Easter 5-6, and W. Wood 7-8.

A muffled peal was attempted at Sittingbourne the same evening, but was unfortunately lost after 2½ hours' splendid ringing.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On Sunday, April 23rd (St. George's Day), at St. Mary's Church, Twyford, near Winchester, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band in honour of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lampard, who celebrated their silver wedding on Thursday of last week: T. Mansell 1, L. Lampard 2, S. J. Sanders 3, S. Mansell 4, H. Mansell 5, W. Young 6, H. J. Wilkinson (conductor) 7, G. Allen 8.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Morris), on behalf of the ringers, then presented a silver-mounted walking stick suitably engraved to Mr. Lampard.

OXFORD SOCIETY. BICENTENARY YEAR.

A quarterly meeting of the Oxford Society, which this year celebrates its bicentenary, was held at headquarters, the Wheatsheaf, Oxford, on Friday, April 28th, and was attended by a large number of members.

The president (Ald. C. H. Brown, Mayor of Oxford) was in the chair, and was supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Collett) and the secretary (Mr. V. Bennett). In welcoming the Mayor as president, the Ringing Master said it was most fitting that a member of the society should be elected Mayor of Oxford in that bicentenary year.—The President suitably responded.

The President referred to the great loss which had been sustained by the society and by the whole Exercise in the sad death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

At the invitation of the president, Mr. H. Miles gave an interesting account of the career of the late Master of the Diocesan Guild, going back to the time when, as curate of Witney, he helped the local band to learn Stedman. In those days he used to cycle enormous distances over bad roads in order to be present at small gatherings of young ringers and to encourage them by his strong personal influence. In this way he came to be known as the Rev. 'Cycle' Jenkyn. The late Master was always content to strive with the humblest beginners, who were the ones most in need of his assistance. When in 1909 Mr. Jenkyn succeeded the Rev. F. E. Robinson as Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild he proved in every way a worthy successor of the Guild's first Master. It would be well nigh impossible to find another man to take his place.

Mr. W. Collett endorsed all that Mr. Miles had said, and wished to emphasise one important point, viz., that the late Master made it a rule—and kept it—to visit every branch in the diocese at least once a year, and always contrived to be present at every annual branch meeting.

The question of the annual outing on Whit Monday was discussed, and it was decided to go to Frome and Westbury, returning via Savernake and Newbury, stopping at East Garston to pay a tribute of respect at the grave of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

The sum of £5 was voted from the funds towards the expense of the outing.

The position of the society as regards affiliation to the Central Council was next discussed. A doubt was expressed whether the society would be allowed to remain affiliated under the proposed new rules, and the secretary was asked to write to the secretary of the Central Council on the matter.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. BRANCH MEETING AT STRATTON.

A meeting of the Launceston Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Stratton, in the extreme north-east of Cornwall, on Saturday, May 6th. A splendid number of about fifty attended, including the Rev. J. H. Moysey (branch chairman), Rev. W. H. R. Trehella (general secretary), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Diocesan Ringing Master), Rev. W. W. Bickford (St. Stephen-by-Launceston), and ringers from Truro Cathedral, St. Gluvias, St. Stephen's and St. Mary's, Launceston, Werrington, Launceston and Lewannick.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Williams, who also gave the address. Rev. W. W. Bickford presided at the organ. Tea was partaken in the Sunday School, after which the usual votes of thanks were passed.

The bells, a beautiful ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb., cast and hung in 1911 by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.), were kept going during the afternoon and evening. Mr. J. Jordan, of the local band, was delighted to be able to take part in some touches of Grandsire Triples after several years of no practice. His name appears on a board in the belfry, which records the only peal rung in this tower, namely, Grandsire Triples, by the Devon Guild in 1908.

OLD DUFFIELD RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Thomas Flower, of Duffield, one of the faithful band of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood's Duffield ringers.

He came to Duffield from Ripon Cathedral to be on the staff of Sir Arthur, to help him in forwarding the art of change ringing in the Midlands, and rang with Sir Arthur in most of the peals conducted by him. He retired from active work a few years ago, and his old age was generously looked after by his last employer, Mr. S. H. Titley, of Derwent Bank House.

Mr. Flower passed to his rest full of honours on May 2nd, aged 74 years, and leaves a sorrowing widow, aged 75—a devoted couple throughout their long wedded life. Mr. Flower had been a change ringer for upwards of 40 years.

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The Secretary referred to the new chiming apparatus which had been installed in Merton College tower, and expressed doubt as to whether the college authorities wished the bells still to be rung by the society.—The President offered to interview the warden on the subject.

The question of inviting wives and lady friends to the outing was raised by Mr. W. F. Judge, and it was agreed that the presence of the ladies would be most desirable.

Songs and handbell ringing brought a successful evening to a close.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise for the Hereford Guild by resident members was rung after a few preliminary practices, and at the fourth attempt for the peal at Bridstow. The unsuccessful attempts lasted respectively 2 hours 45 mins., 1 hour, and 2 hours 23 mins., and at the 4th attempt a good peal resulted.

In the 35 methods peal at Chelford, Cheshire, Grove Delight should have been given as Charlwood Delight, which is the name under which the method is published in the second edition of the Central Council's Collection.

Among the many Surprise methods which have been produced, Painswick, published in 1899, has just been rung to a peal for the first time. It was rung by the enterprising band now operating on the borders of four counties, with Windsor as the centre.

It is no unusual thing to have two men to ring one bell in a peal when the bell is an 'outsized' or goes badly. It is distinctly novel, however, to find a change over in the middle of the ringing owing to business reasons, and this change arranged beforehand. But it happened at Over last Saturday week.

In connection with the Masonic Grand Lodge Festival at Margate on June 21st, service is to be held at St. John's Parish Church at 11.30 a.m. The captain of the ringers is desirous that the peal of eight should be rung by brethren. Will they communicate with him? His address is Bro. Arthur H. Saxby, 83, All Saints' Avenue, Margate. A peal attempt could be arranged in the evening if desired.

A peal was rung at Diss on May 8th to celebrate the 81st birthday (on May 6th) of the Norfolk veteran, Mr. William Ireland. He was one of the original members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and for a long period was hon. secretary of the Diss District. Mr. Ireland has been a ringer at Diss for 60 years. After the peal he entertained the ringers, who thank him for his kind hospitality.

The marriage arranged between Mr. Francis S. Wilson, widower, of Wincanton, son of the late Mr. John S. Wilson, of Southsea, Hants, and Miss Aileen M. Burns, of Stockwell, eldest daughter of Mr. James Burns, will take place very quietly on Saturday, June 10th. No reception.

Mr. J. C. E. Simpson, B.Sc., Ph.D., of Wallasey, Cheshire, is one of three Liverpool University men who have secured Commonwealth Fund Fellowships, which enable British graduates to spend two years in American Universities. His fellowship is to the Rockefeller Institute in chemistry.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. F. Wilford, of 31, Wood Street, Northampton, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, in the bereavement he has sustained by the death of his wife, who succumbed rather suddenly from heart failure on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Wilford had previously undergone a serious operation in Northampton Hospital.

Mrs. Wilford was well known to a large circle of ringers, for she frequently accompanied her husband to ringers' gatherings.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I call the attention of peal enthusiasts to the fact that the King's birthday, June 3rd, falls this year on a Saturday? That gives a great opportunity of arranging peal attempts with a purpose, and one that the general audience can readily appreciate.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There have been some enquiries about the origin of Little Albion Treble Bob. Whether the late Mr. Wilde or I first suggested it, I cannot remember. It followed as a natural corollary after we had rung in Cheshire peals of Little Bob and Albion Treble Bob. If there is any credit in putting down the figures, it must be due to Mr. Banks James for proposing the 'Little' methods in general.

It is true that I worked out all the possible regular Plain Little methods during a day's journey from Glasgow to London, but I have not attempted to do the same for Little Treble Bob. Nor did I consider plain methods which were not symmetrical, such as that recently rung in Kent.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S 'MODEL CODE OF RULES.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I hope when these rules are revised the words 'without assigning any reason' will be deleted from Rule 19 on 'Dismissal,' or the words added 'unless the dismissed or suspended member ask for a reason.'

By English common law everyone has a right to know the reason why he is dismissed from any office, and a great deal of injustice may be perpetrated by the adoption of these words in any belfry rules.

I don't know what our thousands of ringers think about this, but there seems to me something wrong somewhere.

J. M. TURNER.

The Vicarage, Moulton.

THE MINOR CONTROVERSY

BY STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Since my last article appeared in 'The Ringing World' I have taken every opportunity, both by correspondence and personal discussion with ringers in many parts of the country, of finding out as much as possible of the general feeling of the Exercise on this much debated question.

While what follows can claim to be no more than my own estimation of the general feeling of the majority of the Exercise, it may, I think, be of some use to give it at this stage; its accuracy (or otherwise) can, of course, only be tested by the votes of the association representatives at the Central Council's meeting at Whitsun. Of one thing, however, there is no doubt whatever, and that is that the vast majority of those who have the interests of ringing (and six-bell ringing in particular) at heart, are earnestly desirous that the Central Council shall at long last reach a definite and practical agreement on this question when it meets in London in June.

In trying to arrive at an idea of how the Exercise feels on the whole question of what shall constitute a peal of Minor (and Doubles) I have divided the issue up into three main headings:—

- (1) General principle of a peal of Minor.
- (2) The Bankes James' arrangement.
- (3) Other compositions which do not conform to the old definition.

With regard to (1), there is no longer any doubt in my mind that the vast majority are of the opinion that a peal of 5,040 Minor should in general consist of seven separate 'extents,' rung consecutively and without interval. In case there is anyone who is still not clear as to the actual meaning of an 'extent,' it means the full number of changes possible on a number of bells (in the case of Minor 720) linked together to form a true and complete round block; it may be assumed theoretically to start from any of its 720 rows (although the conventional 'rounds' is always used for practical ringing), but the important point is that it must come back at the end to the place it started from.

I have said 'in general' purposely. I mean by this that having fixed the general principle it should still be possible for the Council to make special arrangements for recognising compositions which do not conform to it, if they consider that the circumstances justify it, but that such compositions must be treated and recognised as exceptions to the general principle.

Now I have expressed the opinion that the 'vast majority' incline to this view, and it follows that those who do not are in a small minority. But it must be clearly recognised—and I myself am the first to do so—that this small group contains some of the best brains of the Exercise, men who have done and are doing an enormous amount of valuable work on the theoretical side of ringing, and whose opinions must necessarily carry considerable weight. It would be no less than sheer insolence on the part of myself or anyone else to ignore the opinions of such men as Messrs. J. A. Trollope, E. S. Powell, E. M. Atkins, C. T. Coles and E. C. S. Turner, just because one does not happen to agree with them on this point. Rather let us make a sincere attempt to understand their point of view and to give some sound reasons for disagreeing with it.

As far as I can gather these gentlemen feel (they will, I'm sure, forgive me if I am wrong, but they have as yet said very little about it) that peals of Minor should be as nearly as possible on the same lines as peals on the higher numbers, and that, therefore, any one-part composition which contains each of the 720 possible changes seven times should be accepted as a peal of Minor. They say that you can splice together several true round blocks of a Major method—or even several courses of different methods—into a single composition of more than 5,000 changes and call it a peal of Major, therefore why not splice together several round blocks of Minor in the same way and call it a peal of Minor? My answer to that is simply this: you cannot put peals of Minor and Major on a common basis, because they are fundamentally different things. In dealing with a 'peal' on eight or more bells you are dealing with a selection of 5,000 or more of the much larger number of possible changes. On seven bells there are just 5,040 possible changes, and this number (and not '5,000 or more') has always been accepted as the criterion of a peal of Triples. But on six bells there are not 5,000 different changes, there are only 720. We say, therefore, join up your courses and your round blocks just as you would on any other number of bells, splice away to your heart's content and get in as many methods as you like, until you've got your 720. But when you have got there you have reached the extent of the possible changes and you cannot get any further—not, mark you, because of any man-made or arbitrary rule, but because in the fundamental nature of things you have come to the end, and no power on earth can get you any further. Therefore, if you want to ring 5,040 of Minor you must ring each change seven times, and the most logical way of doing it is to ring seven separate extents. This is the view of the majority, and if those who disagree with it can show how any possible gain can be achieved by mixing up the extents into a one-part composition I do most earnestly beg of them to put their case before the Exercise, through the medium of this paper, at the earliest opportunity, so that those who have to vote on the issue at the Central Council meeting may have plenty of time to consider both sides of the question.

We will now leave the general principle and discuss compositions which do not consist of seven separate extents of Minor (or 42 of

Doubles), dealing first with the one which started this whole controversy:—

(2) The Bankes James' arrangement. This consists of joining together blocks which contain all the 720 rows without repetition, but which do not come back at the end to the point from which they started, and are therefore not round blocks and cannot be classed as 'extents.'

Everyone, I think, now recognises this as a masterpiece of composition, but that in itself is not sufficient to justify its being accepted as a peal. The question is, does the Exercise as a whole feel that the need for it and the desire of ringers to go on ringing it justify its being officially recognised in future as a 'peal' performance? There is still a good deal of mixed feeling on this point, especially amongst the six-bell ringers themselves, but I think that on the whole the majority are in favour of accepting it; but if so it must be accepted definitely as an exceptional case, justified by the exceptional circumstances. It must be borne in mind that in spite of its being at the moment rather under a cloud it is still being rung fairly regularly, and this must be taken as an indication that there is in some quarters a strong desire to ring it in preference to what we may call 'straight' peals of Cambridge Minor. It is also worth while asking ourselves why and how this peal ever came to be composed. I think the answer probably is that it was composed simply and solely because it was felt then that there was a definite need for something more than could be produced for Cambridge Minor by the ordinary means. If we feel that that need still exists, let us continue to ring it, but let us first ask the Central Council to recognise its performance as an official peal.

(3) Other compositions which do not consist of consecutive extents. The chief of these, which have been brought to general notice by being rung and published as peals, are one-part peals of Minor and the Pitman and Morris' arrangements for Doubles. These again are clever compositions, but I have found very few ringers who advocate ringing them in preference to 'straight' peals. The two main features which make the Cambridge Minor case so exceptional are the small scope of composition on the ordinary principle and the unmusical effect of bringing up 65's at backstroke, and neither of these apply in these cases, except, perhaps, that there are not seven different extents of Oxford Treble Bob without 65's at backstroke.

I am convinced that the general feeling of the Exercise is that the only exception which should be made to the general principle of consecutive extents at the present time is the Bankes James' arrangement for methods like Cambridge Minor.

I have given notice, therefore, that it is my intention to lay the following proposals before the next meeting of the Central Council:—

(i.) That peals of Minor shall in general consist of seven or more separate extents, rung consecutively and without interval.

(ii.) That compositions arranged on what is known as the Bankes James' principle, notwithstanding that they do not conform to the above definition, shall be recognised as peals.

(N.B.—This arrangement consists of a number of successive blocks of 720 true rows, not necessarily round blocks themselves but which, when joined together consecutively, form a round block, starting from and ending with rounds. It is recommended that such compositions should only be used when there is considered to be some definite gain from the point of view of variety or music.)

I should like, before I conclude this article, just to touch on one or two other points in connection with this Minor controversy. From what I have read from time to time in 'The Ringing World' it appears that there is an idea in some quarters that ringers who usually do their ringing on the higher numbers are apt to look upon Minor ringing as something slightly inferior, and to belittle the performances of the six-bell ringers. If this were indeed so, the six-bell men would have every cause to feel a very natural resentment, but from my experience of eight and ten-bell ringers there is no foundation at all for such an idea. Speaking for myself, I must confess that, although I have rung peals in 8, 10 and 12 bells, I have yet to score my first of Minor; but in my opinion a peal of Minor or Doubles is often a far finer performance, both mentally and physically, than a peal on eight or ten bells. There can be no comparison, for instance, between a peal of Minor in seven methods and one of Bob Major or Kent Royal as far as the brainwork is concerned, and I imagine that a spliced peal of Surprise Minor in a large number of methods involves a great deal more mental exercise than one of Surprise Royal in only one, both for the conductor and the other ringers. Physically, too, it must be remembered that, although tenors of rings of eight and ten are in general heavier than those of six, this is by no means always the case, and it is obviously harder work to ring a tenor of Minor than to turn in the same bell to Major or Royal. There is, of course, less peal ringing done on six bells than on eight, but it must be borne in mind that our most important ringing is done on Sundays, and on Sundays there is more five and six-bell ringing than anything else. It is the duty of every one of us to make the Sunday service ringing as perfect as possible, and this is just as important on six bells as on 12. The work of the six-bell ringers is therefore from every point of view as worthy and important as any other branch of ringing, and I can assure them that their 10 and 12-bell friends are the first to recognise it.

There is, however, the other side of the case. From time to time we hear suggestions that those who do not consider themselves first

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THE LADIES' GUILD.**NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held in conjunction with the Sheffield and District Society at Handsworth on May 6th. Members from Ashton-under-Lyne, Dore, Rotherham, Norton, Nottingham and Handsworth were present at the business meeting, Mrs. Baker, the wife of the Rector, presiding. Two ringing members were elected, viz., Miss Annie Crook, of Bolton, and Miss Hazel Holmes, of Dewsbury.

The statement of accounts and secretary's report were passed. The report expressed the hope that all members would try their best to attend the meetings arranged in their districts, and also to remember the financial side. The following officers were elected: Vice-president, Miss M. Benton, of Dore; joint secretaries, Miss I. Thompson (Nottingham) and Miss L. Noel Cawthorne (Handsworth); general committee, Miss B. A. Varley (Nottingham); committee, Mrs. W. Wolstencroft (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mrs. Ryder (Rotherham), Miss G. Burchmell (Sutton-on-Trent), and Mrs. J. Berridge (Norton).

Meetings are to be held as follows: July 22nd, Sutton-on-Trent; October 28th, Miles Platting, Manchester; February, at Rotherham; and the next annual meeting in May at Nottingham. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Baker concluded the meeting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DIVISION.**

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Rye on Saturday, May 6th, when about 30 members attended from Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hastings (All Saints'), St. Leonards, Lewes, Tenterden, Ashford and Stone-in-Oxney, and Mr. Piper (Eastbourne) and members of the local band. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Fowler, who gave a most interesting address.

A splendid tea was provided at the Railway Hotel, and at the short business meeting which followed Mr. G. W. Stokes occupied the chair. The Chairman referred to the death of Mr. C. W. Player, of Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, who had been a non-resident life member of the Sussex Association for a good many years, and as a mark of respect the whole company stood in silence for a few moments.

The Secretary (Mr. A. C. Pankhurst) announced that he hoped to arrange the next meeting at Mayfield in July.

Mr. Piper proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and for presiding at the tea. The members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing.

A WIDE GAP TO BE FILLED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your leading articles on 'Silent Bells' and on 'Instruction' are very interesting. To my mind there is a wide gap to be filled. In my own case it is a question of being in the wrong place. Here I am living and working (and very thankful) in a place where the nearest peal is miles away. I pay visits when I can, and I am made very welcome wherever I go. It is not the same as being one of a regular band. Therefore I would welcome any scheme that would join isolated ringers and broken bands together.

HARRY PROUT.

Langwith, Notts.

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and foremost six-bell ringers should refrain from expressing their views on a subject which does not concern them, and let the Minor men settle their own problems. This is a terribly short-sighted and dangerous idea, because anything that concerns Minor ringing concerns the Exercise as a whole, and everyone has an equal right to express his opinion about it. Consider for a moment the case of the late Mr. W. H. Thompson, who did such brilliant work on the possibilities of composition in Triples methods. I do not know whether he eventually learnt to handle a bell himself, but I believe I am right in saying that he had hardly ever been inside a belfry when he produced his now famous proofs of the impossibility of obtaining extents of Grandsire and Stedman Triples without the use of Singles. This was an exceptional case, of course, but it emphasises my point that one's authority to speak on a question such as this must be judged on one's knowledge of the theoretical as well as the practical side of campanology, and has nothing whatever to do with one's prowess in the belfry or on any particular number of bells.

And, finally, a few words as to the position of the Central Council in this matter. We talk rather glibly about the rules of the Central Council, but they are not really rules in the ordinary sense. The Council cannot say, 'You are not to ring such and such a method; if you do you will be brought up before a magistrate and fined or locked up.' Its position is rather that of a guide and adviser. Its job is more to encourage anything which it considers is in the interests of the advance of the art, and to discourage anything that is not. Its 'rules' are therefore more in the nature of recommendations as to what shall be rung. Of course there is absolutely nothing to prevent six or eight men going into a tower and ringing anything they like, for their own entertainment and amusement, but I do not see why, if it is something which the Central Council has decided it will not accept as a peal, the band should still expect its performance to be included in the official list of 'peals' rung.

THE LATE MR. THOMAS SALTER.**MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED AT KIDDERMINSTER.**

A remarkable tribute was paid on Saturday, April 29th, to the late Mr. J. T. Salter, of Kidderminster, when members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association met at St. Mary's Church to witness the unveiling of a memorial tablet, the gift of St. Mary's Society.

The late Mr. Salter, who was a prominent figure in campanology in the county, had spent 46 years as a bellringer at the Parish Church. He held the unique record of having rung a century of peals in one tower, a feat which no other ringer in Worcestershire had accomplished.

He learnt the art of bellringing at Wolverley in 1881, and in 1886 he joined the Kidderminster company. At the same time he became a member of the Worcestershire Association, and he served on the committee from 1897 until the time of his death. For six years he was Ringing Master, and for 25 years he was the association's representative on the Council.

In 50 years he had rung in 197 towers in 22 counties in England, Ireland and Wales. He had taken part in 370 peals in 88 different towers, and 114 of these were at St. Mary's, Kidderminster.

The gathering, which included many officers of the association and representatives from the various towers in the county, numbered about 70, among them being Mr. Keith Salter, son of the late Mr. Salter. The tablet bears the inscription:—

This tablet was erected by the St. Mary's Society of Change Ringers to the memory of James Thomas Salter, for 46 years a ringer at this church. Departed this life May 2nd, 1932.

The tablet was unveiled by Canon L. B. Sladen, who afterwards conducted a service in the Whittall Chapel.

The Rev. J. F. Hastings, the clerical secretary of the association, gave a short address.

He took from the epistle for the following day the words: 'leaving us an example,' and said they were all well aware how much they were helped by those who, in various directions, tried to set them an example to inspire them. These examples were met with in every department of life, and such a one was their late friend Tom Salter. He was pre-eminent in the art of bellringing, and for many years helped them in the association to carry bellringing to the wonderful standard of perfection that it had now reached. It was very gratifying that that band of ringers had erected a tablet to the memory of one who for 46 years—practically the whole of a man's working life—had rung in that old Parish Church. A man of keen intelligence, with unusual powers for teaching the art of bellringing, he had left them an example worthy to follow.

MR. RICHARD GROVE'S TRIBUTE.

After the service Canon Sladen entertained the bellringers to tea, and before the company rose Mr. R. E. Grove said a few words at special request, because he could claim to have had the longest knowledge of the late Mr. Salter.

Mr. Grove mentioned that after the bells were rehung in 1883 the ringers at the Parish Church were assisted by others who came from Chaddesley Corbett and Bromsgrove, and it was about this time that the late Mr. Salter began his connection with St. Mary's band of bellringers. Until 1883 there seemed to have been a lapse, for the last occasion on record of any change ringing before then was in 1765, as stated on a tablet in the ringing room. Although a start was made again in 1883 the first really serious attempt at change ringing after the lapse was on October 10th, 1888.

Mr. Grove said that it was between 1870 and 1880 that he first began ringing, but he ceased active interest in it in 1901, when he took up rifle shooting and cricket. Since that date he had not rung in more than five peals, but he did lay claim to have taken some part, with the rest of the St. Mary's band, in making bellringing history with the Worcestershire Association.

In conclusion, Mr. Grove paid a fine tribute to the late Mr. Salter, to whom he said they should give credit for a good deal of the work which had been done to improve the standard of ringing. He was a man of merit, and his presence gave ringers extraordinary confidence. Consequently he was a great leader.

Mr. A. J. Skelding (Stourbridge) and Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough) also voiced an appreciation of the late Mr. Salter.

Mr. J. Hemming (Evesham) expressed thanks to Canon Sladen for providing tea, and the Vicar, in reply, said he hoped the new frame for the bells at St. Mary's Church tower, which was urgently required, would soon be provided. He had already received £1,000 of the £3,000 needed for church restoration purposes.

Several carpet firms—Messrs. Tomkinson's, Ltd., £300, Victoria Carpet Co., £100, and Carpet Manufacturing Co., Ltd., £150—had responded to the appeal, and he hoped the association would be able to pay a visit when the bells were rehung.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL RE-OPENED.

On Wednesday, May 3rd, in one hour and eight minutes, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal, at the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne: R. Thompson 1, C. L. Routledge 2, E. A. Hern 3, J. Anderson 4, R. A. Gofton, jun., 5, A. Deas 6, W. J. Davidson 7, R. S. Anderson 8, J. E. R. Keen 9, W. H. Barber (conductor) 10. Rung after the service of thanksgiving on the reopening of the Cathedral.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

ALL TOWERS PRACTISING CHANGE RINGING.

Dundee was the Mecca of Scottish bellringers on May 6th, when the first annual meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. Paul's Cathedral in the afternoon. After some photographs had been taken both in the belfry and on the Cathedral steps ringing was indulged in for an hour on the bells—a heavy-going eight (23½ cwt. tenor). The service was held in the Cathedral and was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. K. N. Sutherland Graeme, who welcomed the association to Dundee and apologised for the absence of Bishop Robberds, who was unable to be with them that day. The Provost's address was based on the text from Psalm xix. 4, 'Their sound is gone out into all lands.' So far as he knew, he said, bells were peculiar to the Christian Church, and were the only really sacred musical instrument. The organ and the orchestra were used in the concert hall as well as the church, but bells were never heard apart from the church.

Tennyson's well-known words, 'Ring out, wild bells,' were sung to the tune 'Hogmanay,' which was composed by the first Master of the association, Mr. Stephen H. Wood, in honour of the founding of the Scottish Association.

Tea in the Church House, by invitation of the vestry committee of the Cathedral, was served by several ladies of the congregation.

The business meeting followed, with Mr. W. B. Sampson, the president, in the chair.

The Master (Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote) in his report regretted that Mr. Wood, the first elected Master, had had to leave Scotland before the association was properly started. Owing to the scattered position of the towers it was hardly possible to keep in touch except by letter with all the societies. However, as far as he could see and hear change ringing was being practised or learned in all the towers. The office bearers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

A motion regarding unemployed members and their subscriptions was put to the meeting, but it was left to the individual towers to make their own arrangements.

The election of 18 ringing, one non-resident and 1 hon. member was confirmed.

The President then moved a vote of thanks to the Provost for taking the service, to the organist, to the vestry committee for supplying the tea, and to the ladies for serving it.

This closed the meeting, and a move was made to the old steeple for further ringing on the bells there, an octave with a tenor of 20 cwt. The bells were lowered about 8.30, and a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells finished the day. The methods rung were Plain Bob Doubles, Minor and Major, Grandsire and Steedman Doubles and Triples.

In addition to the association towers, three ringers from the old steeple, who are not yet in the association, were present at the meeting.

St. Paul's Cathedral belfry has undergone some slight alterations since 'W.H.F.' visited it in 1927, and commented on it after his ringing tour in Ireland three years ago, when he compared Hillborough Parish Church in Co. Down with this belfry. Having rung in both towers, the writer does not think the circle of ropes at St. Paul's was just as bad as Hillborough, the Irish tenor rope falling exactly in the centre of the other seven. At the instigation of the steeple-keeper of St. Paul's a ceiling was put in 5ft. below the bell floor, and the ropes guided into a very good circle; the lourses were also blocked up and a ceiling immediately above the bells taken out, thus vastly improving the sound in the ringing chamber and also on the steps and in the vicinity of the Cathedral.

W. F. M. S.

DEATH OF A CHESTER CATHEDRAL RINGER.

We regret to report the death, on May 7th, of Mr. Ernest Channell, for many years a loyal member of the Chester Cathedral company and of the tower of St. Mary-without-the-Walls. Owing to indifferent health he had not been able to take an active part in ringing for some time, and his absence had been keenly felt, especially by the older members of the company. He was in his sixty-eighth year, and will be long remembered for his keenness, ability and regular attendance at both service and practice. Mr. Channell had rung thirty peals.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, May 10th, and in the evening, with the bells half-muffled, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung as a last token of respect: R. Sperring 1, H. Lewis 2, J. Griffiths 3, W. Fletcher 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan 6, W. Hopwood 7, S. Jones (conductor) 8.

DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Replying to the query by the Upton-on-Severn band in 'Belfry Gossip' last week, at least two peals have been rung in the above method. The first was at St. Mary's, Chester, on November 20th, 1908, conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis, and the other at Eccleston on April 23rd, 1909, conducted by the late Mr. H. W. Wilde, who took part in the first peal also.

'THE MAD HATTER.'

Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, sends similar information.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE LAW JAMES MEMORIAL.

Another successful and very enjoyable annual meeting was held at Lincoln on April 29th. Ringing commenced in the early afternoon at the Cathedral (12), and the two six-bell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's. The special service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral was conducted by the Sub-Dean of Lincoln (Canon Jeudwine), president of the Guild, the address being given by Canon Townrow, Vicar of St. Peter-at-Gowts. After service an adjournment was made to the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, where an excellent meat tea was served. It was good to see the meetings of old acquaintances, who gather here year after year from all parts of Lincolnshire and from neighbouring counties, and it was also good to see so many young ringers, who are enthusiastically taking up the art, and in many cases are reviving it in places where ringing has in late years nearly died out.

At the business meeting Canon G. W. Jeudwine was unanimously re-elected president, and took the chair, being supported by the officers of the Guild and the Dean of Lincoln (Dr. R. A. Mitchell). All the other officers were re-elected en bloc, namely, Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master; Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary; Mr. F. F. Linley, hon. treasurer.

The Rev. Canon H. T. Parry, Mr. R. Richardson, Mr. G. Chester and Mr. J. Phillips were re-elected representatives on the Central Council.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Master, referring to the Rev. H. Law James Memorial Fund, said that, although the response to the appeal for support had been very gratifying, the total amount required (about £175) had not yet been realised, and he appealed to those towers which had not sent in their contributions to do so with the least possible delay. He also suggested that each of the four branches of the Guild should make a contribution from their own funds, and then, if this was not sufficient, that a collection should be made at all meetings until the total was reached.

The President (Canon Jeudwine) said he had hoped the newly-appointed Bishop of Lincoln would have been with them at the meeting, but he was, at the moment, away from home. He strongly supported the Master's appeal for further contributions to Memorial Fund.

The meeting greatly appreciated a short speech from the Dean of Lincoln, who incidentally paid a warm personal tribute to the president of the Guild for the way in which he discharged the various and manifold duties which fell to the lot of a Sub-Dean.

A hearty vote of thanks to the president, to the Dean of Lincoln and to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and the incumbents of St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's for the use of the bells concluded the meeting. Good use was made of the bells until about nine o'clock in the evening. At the Cathedral many young ringers had their first pull on twelve bells, and, besides touches in various 12 and 10-bell methods, courses of London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung.

BRANCHES' UNITED MEETING AT BIGBY.

A combined meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough Districts of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Bigby on Saturday, May 6th. The weather was ideal, and brought a large gathering to that delightful village, where ringers are always welcome and well looked after, as was the case on this occasion by the kind hospitality of Canon and Mrs. Parry. The lovely peal of six bells were kept going in various methods before the service, at which Canon Parry, who is president of the Grimsby District, officiated and addressed the members on the centenary of the Oxford Movement. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ.

A splendid tea was kindly provided by Canon and Mrs. Parry in the schoolroom, over sixty sitting down. The towers represented from the Grimsby District were Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Ulceby, Elsham, Killingholme, Thornton Curtis, and the local band, and unattached members from Grimsby. The Rev. J. H. Pack, of Thornton Curtis, and the Rev. Patch, of Ulceby, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness, of Lincoln, and Messrs. Howell and Hobson, of Hull, were also present, together with fourteen members from the Gainsborough District, including Mr. F. S. W. Butler, hon. general secretary of the Northern Branch. Rev. Canon H. T. Parry presided over both meetings. The usual votes of thanks were extended and responded to, which brought the Gainsborough meeting to a close.

Three new members were elected and one member re-elected for the Grimsby District, for which the usual collection for the district bell fund was taken, and amounted to £1 3s. 6d. This was given to the Rev. Law James Memorial Fund.

The date of the Thornton Curtis meeting was altered from July 8th to the 15th, and the Gainsborough District kindly decided to alter the date of the Haxey meeting. The Rev. J. H. Pack proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to Canon and Mrs. Parry, to Mr. Rushby, and to the lady helpers at the tea. This was seconded by Mr. C. McGuinness, and supported by Mr. Baker, of Gainsborough, who hoped that peals would be rung in honour of the centenary year of the Oxford Movement, as Canon Parry had suggested during his discourse in church.—In reply, Canon Parry gave everybody a hearty welcome to Bigby. He was glad to say that they had now such a splendid band of young ringers at Bigby, and he thanked them all for what they were doing for the church.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS.

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is always an attraction, the attendance not being confined entirely to its own members, and this year the counties of Berks, Bucks and Oxon were well represented, and ringers were also present from Surrey, Lancashire and London. A variety of methods was rung at Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges and Slough, and all the ringers assembled at the last-named church for the Guild service. Someone had evidently warned the organist of a 60 cwt. tenor, as it might have gone a bit faster at backstroke.

A real ringers' instructive address was given by the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg, who has recently come to reside in the branch area, his theme being 'efficiency and whole-heartedness,' with especial reference to the work and teaching of the late Master of the Guild. A thunder-storm kindly expended its fury while service was in progress, enabling the congregation to discover the excellent qualities of the organ, Handel's Largo being the 'voluntary.'

Numbers had slightly increased by the time tea was ready, some having to be seated in another room, but, as is usual on these occasions, they fared better than the majority, the 'hungry hounds' of four counties nearly devouring the secretary in their clamour for 'bones.' When all appetites had been more or less appeased, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells, which ought to have been perfect, but was disturbed at once place by some not harmonious 'whisperings.'

Before commencing the business, the Chairman, Mr. Justice Bennett, addressed the members on the untimely death of the Master of the Guild, saying that he had little doubt that it was caused by the part taken by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn in the Great War. In the many years he had acted as Master he had gained the respect, admiration and affection of every member, his advice being freely and generously given, and it would not be right to begin the business without paying a tribute to his memory.—The whole company stood in silence for half a minute.

Continuing, Sir Charles said he was glad to see so many present, and that the branch had been steadily growing ever since he first made acquaintance with it.

One honorary, one life and three ringing members were elected, the ratifications having been dealt with at the committee meeting to save time.

The statement of accounts was passed unanimously.

MR. JUSTICE BENNETT RE-ELECTED BRANCH CHAIRMAN.

The secretary's 'invisible report' was received with open arms, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Branch Ringing Master made a few remarks on the work of the past twelve months, with the hint to those who don't come that 'they don't know what they're missing.'

The officers were all re-elected unanimously and with acclamation, viz., chairman, Mr. Justice Bennett; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler.

Sir Charles said that he felt extremely honoured on his re-election, and it was a great privilege to take the chair. Assuring the members that these were not idle words, he said, 'I value the office you have given me, and am glad to attend the annual meeting and see so many friendly faces each year.'

The Secretary, replying, quoted his slogan, 'Get on or get out.' The following were re-elected as branch representatives to serve on the general committee: Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. F. D. Boreham, T. J. Fowler, J. L. Kirk, W. E. Redrup, W. E. Taylor and J. C. Truss.

The general secretary, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, said fewer words than usual, but congratulated the branch on their officers.

The general treasurer, Mr. A. J. Wright, had his usual grumble about subscriptions not being sent in early enough by branch secretaries, at the same time stating that this branch was not included in these remarks, as it was a record year for subscriptions received.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks, which was unanimously accorded to the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg for conducting the service and giving a most excellent address.

In his reply, this young cleric, who is a ringer of no mean standard, said that he was extremely pleased to make the acquaintance of this branch annual meeting.

Votes of thanks were also accorded to the clergy of the three churches for the use of the bells, the foreman for having everything ready, and to the organist, Miss I. Wolstencroft, for her services. It was decided to visit Great Kimble, if possible, for the next monthly practice.

Mrs. Barker suggested that a map would be useful, if anyone had a spare one, for the wanderers, who were not lost for excuses, one blaming the other for 'bobbing in and out.'

The chairman and secretary were also thanked by the members, the former for his excellent conduct of the meeting, and the latter for making the arrangements.

The bells at Slough and Stoke Poges were made good use of again until a late hour, although the light was unfortunately 'off' at the last-named.

The branch secretary is obtaining further copies of the report for those members who were not able to secure one.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on May 30th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch. — A joint meeting with the Leicester District, M.C.A., will be held at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Theddingworth bells (5) available during evening.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., Welford, Rugby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Witley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting to follow tea. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be at Grendon, near Atherstone, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45 p.m.—G. F. Hoad, Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Chequers Tea Rooms, 1s. 3d. per head. All those intending to be present kindly advise me early.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Tydd St. Mary on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, May 20th, instead of May 27th, per calendar. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — A meeting, in conjunction with the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Guilsborough Branch, will be held at Husbands Bosworth (5 bells) on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock. A good meeting is requested. — E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Puckington on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business after. Visitors welcome.—D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Woolpit on May 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also at Drinkstone (6) and Wetherden (6). Tea (1s. each) at the Swan Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Sawston on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Please look up Sawston Imperial. Tea at White Lion Inn at 5 p.m. price 1s. each. Service 7 p.m.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs.

FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.—St. Chad's bells, recast by Messrs. Taylor & Co., will be re-opened on May 20th. Service 3 p.m. Tea, 6d. each. Please advise if you are coming. Bells open until 9 p.m.—Canon Marshall, St. Chad's Vicarage, Leeds, 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Hook Norton on Saturday, May 20th. —J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. It is hoped there will be a better attendance at this meeting. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Cot Dairy.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Collingbourne Kingston to-morrow (Saturday), May 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 4.30.—A. W. Deane, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 20th. Service 4.15. Tea, at the Sun Hotel, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.). Bells (8) available 2 p.m. and after the meeting. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 20th. Please notify me as early as possible.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne (12) on May 27th. Tea at the George Café at 5.30 p.m. — W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meetings of the above will be held jointly at Egham on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Tuesday, May 23rd. All ringers are heartily welcome. — Miss K. Eastes and D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Littleport (near Ely) on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers very welcome. Buses all ways. For tea please notify Mr. F. J. Arnold, 79, Wisbech Road, Littleport, Cambs, not later than May 24th.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec., Over, Cambs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A joint meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (13) will be available from 8.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association will be held at St. Peter's Hall at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. 4d. per head for all who notify Mr. F. Renton, 143, Stratford Street, Beeston Hill, Leeds, by May 23rd. Meeting afterwards.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., Leeds and District Society, 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds, J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at Morpeth on Saturday, May 27th. The bells of the Watch Tower (8, tenor 14½ cwt.) will be available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.30, and tea at 5 o'clock, at the George and Dragon Hotel, 1s. 6d. each. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than the 24th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Special bus leaves St. Stephen's Church at 2.45 p.m. at 1s. 6d. return. Kindly let me know for bus or tea not later than Wednesday, 24th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80 Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on May 27th. Bells ready any time. Tea in the Parochial Hall, provided by the Rector, free to all members. Come and pay a visit to this historical old-world village now in its spring beauty and unspoilt by the modern builder.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Edwinstowe on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Perlethorpe bells open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Notify Mr. F. Martin, Villa Real Cottage, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, for tea. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Glington on Saturday, May 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 23rd? All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bardney (6) on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, May 24th? — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, May 27th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, May 27th. St. Clement's tower open 3 o'clock. All Saints' bells available after tea. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea, at 9d. per head, will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, May 23rd. A good attendance is requested. — E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

SPLICED PLEASURE. Visit Aldenham, Saturday, May 27th, for practice and tea. Ringing from 3.30. Tea, Village Club, 5.30. Road service or train to Bushey or Radlett. Local bus to church. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at New Buckenham, May 27th, at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.15. Names for tea, please.—Nolan Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wistanstow on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, May 24th, number attending requiring tea.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting at Abingdon on Saturday, May 27th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify me, if requiring tea, by the 25th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by May 24th?—W. E. Clarke, 70a, Norfolk Street, Boston.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ault Hucknall on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please send number requiring tea to J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton, by Wednesday, May 24th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Great Kimble (6 bells) on Saturday, May 27th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, arranged for those who notify me not later than May 22nd. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Charlton Mackrell on Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Local Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. This meeting has been specially arranged in connection with the Jubilee Celebrations of the present Church of St. Thomas, and a hearty invitation is extended to all. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, May 31st?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX.—The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Whit Sunday at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Barking.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday. Full details will appear next week. The bells available during the day will be: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Woodston (6), and the two rings of eight at Whittlesey.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 54th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 5th.—F. J. Pitstow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Abergele on Whit Monday, June 5th. Service in St. Michael's Church at 2.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea. Bodelwyddan bells (8) will also be available. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Tuesday, May 30th.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.—The annual open ringing contest for six bells will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Rules will be sent to any band on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas not guaranteed unless applied for.—E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Shield Contest will be held at Darfield on Saturday, July 8th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tower closed for practice Saturday, June 10th. Entries close on July 1st.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

HELLO! HELLO! DUFFIELD CALLING. WANTED, 200 CHURCH BELL RINGERS, FRIENDS AND OTHERS.

To be present at Duffield Church, June 3rd, at 3 o'clock. Dedication of the recast ring of 10 bells by the Lord Bishop of Derby, after which the art of campanology will be proved by experts of change ringers on this glorious peal of bells. A free meat tea will be provided for all ringers and their friends. Free tea tickets by post. Apply, Mr. F. Ruffell, Duffield, Derbyshire, not later than June 1st. Come and hear the new sweet toned bells that are different!

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. H. W. WILDE.

It is proposed to erect a memorial in Eccleston Church to the late Mr. H. W. Wilde, who died in October last. The memorial will take the form of a tablet, cast in bronze, and placed in the Baptistry near the belfry door.

As Mr. Wilde was widely known as a talented ringer and composer, it is felt that there must be many outside the Chester Diocese who would welcome the opportunity of associating themselves with this memorial. The committee will be glad to acknowledge subscriptions, which should be forwarded either to the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Richards, School House, Farndon, Chester, or to Mr. J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

DEDICATION OF DUFFIELD RECAST RING OF 10 BELLS SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd, at 3 p.m.

Will Midland Counties Association Change Ringers try to be present at Duffield Church, as above, when the Lord Bishop of Derby has promised to dedicate the bells, after which ringing will take place. By the kindness of the President of the association and the Vicar and church-

wardens of Duffield, a free meat tea will be provided to all ringers and their families or friends. To enable arrangements to be made by the caterer, tea tickets will be issued on receipt of a postcard to Mr. F. Ruffell, Duffield, by members or their secretaries to reach him by Thursday, June 1st. Tickets will be posted.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. P. J. Spice has removed to 12, Great Elms Road, Bromley, Kent.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. Frank Bennett is now 8, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

DEATH.

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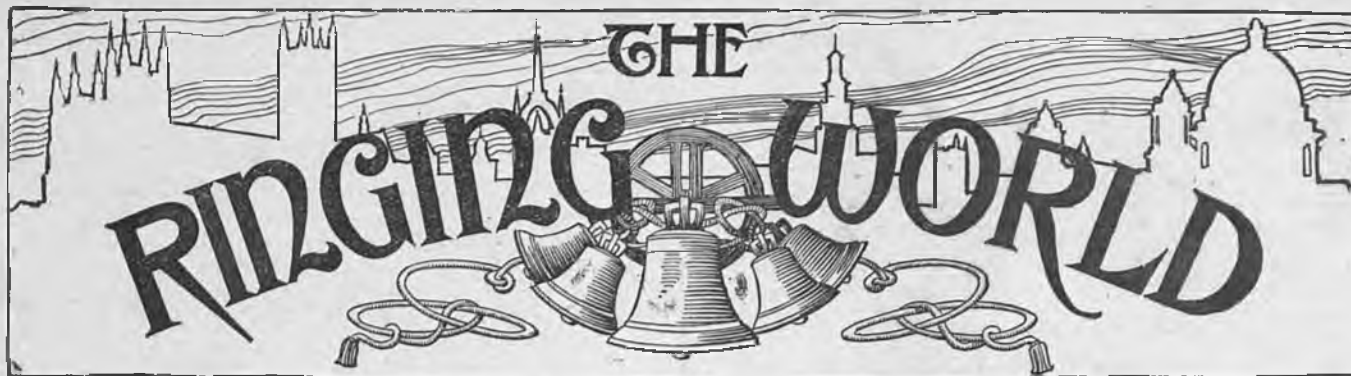
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SERIOUS DECLINE IN 'FIRST PEALERS.'

A striking and somewhat disturbing feature of the peals analysis for 1932 is the serious falling off in the number of ringers who, in that year, scored their first peal. In other respects it can be said that progress is generally revealed, but a falling off of something like one-third in the number of first peal ringers when the aggregate number of peals has been substantially increased is something that should give cause not only for thought, but for action. The actual number of first peal ringers in 1932 was 430 in 2,202 peals, against 612 in 2,082 peals in 1931. Does it mean that less encouragement has been given to young ringers to take part in peals or that they have shown less desire to do so? Perhaps it is both. It is no excuse to say that other statistics indicate improvement, such as that the numbers who rang peals in a fresh method or on a different number of bells have considerably increased. That may indicate advance in one direction, but without the advent of new blood to the ranks of peal ringers it means that the supply is drying up at the source. Even the number who rang their first peal 'inside' shows a decline, and we commend these facts not only to the consideration of the associations, but also to the habitual peal ringers themselves.

There may be some of our readers who will want to dash in and tell us again that this state of affairs is due to the ringers whom they class as 'peal grabbers,' but let them not be too hasty in their allocation of blame. To many of those who are so glibly described as 'peal grabbers' we owe a great deal for the raising of the standard of peal ringing. If they ring a good many peals, it is only because by constant practice they have raised themselves to a high state of efficiency, and their enterprise and initiative are worthy of emulation. At the same time there is obvious room for extending the usefulness of peal ringing. If it were to become an entirely selfish occupation it would lose a great deal of its value. Peal ringing, like practice meetings, should be used as often as possible for the encouragement of beginners and others on the lower rungs of the ladder. We would deny to none the joy of the perfect peal with the perfect band, but on the face of last year's records it does seem as if the Exercise needs to offer a little more encouragement to the novices. Without the influx of sufficient new blood there must come a time when the higher flights of ringing must suffer — if not in this decade, then in the next. The influence of associations ought to be used to counter the effect of this serious decline of 'first pealers.' They might seek out the most promising material and arrange peals with bands suffi-

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On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

ERNEST J. BUTLER 1	...Treble	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2		JAMES E. DAVIS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3		GABRIEL LINDOFF 9
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Tenor 21½ cwt.

LOUIS E. ALLEN 1	...Treble	EPHRAIM RANDS 6
*HARRISON CARTER 2		C. FERGUSON HOWITT 7
ALBERT H. WARD 3		†WILLIAM J. ROOT 8
JOSEPH A. FENTON 4		PERCY HARRISON 9
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On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*JACK SPILLER 1	...Treble	LOUIS HEAD 6
ERNEST SPILLER 2		†HAROLD F. TRAVERS 7
ALBERT E. GASSON 3		HARRY COAST 8
†WILLIAM T. GRICE 4		BENJAMIN F. BAKER 9
FREDERICK A. LEESON 5		CHARLES DONN 10

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* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at All Saints' Church.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM SHORT 2	SAMUEL GROVE 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 8
* REGINALD CHANCE 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT 9
JOHN BASS 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells, also the first peal of Cambridge Royal rung in the county of Shropshire. Arranged and rung as a wedding peal for Mr. John W. Hardwick, of Bromfield, Ludlow, Shropshire, and Miss Winifred Alice Farley, of Upton-on-Severn, Worcestershire, who were married at Madeley, Shropshire, on April 25th, and also for the Rev. Edward Geoffrey Benson, Vicar of Quatford, Shropshire, and Miss Judith Mumfrey Welsby, of Chester, who were married at Chester Cathedral on May 17th.

APPLETON, BERKS.

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On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 2	JOHN P. PELLOE 7
† MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 8
RICHARD A. POST 4	WALTER F. JUDGE 9
FRANCIS E. MAY 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.
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On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE CHAPPELL Treble	JOHN W. JONES 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
* WILLIAM E. WISEMAN 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	EDWARD T. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the accession of His Majesty King George V.

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST STONE Treble	* JOSEPH H. BEALE 5
THOMAS W. THORPE 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 6
* JAMES DRAYCOTT 3	JOHN GIBBONS 7
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH 4	JOHN E. S. MORETON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First attempt for a peal on eight bells by the ringer of the second. Rung as a compliment to Albert Haswell, of the local band, on his marriage; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Lewis, father of the Guild's hon. secretary.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

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Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

OLIVER SIPPETIS Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
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KENNETH SNELLING 3	WALTER CLAYDON 7
ROBERT SWIFT 4	ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETIS.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS ROSE M. COOMBS ... Treble	HAROLD E. PENNACK 5
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A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HERBERT FOLCHER Treble	CHARLES ROOPE 5
WILLIAM FLATT 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

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Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

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On Thursday, May 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

* HENRY G. WILKS Treble	† JAMES P. HYETT 5
* MISS DORIS M. HONEYWELL 2	CHARLES L. SADLER 6
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ARTHUR W. DAVIS 4	† ALBERT E. WILLIAMS Tenor

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FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 3
JOHN WITHERS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	HARRY WITHERS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
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On Friday, May 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

ALAN R. PINK Treble	E. S. T. FARR 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	RONALD BULLEN 7
LEONARD STILLWELL 4	Cecil W. PIPE Tenor

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

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
WILLIAM E. BASON 2	GEORGE BAILEY 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

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On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 4	WILLIAM BRANTS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LINMER Treble	EDGAR HOMPFEY 5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 2	PERCY J. DYKE 6
*STANLEY C. DAVIS 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
GEORGE ESSEX 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

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* First peal in the Kent Variation.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	JAMES GEORGE 6
CHARLES J. DICKEN 3	EDWIN H. STONELEY 7
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On Friday, May 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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Tenor 28 cwt.

*WALTER H. HOUGHTON ... Treble	THOMAS R. SCOTT 5
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH 2	†HERBERT W. ELSE 6
ALBERT E. SYMONDS 3	CHARLES V. HARE 7
†LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 4	LEONARD FIDDLER Tenor

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Conducted by L. FIDDLER.

* First in the method. † First 'inside.' First peal as conductor.
First peal on the bells by an entirely local band since 1782, and rung as a compliment to the daughter of the conductor, who 'came of age' on April 8th.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

PERCY AMOS Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 5
HARRY L. SMITH 2	*ALFRED BALLARD 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	REDVERS F. ELEINGTON ... 7
ERNEST F. PAYNE 4	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 100th peal. The same conductor called his first peal on March 19th, 1927. First peal in this method on the bells. A birthday compliment to P.C. N. Bagworth, of Loudon, brother of tenor ringer.

BOLTON.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS AND
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*P.C. JOHN MOLLINER ... Treble	P.S. PEYER CROOK 5
P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 2	P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 6
P.C. DONALD BROWN 3	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE 7
P.C. WILLIAM PVE 4	P.C. GEORGE PVE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by P.C. FREDK. PAGE.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the wedding of P.C. W. Robinson and the silver wedding of Sergt. and Mrs. P. Crook. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Nellie Helm, fiancée of Jack Kay, leader of the local band.

MOSSLEY, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDBAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALFRED WAITES Treble	WILLIAM COCKSHETT 5
JAMES LEE 2	VERNON SYKES 6
JOSEPH OGDEN 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
†JOSEPH MOWBRAY 4	GEORGE BARLOW Tenor

Conducted by V. SYKES.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in method. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOSEPH REED Treble	JOHN FEARNHEAD 5
EDWARD F. MAWBY 2	†ERNEST SEDDON 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER 3	CHARLES OLLIER 7
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. PAGE.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Major in the method. Also the first peal of Major in the method as conductor. This is the first peal in the method at this church by a purely local band.

TIPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

*BENJAMIN WINDSOR Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
GEORGE HUGHES 2	NORMAN H. WILLIAMS 6
*DENNIS HOLDEN 3	CYRIL WINWOOD 7
NORMAN G. LEECH 4	*REGINALD MORTON Tenor

Conducted by C. WINWOOD.

* First peal of Stedman.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST SIBLEY Treble	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 5
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 6
FRANK W. PERRINS 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRINS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIRE Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	HORACE BELCHER 6
JOSEPH MARKS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

On the Gabriel Eight.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
MABEL R. ROBERTSON 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 7
WILLIAM E. BASON 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Ten.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. HUNT'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JOSEPH H. BEALE Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ERNEST DUMPER Treble	JOHN W. FAITHFULL 5
GEORGE POLLINGER 2	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 6
CHARLES J. FRAY 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	JOHN L. DACOMBE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Munday. Mr. Munday has been vergar at this church and also a member of the local band of ringers since 1893.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

C. GRANSDEN Treble	C. SHIP 4
E. C. BOAKES 2	CRCIL C. BISHOP 5
E. J. WRAIGHT 3	G. J. MABBS Tenor

Conducted by G. J. MABBS.

First peal on the bells by a local band, and rung after the baptism of Mary Viola, daughter of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Lightbourne.

HUNSTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

*RONALD F. MOLE Treble	*ROY I. NELTSORPE 3
†HERBERT C. FORDHAM 2	*HORACE S. HUNT 4
PERCY L. JOHNSON Tenor	

Conducted by PERCY L. JOHNSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First as conductor and first on the bells.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED HONEYWOOD Treble	ERNEST DURRANT 4
STANLEY G. MOSS 2	HORACE WRIGHT 5
JOSEPH BOWELL 3	WALTER HONEYWOOD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER HONEYWOOD.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 69th birthday, also as a birthday compliment to the wife of Mr. A. Bowell, bell founder, of Ipswich.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

ALBERT CRAWLEY Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 4
*HARRY PARKER 2	*REGINALD W. WORRALL 5
*JOHN BRASSINGTON 3	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal in two methods. 50th peal together for Messrs. A. Crawley and H. Parker. Messrs. A. and G. H. Crawley have now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two 120's, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HERBERT E. BOOTH Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 4
†ARTHUR SMITH 2	†JAMES SHAW 5
*ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 3	†HOWARD BUTLER Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal of Doubles in the method. † First peal in the method. † First peal of Doubles in the method, and first in the method away from the tenor. First peal in the method on the bells, also the second peal of Doubles in the method on tower bells for the above society. The conductor has now rung peals in the method from Doubles to Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Butler, jun., a member of the local band, also to Mrs. H. Adams, of Shreshill, sister of the treble ringer, and to Miss Elsie May Greenfield, eldest daughter of the conductor.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, May 7th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. H. Spice 1, G. Kenward 2, W. Unwin 3, G. H. Spice 4, G. Webb 5, W. E. Spice 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, W. Gorman 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,600 Grandsire and 1,440 Plain Bob.

WALTER MANSFIELD Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
HARRY HOWARD 2	CHARLES BYROUTH 5
WILLIAM BYROUTH 3	VICTOR G. LEE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER MANSFIELD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Jack May, whose interment took place that day.

WISTANSTOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*AARON JONES Treble	WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 4
ROBERT A. GITTENS 2	ARTHUR C. NASON 5
HUBERT JONES 3	E. RICHARD BALDWIN Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. Jones, F. T. Massey and W. J. Beniams.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOD Treble	CHARLES H. WEBB 4
FRANK BAILLESS 2	GEORGE A. CHARLTON 5
JOHN H. BAILLESS 3	ALFRED E. WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by F. BAILLESS.

First peal 'inside' for ringer of 5th. Rung by the local band to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the bells.

PAYHEMBURY, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EAST DEVON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM REYNOLDS Treble	JOHN YOUNG 4
HARRY GLIDDON 2	*EDWIN JOHNS 5
GEORGE C. WOODLEY 3	SAMUEL CLARK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE C. WOODLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt.

ARTHUR DYE Treble	*GEORGE P. ADAMS 4
*ALLEN M. LOVELL 2	ROBERT W. COOKE 5
*VINCENT R. OVENS 3	†GEORGE A. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. COOKE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SCARNING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents—two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

*ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	GEORGE BUNNING 4
†JOHN BARTRAM 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
†ERNEST S. NAYLOR 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells, augmented to six, February, 1932.

SPLICED GRANDSIRE DOUBLES,

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

(Continued from page 310.)

I will now go on to show how to obtain four extents in three equal parts. For this purpose the three-part 120's must be used as the base, the splicing to be carried out as in previous examples.

I find that there are fourteen of these 480's which, when varied by starting at different leads, gives us a total of two hundred and twenty-four, which gives us an additional 105,520 changes.

480	480	480	480
2345	2345	2345	2345
2534	2534	2534	2534
2453	4325 S		
5324 B	2543 B	2453	3425 B
5432	3425 S	3524 S	5234 S
2354 S	2534 B	5324 S	3254 S
2435	2453	5432	5432 B
3524 B	3524 S	2354 S	2354 S
3452	3452	5423 B	2435
5234 B	5234 B	3254 S	5324 S
5423	5423	3125	2453 B
3254 S	2354 B	5234 S	3524 S
3425	2435	3452 B	3452
2534 B	5324 S	2534 S	2534 S
	5432		
4325 S	3254 B	4325 S	4325 S
2543 B	3425	2543 B	2543 B
3425 S	3425 S	3425 S	3425 S

Each to be twice repeated.

Here is the calling of the remaining ten:—

5. 2S.2.2.2S.2.2.1S.1.1S.
6. 2.2.2S.2.2.2S.1S.1.1S.
7. 2S.1.2.2S.2.2.2S.1.1S.
8. 2S.1S.2.2.2S.2.2.2.1S.
9. 2S.1.2S.2.2.2S.2.2.1S.
10. 2S.1.2.2.2S.2.2.2S.1S.
11. 2S.1.1S.1.2.2S.2.2.2S.1P.
12. 2S.1.1S.1S.2.2.2S.2.2.1P.
13. 2.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.
14. 2S.1.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1S.

DEVON GUILD.

BRANCH MEETING AT TEIGNMOUTH.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at St. Michael's, Teignmouth, on Saturday, May 13th, when ringers were present from Exeter, Kenn, Christow, Buckfastleigh, Paignton, Plymouth, etc. The bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples during the afternoon, whilst some of the visitors rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles at Bishopsteignton Church.

A service was later held at St. Michael's Church, conducted by the Rev. Carol, assistant priest. The address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. F. Trelawney Ross, who extended a hearty welcome to the branch to his church.

Tea was afterwards served at the Gervise Cafe. The Secretary apologised for the absence of the chairman, who was away on a cruise, and the Rev. Carol was voted to the chair for the ensuing business meeting. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. A. L. Bennett for arranging the recent successful joint meeting at Buckfastleigh.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Totnes and Dartington on Saturday, October 13th, subject to the usual consent being given.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar of St. Michael's for the use of his bells, for the service, and for his address, and to the organist for his help. A vote of thanks was also given the Vicar of St. James' for the use of his bells.

One new member was elected, and it was unanimously decided to send a vote of sympathy to the Rev. Preb. H. Mackworth Drake, Vicar of Paignton, in his serious illness.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the business, and both towers were afterwards visited for further ringing.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, May 7th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (odd bob): W. F. Ellingham 1, W. G. Lewis 2, C. F. Winney (conductor) 3, W. H. Stevens 4, A. Cutmore 5, E. Cassell, sen., 6, E. R. Gladman 7, W. W. Webb 8. Rung for the visit of the Archdeacon of Middlesex to dedicate the new side chapel. The visitors thank the local ringers for standing out to enable them to ring in this quarter-peal.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 7th, for morning service at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Hammet 1, J. Beagley 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, G. Carter 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. For evening service, 504 in the same method, the band including Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowden, of Haslemere.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. WORSLEY BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

The May quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Worsley on Saturday, May 20th. Quite a large number took advantage of a fine day to visit what is known as one of the prettiest spots around Manchester. The bells of St. Mark's were set going early in the afternoon. A ringers' service, at which 34 members were present, was conducted by Canon Elsee, president of the association, assisted by the Rev. Isaac Renshaw, Vicar of St. Mark's.

In his address Canon Elsee spoke of the beauty of Worsley Church, of its beautiful surroundings, and of the ringing associations connected with the bells. He referred to the ringers' 'contribution' to the Church of England in the office of bellringer, and said how essential it was that each one should make that contribution, in the sense of good striking, worthy of the high purpose for which it was undertaken.

After the service tea was served in the adjoining Parish Room, where the members soon satisfied hunger cravings created by bell-pulling and the open air. Afterwards, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, the members arranged themselves on the Vicarage lawn, where the business meeting was held. The president took the chair, whilst the meeting was further honoured by the presence of the Vicar.

In welcoming the branch to Worsley the Vicar mentioned that he hoped ere long the bells of St. Mark's would be in the hands of the bell founders. He added that since coming to the district three years ago several schemes in connection with the parish had already been put through, and the bells would be given his attention in the near future.

The President remarked upon the advisability of having a good job made of the bells when the time came.

A suggestion that the branch hold its June meeting jointly with the Bolton Branch at Walkdon, on the occasion of the association committee meeting there on June 17th next was adopted, and places chosen for the July and August meetings were Flixton and Radcliffe respectively.

After other business had been disposed of, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the room and grounds and for his services; to the organist, and choir boys; and to the ladies and local ringers for their help in making such a successful and enjoyable meeting. The president was also heartily thanked for his attendance and for his services.

The Vicar and President responded, after which the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing, expressing a general opinion that the afternoon had been well spent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHERN BRANCH PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL.

A successful meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Edeuham on Saturday, May 13th. Under good weather conditions, and with the picturesque countryside looking at its best, there was a good attendance of ringers and friends from Boston, Bourne, Grantham, Spalding, Surfleet, Market Deeping, Deeping St. James, West Deeping, Hough-on-the-Hill, Wymondham, Rippingale, Morton, Billingborough, Folkingham and the local band. Through the kindness of the Rector, Rev. D. S. Rowlands, president of the branch, the fine peal of eight bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and a variety of methods were rung ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. Service was held in the beautiful and ancient church, the Rector giving a helpful address. Mrs. Rowlands presided at the organ.

Tea was served at the Five Bells Inn, 37 sitting down. The Rev. Rowlands regretted not being able to attend the tea and business meeting, but expressed pleasure at seeing such a good attendance, and said he was sorry that it would be the last meeting he would attend as Rector of Edenham, as he was about to leave the parish to take up new duties at Kilmerson, Somerset. He wished the branch, of which he had been president for the past two years, and the whole Guild every success in the future.

Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Guild) said the Rev. Rowlands had done a lot for the branch during the four years he had been at Edenham. Soon after he came to this parish he took an active part in raising funds for the two new trebles to complete the octave, and at the same time the tenor was recast, thus making a peal to be proud of. The best wishes from the branch would go with Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands to their new parish.

At the conclusion of tea the business meeting followed, at which Mr. R. Richardson presided.

Mr. V. English, of Edenham, was elected a member of the branch, and West Deeping was selected as the place for the summer meeting in July.

As some £40 was still needed to defray the cost of the Rev. H. Law James memorial, a grant of three guineas was made from the Southern Branch funds.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and the service, also to the organist and to all who had made the necessary arrangements for a successful meeting. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 9 p.m.

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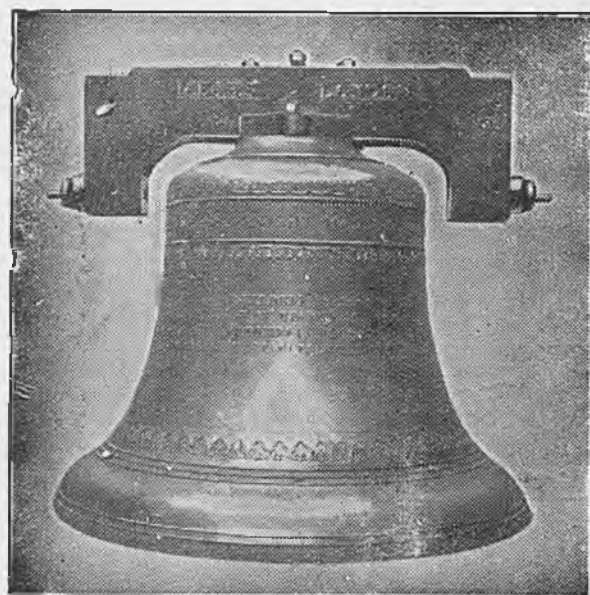
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It must be almost unique for a ringer to ring Cambridge Surprise Royal for his first peal, but William J. Root did this at Leicester, and is to be congratulated on his fine performance. He is quite a beginner, and has had very little practice on ten bells. Another creditable performance at the same time was that by Harrison Carter, whose first peal of Royal and of Surprise it was.

A lightning raid on the Irish Free State was carried out on Saturday by an expedition which left London on Friday night and returned victorious with the spoils in the early hours of Sunday morning.

It was appropriate that the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in Ireland should be called by a Patrick. Besides being Pat's first peal of Maximus as conductor it was his 50th twelve-bell Surprise peal rung in four methods. Messrs. G. R. and W. Pye and C. T. Coles all passed the half-century some time ago.

Rupert Richardson, by travelling from Surfleet to Dublin via London, set up what is probably a record distance travelled for a peal in the British Isles. At any rate, if not a record, 850 miles for one peal is pretty good going. What silly things members of the N.O.P.G. will do!

It is rumoured that a well-known London bachelor ringer found Kate in Dublin, and intends going there again next week. It is a wonder he came home at all!

The band at Gorton, Manchester, has now succeeded in ringing a peal in each of the four 'standard' methods. Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman and Plain Bob have all been rung by the local company since the bells were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in April, 1932. This performance is very creditable, considering that, for almost sixty years, nothing but Grandsire was rung at this church.

An attempt was made at Shiplake, Oxon, on Saturday, for a peal of 10,176 London Surprise Major. Unfortunately it came to grief through a shift course after almost five hours' ringing. There was one lady in the band.

PEALS OF MINOR.

ATTEMPT TO REGULARISE THE POSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article on what we may agree to call the Minor controversy seems to call for some comment. In the first paragraph you say that 'if the Council find in favour of those who ask that the old conventions shall be broken down and fresh standards erected, then they have to decide further how far beyond the old barriers they recommend ringers to draw the new line.'

Speaking for myself, and, I believe, the seconder of the resolutions over our names, I can say that we are not asking for any conventions to be broken down. It is quite obvious to us that all the old conventions were broken down long ago, and, what is of still more importance, the Council has accepted the position. From the time when, several years ago, the Bankes James' Cambridge Minor and the Pitman's and Morris' Grandsire Doubles were first rung, the Council has each succeeding year accepted these peals as fit to be included in the Council's records. It has, further, done this with full knowledge of the merits (or demerits) of the peals concerned. Each year these peals have been included in the Council's analysis, besides which the majority of affiliated associations have, at some time or other, published records of them in their annual reports.

In the face of these facts an attempt to regularise the position by bringing the Council's decisions up to date should not be misunderstood. The resolutions are designed to cover peals of Minor and Doubles already rung and accepted, and they go no further. In the opinion of the proposer and seconder, they contain sufficient safeguards to avoid any departures from ordinary change-ringing rules being included. If the Council accepts the resolutions, it is to be hoped that six and five-bell ringers will not ring anything outside the new decisions. If the Council rejects the resolutions, it will have to face up to the position thus created. The Council cannot logically say that it will continue to recognise the peals already rung and at the same time rule them out for the future. It will have to say what shall be done about the records of the peals already rung, approximately 250 in number! When we find a composition to be false we promptly delete it from all our association records, and this is what we shall have to do with these peals of Minor and Doubles if the Council states its opinion that they are false.

Before Council representatives make up their minds on this question of falseness will they consider the following: A peal of Triples contains each of the 5,040 rows once only. If there is a repetition of a single row the peal is false, and no decision of the Council could alter it. A single 720 of Minor is in exactly the same position. But a peal of 5,040 Minor contains each row seven times. If one row is rung eight times in a 5,040, and another rung only six times, then the peal would be false. Whilst each row is rung seven times (no more and no less) the peal cannot be false in the same sense that a peal of Triples with a repetition of rows is false. It is entirely a matter of definition. And if the Council decides to regularise the position by accepting the resolutions, those ringers who do not wish to ring compositions they do not like can continue under the old style. Mr. Lindoff's tables this week will show them something of what they are missing in variety of calling.

C. T. COLES.

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TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

Associations.	MINOR										Total.	DOUBLES.										Total.	Grand Total of Peals.	
	Number of Methods.											Number of Methods.												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	to 21			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	to 10				
Barnsley and Dist.	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	
Bath and Wells ..	11	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	12	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	27	
Bedfordshire	2	—	—	4	1	2	20	—	—	29	—	1	—	—	2d	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	32	
Chester Diocesan	6	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	1	3a	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	18	
Devonshire Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	6	
Dur. and Newc.	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	
E. Derbys. & N'ts.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	
Ely Diocesan	10	2	2	1	—	—	—	4	—	19	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	26	
Essex Association	14	4	2	7	1	1	3	—	—	32	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	35	
Glos. & Bristol	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	9	2	1	1j	—	—	—	—	—	14	17	
Guildford Dio. ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	
Hereford Dio.	5	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	6	—	17	1	1	—	2c	—	—	—	—	—	21	27	
Hertford County	1	1	2	1	1	—	12	—	—	18	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	21	
Kent County	10	1	5	2	—	—	—	1	1b	20	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	23	
Lancashire	20	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29	
Lincoln Diocesan	7	3	6	2	2	—	13	—	1c	34	—	4	—	—	—	1k	—	—	—	—	—	5	39	
Llandaff & Mon.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
Middlesex County	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	
Midland Counties	5	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	8	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	21	
North Notts.	—	1	2	2	1	—	2	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	9	
North Staffs.	1	—	1	—	1	1	7	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	11	
Norwich Diocesan	4	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	8	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	11	
Oxford Diocesan	9	1	1	1	2	—	3	2g	—	19	—	15	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	35	
Peterborough Dio.	5	1	2	2	2	—	7	—	—	19	—	4	6	1	1	5f	—	—	—	—	—	17	36	
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	21	
Salisbury Dio.	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	21	
Shropshire Assoc.	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	
Stafford Arch.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	
Suffolk Guild	3	—	2	10	1	3	4	—	—	23	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	24	
Surrey Assoc.	6	—	—	3	2	2	3	—	—	16	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	17	
Sussex County	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	
Swausea and Breck	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	
Truro Diocesan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	
Warwickshire	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	
Winch'r. & P'm'b.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	
Worcestershire	4	3	1	2	—	—	10	—	—	20	—	7	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	31	
Yorkshire Assoc.	2	1	1	2h	—	—	1	2	—	9	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	10	
Unaffiliated Soccs.	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	
Non-Association	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	
TOTAL	155	26	48	47	16	10	100	7	10f	100	28	13	5	11	166	574								

(a) one in 14 and two in 21 methods. (b) 13 methods. (c) 9 methods. (d) one in 9 and one in 10 methods. (e) one in 5 and one in 8 methods. (f) two in 17, one in 6, one in 8, and one in 9 methods. (g) two in 8 methods. (h) includes 6,000. (i) 6 methods. (j) 5 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Associations.	CINQUES		ROYAL		CATERS		MAJOR		TRIPLES		MINOR		DOUBLES		TOTAL
	Grandshire		Kent Treble Bob		Oxford Treble Bob		Plain Bob		Spliced		Grandshire		D'ble Norwich C.B.		TOTAL
	1	Method	1	Method	1	Method	1	Method	1	Method	1	Method	1	Method	
Ancient Soc. Col. Y.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Bath and Wells	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Cambridge Univ. Gld.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Chester Diocesan	1	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Durham & Newcastle	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Ely Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Guildford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Lancashire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	—	—	2	1a	1	3	1	3	5	1	2	4	23
London County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
North Notts.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Stafford Arch.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Scottish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Sussex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Worcester & Dis.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
Non-affiliated Soccs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
TOTAL	1	1	3	1	4	1	5	4	8	6	3	30	2	4	91

(a) Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob, and Plain Bob.

The report of the committee will be published in our next issue.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WHITSUN MEETING.

The following arrangements have been made in connection with the meeting of the Central Council in London at Whitsun:—
Headquarters: Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Members and friends are invited to use this hotel as a meeting place. A notice board will be erected in the lounge, and usually one member of the undermentioned committee will be present.

Bed, bath and breakfast can be obtained at 8s. 6d. per night (apply to manager).

Saturday: Various peal attempts have been arranged, and it is hoped that members have by this time made their own arrangements.
Sunday: Service ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Clement Danes', Strand; St. Lawrence Jewry, all at 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Other towers will be posted at headquarters.

Monday: Ringing at St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10.30 to 12; Westminster Abbey, 11 to 12. Demonstration of the Carter ringing machine at the Science Museum, Kensington, provisionally fixed for 2.30 to 3.30.

Other arrangements will be posted at headquarters.

Tuesday: Standing Committee meet at 9.45, Skinners' Hall. Council meeting at 11.

Ten immediately after the Council meeting by kind invitation of the Middlesex County Association (application for tickets by May 31st, please).

Ringling at St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Magnus', and St. Lawrence Jewry, all at 6.30 to 7.30.

Social at headquarters at 8, when Mr. Rupert Richardson will present famous ringers and others.

Committee: Mr. F. M. Mitchell (chairman), Mr. A. A. Hughes (secretary), Messrs. E. J. Butler, C. T. Coles, C. H. Kippin, J. D. Matthews, T. H. Taffender, and E. A. Young. These members of the Council have placed themselves at the service of visitors; kindly help them by indicating your wishes.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,

45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

Hon. Secretary.

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES MEMORIAL.

SEVENTH LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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NORTH STAFFS RINGERS VISIT SHROPSHIRE.

HODNET TO HAVE EIGHT BELLS?

On Saturday, May 6th, the ringers of Norton (Staffs) visited the towers of Hodnet and Clive. At the former place they were met by Mr. W. Weatherby and party, of Market Drayton, and Mr. Rodenhurst, of Kenstone

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A SPLICING 'SURPRISE'

Hendon was visited by members of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association on Saturday, May 13th, and the outing was quite a pleasant one. A nice toned peal of six, with a tenor of 16½ cwt., were set going quite early to Bob Minor, which was quickly followed by Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Later a very nice tea was served, and the business meeting was afterwards held. Three new members were elected, and Stanmore chosen for the next meeting on June 24th.

A discussion arose on 'The Ringing World' and its failure to publish all the touches, quarter-peals, etc., which were sent for publication. This, said one critic, was responsible for the paper not being read by many young ringers. The Hon. Secretary stated that he felt sure the Editor was fully alive to what was wanted, but lack of space was the trouble he was faced with. A larger circulation would enable him to increase the size of the paper. The Hon. Secretary added his opinion that the Editor had to leave out other matters besides touches, etc., and had to use a considerable amount of discrimination in deciding what to publish and what to omit.

Another interesting subject raised was that of the bells lately at St. Andrew's Church, Wells Street. The hon. secretary was able to state the very latest news with regard to these bells, that they were to be hung for ringing in the new Church of St. Andrew, Kingsbury, Middlesex.

Questions were asked as to arrangements made in connection with the Central Council meeting at Whitsun, and these were replied to as far as possible. It was considered that London was able to behave to its visitors much better than it had ever done before.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. N. R. Boyd, Mr. C. H. Martin, etc., concluded the meeting.

Subsequently more ringing took place, and Mr. E. M. Atkins surprised not a few by calling a touch of 240 Grandsire Doubles with only two singles. He stated afterwards that this was what some people would like to stop being rung, and when asked if any change occurred more than twice he answered, 'No; that was two 120's rung spliced, and only two singles were used.' There certainly seems to be something to be got out of splicing, in spite of the croakers. 'Just fancy,' writes our correspondent, 'being able to cut out a number of those awful unmusical singles! Ringers of Doubles and Minor, please note!'

A PLEASANT AFTERNOON AT FELTHAM.

After a stormy morning, on May 13th, the weather became more settled, and bursts of sunshine tempted members of the South and West District to forsake their wireless sets, gardens, families and other vices and encumbrances and venture forth to Feltham! Ringing commenced punctually at 3.30 p.m., under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, and continued intermittently until 5 p.m. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Rev. Brown, the curate conducted shortened even-song, the lesson being read by the vice-president, Mr. J. A. Trollope. Miss K. Bradford, of Twickenham, presided at the organ, whilst the choir consisted of the local ringers. Truly a ringers' service! Mr. Brown, in his address, said he preferred to speak to them as a body of fellow-workers of the Church rather than emphasise their particular vocation. Would that other clergy remembered this, and ringers' services would not then tend to become as stereotyped as they sometimes prove to be. Tea was taken in the Railway Hotel, presided over by the vice-president, supported by Rev. Brown and all the officers of the district with one exception. Over thirty members and friends were present. At the subsequent business meeting reference was made to the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Caversham, and it was agreed that the sympathy of the meeting be conveyed to the widow. Attention was also drawn to the passing of Mr. R. Kilby, of Willesden. The deceased gentleman had been a member of the association since 1914, although a member of the Willesden Branch for many years previously. The company stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the memory of the two gentlemen.

Five of the Sunbury ringers, together with one of the local band, were elected ringing members of the association.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 10th, with a meeting at Harlington, if possible, in July.

The meeting learned with regret of the prolonged illness of Mr. J. J. Pratt, of Hillingdon. A message was sent to him conveying the sympathy of the members, together with a wish that his recovery might be rapid.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy and ringers of Feltham for the splendid welcome extended to the association, and to Mr. Denford in particular for the painstaking manner in which he had made the necessary arrangements.

Further ringing brought to an end a very happy and pleasant meeting.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—After evening service, on Sunday, April 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, as a compliment to the Rev. W. Austin, who has been filling the duties of incumbent for six months in the absence of the Vicar: J. Hopes (first quarter) 1, A. T. Maggs 2, F. Skidmore 3, E. Palmer 4, T. James 5, G. S. Wiltshire 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, J. Jefferies, jun., 8.

THE NEW BELLS AT PORTSMOUTH.

A SPLENDID PEAL.

A meeting organised to enable all who desired to do so to ring on the new peal of bells at St. Mary's Church, Portsea, Portsmouth, was held on May 13th, and brought together a numerous company. The bells, as already described in these columns, are a product of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, and replace an octave of mixed origin. The restoration was made possible by the generosity of the Barron Bell Trust, and the work, which has been carried out is so complete and thorough that the conditions both inside and outside the tower are as perfect as human ingenuity can make them.

St. Mary's Church, itself of almost cathedral-like proportions, with its tall, pinnacle-surmounted tower, was opened in 1899, and the bells then installed were an octave that consisted of four of a ring of six, cast in 1764 and taken from the previous church, and four new bells. Last year it became unsafe to ring them, and, in view of the other needs of the large but poor parish, it seemed as if the restoration might have to be long delayed. Thanks, however, to the interest taken by Mr. F. Hopkins, senior trustee of the Barron Bell Fund, the whole cost of the work was provided by the Trust, and St. Mary's Church is now in possession of one of the finest rings of eight at their weight in existence. In some respects we believe the bells are of experimental dimensions, but if that be so the experiment has been more than justified. The tenor of 17 cwt. 7 lb. is in F (instead of the customary E), the trebles are more powerful than is often found in rings of this size, and the whole peal is beautifully balanced. In the ringing room every bell is heard to perfection, and outside in the busy street the sound is so modulated that it can be no possible source of annoyance to the public. This result has been brought about by similar action to that taken at Lincoln Cathedral. Formerly the bells swung in the louvers in the upper part of the tower; the new bells have now been erected at a level 25ft. lower, the windows at this stage having been made sound proof. Another result of the lowering of the bells has been a great improvement in the convenience of handling. Previously there was 70ft. of rope between the ringers and the bells. The frame and the fittings are 'the last word' in modern bell engineering.

Saturday's gathering was, in a sense, an informal one. It brought together ringers from Alverstoke, Beckenham, Brighton, Fareham, Farnborough, Godalming, Gosport, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (the Cathedral and St. Mary's), Ryde, Titchfield, Wickham, Winchester, Woking, etc., while Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the bell founders.

The bells were kept going merrily to a variety of methods, from rounds for the novices up to Spliced Surprise in four methods, although the latter just failed to 'stay the course.' Courses in at least half a dozen Surprise methods were rung, but there was no neglect of the simpler things, and under the direction of Mr. F. W. Rogers, the Guild secretary and tower conductor, the ringing wants of everyone were supplied.

The Guild's service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon G. C. L. Lunt) was held, a feature of it being the glorious singing of a full choir. Canon Lunt's address, which was prefaced with a warm welcome to the ringers, was based upon the words, 'And in that day there shall be upon the bells of the horses Holiness unto the Lord.' The lessons which he drew from it were the need in the present day for holiness in work, holiness in worship and holiness in the home.

A happy party afterwards sat down to tea together in the Church Hall, and handbell ringing was indulged in before those present eventually returned to the tower to enjoy a further spell on the delightful ring of eight.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 21st, for even-song, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, W. H. Hollier 2, W. H. Wood 3, C. H. Winney 4, E. R. Mackrill 5, H. Cook 6, J. W. Driver (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, C. F. Hunt 9, G. F. Edwards 10.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John's Church, for Confirmation service, May 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): C. Over 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, W. H. Coles 3, R. W. Darville 4, W. H. Gutteridge 5, J. H. Lucas 6, E. Hancox 7, F. Corke (conductor) 8, F. W. Goodfellow 9, H. A. Folkard 10.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 14th, for even-song, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Simpson 1, Mrs. A. Disney 2, R. S. W. Smith (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, A. Disney 4, A. Ballard 5, I. J. Wade (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 7, H. Hulton (first quarter-peal) 8.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, at St. Martin's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: N. Leech 1, T. W. Cattell 2, R. Moreton 3, G. Hughes 4, B. Gough 5, A. Rowley (conductor) 6, C. Winwood 7, N. Williams 8.

NETHERTON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, April 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Prestidge 1, H. Hill 2, A. Prestidge, jun., 3, S. O. Holloway 4, T. Hubbard, T. A. Townsend (conductor) 6, A. Prestidge, sen., 7, J. Davies 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and S. O. Holloway. Before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Prestidge 1, S. O. Holloway 2, H. Hill 3, T. A. Townsend 4, H. Hubbard 5, A. Prestidge, jun., 6, J. Goodman (conductor) 7, J. Davies 8. Ring for the 'choir sermons.'

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

RINGERS GIVE START TO 'CAMPAIGN OF WITNESS.'

On Saturday, May 6th, an extraordinary meeting of the Hinckley Branch of the above association was held essentially to meet the Lord Bishop of the diocese, who that day was beginning a ten-day mission in the district. The bells of the Parish Church (eight) were open during the afternoon and evening, and good use made of them by the visitors. Tea was served at 4.30 p.m. in the Church Hut, and over 60 ringers and friends sat down. Every tower in the district was represented, as well as many in other districts, and friends from the Warwickshire Guild.

Following tea, Mr. W. Wood, local vice-president, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the Lord Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Cyril Bardsley) to the district. He explained the work of ringers as being essentially team work, a full company being always necessary to carry on successfully. They had to be diligent, patient and persevering. He assured his lordship that all felt highly honoured by his presence.

This was seconded by Mr. A. E. Rowley, the local secretary, who stated that the work of the district was appreciated by the clergy, and they were welcomed wherever they went. The membership was continually growing, and so long as this fellowship continued it would go on from strength to strength.

The Vicar of Hinckley, Rev. Canon Eacott, extended a most cordial welcome to the Lord Bishop and also the ringers. He explained the object of this visit, and trusted that the coming days' mission would show to the people in the parishes around more and more their purpose and personal witness. Many missionaries were coming into the district, and this beginning by the ringers spoke well for its ultimate success.

The Rural Dean (Rev. Canon Casson, Rector of Croft) supported the welcome, especially on behalf of the deanery.

BISHOP'S PERPLEXITY.

The Lord Bishop then spoke of the great pleasure it had given him to visit the Hinckley district ringers, and said he was highly delighted to see such a good company present. He would tell them more about the mission to be started at the service to be held later in church. After giving a few amusing reminiscences of various visits to country parishes, he said there was a certain worry that sometimes perplexed him. When he had to dedicate a peal of bells in some remote corner of his diocese he prepared the best sermon he could for the occasion—then perhaps he would have to go to the other end of the county on a similar errand, and sure enough, up popped the same faces among his congregation. He confessed he did not know a great lot about bells and ringing, and it sometimes embarrassed him. He had a large volume in his library by a well-known Leicester ringer, but found even that rather technical and not very adaptable for a sermon. However, he was very grateful to all these present for their kindly reception, for which he thanked them heartily.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow, Rector of Stoney Stanton, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hinckley for his kind invitation that day, and to the Lord Bishop for his presence amongst them, said he spoke as a ringer and not as a parson. He had been a ringer for more years than he could remember, and had taken part in between 60 and 70 peals—not a great lot, nor nearly as many as some of the young men he had taught. He thought the Bishop of the diocese ought to make it an obligation that all clerics before admission to a living should become expert bellringers, and facetiously asked the Bishop to make him his examining chaplain on this matter! Anyway, whenever they went among the towers of this district the clergy had always been most kind, receiving them with a warm welcome.

Mr. Ernest Morris, the general hon. secretary of the association, supported these remarks, and said it was a great honour to have his lordship among them. He (the speaker) was one of the culprits who followed the Bishop whenever there was a bell restoration, and he apologised if his lordship did not find inspiration in his 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' However, he threw out a hint to the effect that it would be a good idea to go to the bells themselves for sermons. One came to his mind, viz., at Oadby there was an inscription 'Audite et Venite: Venite et Audite,' and for this mission of personal witness the motto fitted them as ringers, who were told to give the invitation to the world around: 'Hear and come, come and hear.' 'Hear us pealing—come to church—come and hear God's Word.' Mr. Morris concluded by assuring the Bishop that wherever he might go in the coming days of the campaign of witness, he would find no more enthusiastic, sincere or hardworking churchworkers than the members of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association.

Mr. C. H. Webb proposed a vote of thanks to Rev. R. P. Farrow for the splendid work done by him in the district and as a representative on the Central Council for the past three years.—This was seconded by Mr. A. Ballard and carried with enthusiasm.

The Earl Shilton handbell ringers gave some very fine selections, after which all present adjourned for a service in the church, at which the Lord Bishop gave a short address on 'Personal witness.' After the service, ringing was again indulged in. Everyone sharing in the afternoon's programme went home feeling that not only had it been a time of enjoyment, but a real start for the mission 'campaign of witness.'

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne (12) on May 27th. Tea at the George Café at 5.30 p.m. — W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meetings of the above will be held jointly at Egham on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. All ringers are heartily welcome.—Miss K. Eastes and D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Littleport (near Ely) on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers very welcome. Buses all ways.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec., Over, Cambs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A joint meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (13) will be available from 8.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association will be held at St. Peter's Hall at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. 4d. per head. Meeting afterwards. — H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., Leeds and District Society, 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds, J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at Morpeth on Saturday, May 27th. The bells of the Watch Tower (8, tenor 14½ cwt.) will be available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.30, and tea at 5 o'clock, at the George and Dragon Hotel, 1s. 6d. each. — George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Special bus leaves St. Stephen's Church at 2.45 p.m. at 1s. 6d. return. — Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea, at 9d. per head, will be provided. A good attendance is requested. — E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bardney (6) on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, May 27th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Edwinstowe on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Perlethorpe bells open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Good attendance requested. — H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Glinton on Saturday, May 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on May 27th. Bells ready any time. Tea in the Parochial Hall, provided by the Rector, free to all members. Come and pay a visit to this historical old-world village now in its spring beauty and unspoilt by the modern builder. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, May 27th. St. Clement's tower open 3 o'clock. All Saints' bells available after tea. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch. — Meeting at New Buckenham, May 27th, at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.15. Names for tea, please.—Nolan Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wistanstow on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting at Abingdon on Saturday, May 27th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 followed by tea and business meeting.—W. E. Clarke, 70a, Norfolk Street, Boston.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ault Hucknall on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Charlton Mackrell on Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Local Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Great Kimble (6 bells) on Saturday, May 27th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 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.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Claverley on Saturday, May 27th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify the undersigned. All ringers welcome.—George Case, Hon. Sec., 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

ALDENHAM, Saturday, May 27th. — Ringing from 3.30. Tea (Village Club) 5.30. Cheap tickets by road or rail, nearest stations: Radlett and Bushey. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270. The charm and quietness of the countryside. Method ringing as you like it. A pleasant gossip and tea. What more? Visit Aldenham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 30th. St. Magnus' on June 1st, 15th and 29th. Southwark Cathedral on the 8th. *The Coffee Pot on the 13th (8 p.m.). St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd. *St. Paul's 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.

SWALCLIFFE, OXON.—Ring of 6, tenor 15 cwt., rehung in a new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication, Thursday, June 1st, at 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Oxford. Good service of buses from Banbury. Tea will be served in the Vicarage grounds, weather permitting, otherwise in the Village Hall.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. This meeting has been specially arranged in connection with the Jubilee Celebrations of the present Church of St. Thomas, and a hearty invitation is extended to all. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, May 31st?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8). Tea will be arranged for those (only) who send their names in to Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Halsall Parish Church on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector. Meeting at 6.30. For tea it is important that names be sent to Mr. W. Mawdsley, Post Office, Halsall, not later than Wednesday, May 31st. Will all members make an effort to attend this meeting?—Norman Brown, Br. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 3.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Wheatsheaf. Buckland tower (8) open 6 p.m. Please notify for teas by May 31st.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Hunts and Central Districts.—A ringing meeting will be held at Over, Cambs, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 4.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. W. J. Ginn, local ringers' sec., Chain Road, Over, Cambs, by June 1st for tea. Good train (Swavesey, L.N.E.R.) and bus service for all, so all come.—H. J. Parker, Hunts, F. Warrington, Central, Branch Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oldham on Saturday, June 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. Will members please look up Double Norwich?—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Town Hall, at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming. — George Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing commencing at 2.30. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome. Rowde bells available during the evening.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly ringing meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—A meeting will be held at Shouldham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, price 1s. each. All ringers will be welcomed.—E. Barker, Branch Sec.

HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX.—The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Whit Sunday at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Barking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Brighton, Whit Monday, June 5th. Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing 2.3.45 and after meeting. Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30-9. Special service in St. Nicholas' Church 4.15. Meat tea in St. Nicholas' Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. (members 1s. 3d.). Those requiring tea must notify the general secretary not later than Wednesday, May 31st.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Halesworth Town Hall on Whit Monday, June 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.: Wenhamston (6), Wissett (6) and Chediston (6) all day. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Abergele on Whit Monday, June 5th. Service in St. Michael's Church at 2.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea. Bodelwyddan bells (8) will also be available. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Tuesday, May 30th.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday.—Service in Cathedral at 12.15. Dinner at Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., price 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. for members who apply to me for tickets beforehand). Business meeting after dinner. City towers available: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), 10.30-12, and 3-5.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 5-8.30 p.m.; also outlying towers during afternoon.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 54th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 5th. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral; 12.30 p.m., lunch (members 1s. 6d.), to be followed by the annual meeting at the Golden Fleece Hotel. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the hon. secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 30th, in order that proper provision for lunch can be made.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High St., Saffron Walden.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit Monday, June 5th. The new bells at the Cathedral (10, tenor 23 cwt.) are available for ringing 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., and are well worth a visit to ring; Sharow bells (tenor 13 cwt.) are available all day. Lunch will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2/-, Non-members 2/6. Those intending to be at lunch must notify the Secretary not later than first post Thursday, June 1st. Services in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. and 4.45 p.m.—T. Metcalfe, Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday. Central Committee will meet at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. Service in St. John's Church at 12 noon, with address by the Dean of Peterborough. Lunch at Dujon Café at 1 p.m., followed by the meeting. Application for lunch tickets must be made, with remittance (2s. 6d.), before Wednesday, May 31st, to Mr. W. H. Waldron, 127, Scotney Street, Peterborough, or the general secretary. Bells available for the day, except during lunch, service and meeting, are: St. John's (8), Woodston (6), St. Mary's (6), and two rings of eight at Whittlesey.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting and tea will be held at Ardleigh on June 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be there please notify me as soon as possible.—F. R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — A by-meeting of this district will be held at Yalding on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungelow, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, London, W.C., on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea to follow. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 7th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, ordinarily known as St. George's-in-the-Borough (Little Dorrit's Church). Ringing 3 to 5. Tea locally. Meeting and further ringing 6.30 to 8.30. Hearty welcome to all.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Visitors and non-members heartily welcomed. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Hornby on June 10th. Business meeting after tea. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. F. Fisher, Shoemaker, Hornby, near Lancaster.—E. Swain, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Preliminary announcement. The next meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, June 17th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. H. W. WILDE.

It is proposed to erect a memorial in Eccleston Church to the late Mr. H. W. Wilde, who died in October last. The memorial will take the form of a tablet, cast in bronze, and placed in the Baptistry near the belfry door.

As Mr. Wilde was widely known as a talented ringer and composer, it is felt that there must be many outside the Chester Diocese who would welcome the opportunity of associating themselves with this memorial. The committee will be glad to acknowledge subscriptions, which should be forwarded either to the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Richards, School House, Farndon, Chester, or to Mr. J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

DEDICATION OF DUFFIELD RECAST RING OF 10 BELLS SATURDAY, JUNE 8th, at 3 p.m.

Will Midland Counties Association Change Ringers try to be present at Duffield Church, as above, when the Lord Bishop of Derby has promised to dedicate the bells, after which ringing will take place. By the kindness of the President of the association and the Vicar and churchwardens of Duffield, a free meat tea will be provided to all ringers and their families or friends. To enable arrangements to be made by the caterer, tea tickets will be issued on receipt of a postcard to Mr. F. Ruffell, Duffield, by members or their secretaries to reach him by Thursday, June 1st. Tickets will be posted.

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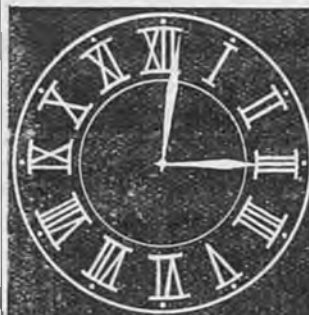
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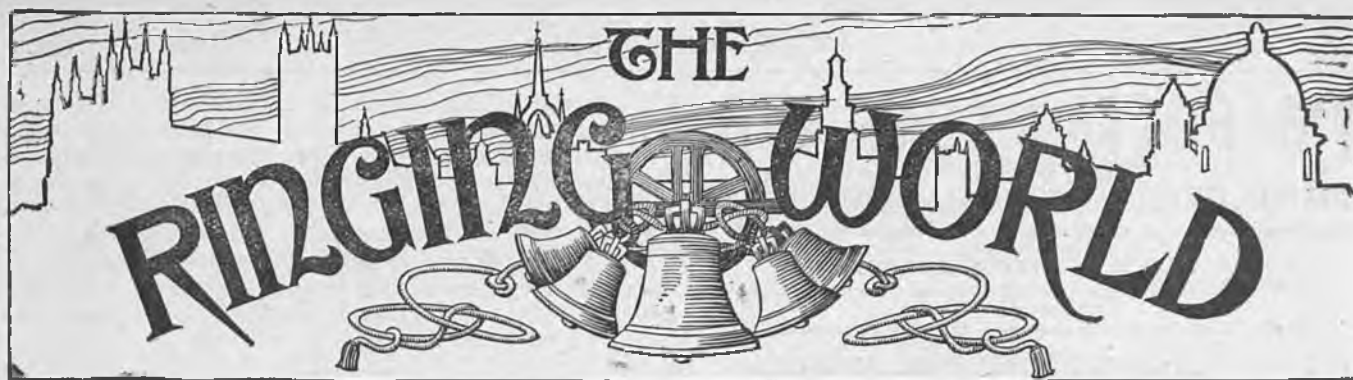
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NEXT TUESDAY'S COUNCIL MEETING.

The Central Council meeting in London next Tuesday is likely to be an interesting one, and will certainly provide the members with a full sitting. The 'triennial' meeting, in the metropolis, of necessity, produces more routine business than the two succeeding gatherings in the provinces, for it is the first session of a new Council and the officers and committees have to be elected, but on this occasion, apart from certain contentious motions on the agenda, the internal affairs of the Council will demand more than usual attention. The business includes consideration of the revised rules and the Standing Committee's recommendations as to their own constitution and that of other committees. Hitherto committees have been elected in a somewhat casual way, generally by asking the representative, who proposes the appointment of a committee for any purpose, to nominate the members. By this means the Council may or may not get the best Committee for the object in view. Whether it is possible to devise any better plan, however, remains to be seen, but whatever is done about the committees in general, there ought to be some less haphazard method of electing the Standing Committee—which is really the Executive Committee of the Council—than has been practised in the past. The number of elective members on this committee ought to be definitely fixed; vacancies should be filled as they occur and elections, when they are necessary, ought to be by ballot.

Very little criticism has been heard up to the present of the proposed new rules. Where they have been discussed by associations the rules seem to have proved generally acceptable and the principles which they seek to lay down for the constitution of the Council are, we think, likely to be adopted by the Council. The intention behind the rules is to make the bond between the associations and the Council a stronger one; to make the Council the central body of the ringing Exercise in fact as well as in name. The fixing of the representation of territorial and diocesan societies on a definite limited numerical basis will not only tend to prevent overlapping, but will also serve another useful purpose in providing, to a much greater degree than is at present possible, some guide to the number of ringers represented by the Council. The new rules also change the financial relationship of the societies with the Council, by basing the affiliation fees on membership and not upon the number of representatives elected to the Council. In actual practice very few associations will be affected, for most of them already elect the maximum number to which they are entitled, and we can hardly imagine any association declining membership of the Council on the strength of

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the financial liability, when the affiliation fees will be, at most, only about one halfpenny per member per annum. The service which the Council renders to the Exercise—not merely through the business transacted at the annual meeting, but by the work of its committees throughout the year, and the fact that it is actually the hub of the wheel of ringing organisation—more than makes its upkeep worth while, and this further attempt to strengthen the ties between the Council and the associations will surely be welcomed.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

*ARTHUR CAUSLEY Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
FRANK BENNETT 2	EDWARD J. OLIVER 7
*BERNARD SAUNDERS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 8
HERBERT RANN 4	ALFRED J. TURNER 9
NELSON ELLIOT 5	HENRY STALHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Bob Royal. Rung by special permission of the Vicar, Rev. V. P. Powell, to celebrate Empire Day.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 6
KEITH HART 2	*C. ERNEST SMITH 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	*ROBERT SWIFT 8
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS 9
JACK M. CRIPPS 5	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

RISHTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
JAMES PARR 2	JOHN BROWN 6
FRED HINDLE 3	*RICHARD BOLDERSTONE 7
ARTHUR INGHAM 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* 100th peal. The composition is now rung for the first time.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
J. WILLIAM CLARKE 3	EDWARD V. RODENHORST 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Edward Geoffrey Benson, Rector of Quatford, Salop, and Miss Judith Humphrey Welsby, which took place earlier in the day. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, May 18, 1933, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect for Mr. Edwin Kersey, of Framsdan Hall, who was for many years churchwarden at the above church.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TEWKESBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ALMERICK PAGE Treble	OLIVER ATTWOOD 5
WILLIAM WOODWARD 2	HARRY DEVEREUX 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	CHARLES DYSON 7
ARTHUR DEVEREUX 4	HAROLD FELLOWS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rev. E. G. Benson, a former curate of Tewkesbury, and Ringing Master, whose wedding took place at Chester the Wednesday previous.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 7
CHARLES F. SAYER 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung after meeting short for Superlative Major. Arranged for the 'return of the native,' on holiday from Bradford.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRANK PLATT Treble	IVAN KAY 5
FRANK LAWTON 2	HARRY PLATT 6
*ISAAC GARTSIDE 3	HARRY H. MELLOR 7
†FRED MELLOR 4	CHARLES E. PLATT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. PLATT.

* First peal. † First peal with bob bell. This peal was rung for the diamond jubilee of the bells, which were dedicated on May 20th, 1873.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

STEPHEN H. HOARE Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	†MADRICK F. R. HIBBERT 6
*WALTER AYRE 3	JOHN E. ROOTES 7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW

* 200th tower bell peal, rung in 79 towers, 16 counties and for 15 associations. First peal in the method in the county and by the association. Rung in honour of Mr. D. C. Rutherford, the donor of the bells, becoming vice-chairman of the Herts County Council.

A peal was rung at Ardley, Herts, on May 15th, in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. E. Sheppard, who was captain of the local band for 40 years. After the peal he kindly entertained the band to supper.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
*ROBERT BARBER 2	WILLIAM FLATT 6
GEORGE CURSON 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	CHARLES LOME Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. EARLE BOLWER. Conducted by G. HOWLETT

* First peal of Major. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*ERNEST E. PICKERING Treble	CECIL E. CARR 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 6
REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Treble Bob. First peal in method on the bells. A birthday compliment to tenor ringer. This composition, rung for the first time by M.C.A., never has 28 dodging in 7.8.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HECTOR Treble	WILLIAM BOLTON 5
FRED WALLINGTON 2	ERNEST MEASURES 6
WALTER WALLINGTON 3	NIGEL BOLTON 7
ARTHUR MANNING 4	FRED STANFORTH Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by A. MANNING.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ROY RUNDLE Treble	FREDERICK WREDFORD 5
†FRANK WILLS 2	ERNEST HILL 6
JOHN HOSGOOD 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN 7
WILLIAM H. HOWE 4	ARTHUR H. GOAD Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' Credit is due to ringers of 1 and 2, who rang well throughout the peal. Rung on the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. All the above (with the exception of Mr. Howe) are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*HARRY LIMBERT Treble	GEORGE DETHERIDGE, SEN. 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 2	†ALBERT TAYLOR 6
HORACE DOWELL 3	GEORGE DETHERIDGE, JUN. 7
EZRA HOMER 4	REUBEN INGRAM Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal and first attempt in the method on an 'inside' bell. Quickest peal on the bells, and rung by an entirely local band in commemoration of the second anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (Rev. H. Card, B.A.). 80th peal as conductor.

BOLSOVER, DERRBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS RILEY Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
* L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	JOHN R. BREARLEY 6
* JOHN J. L. GILBERT 3	W. H. TURTON 7
ERNEST WAGSTAFFE 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* FRANK PICKERING Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER 2	HAROLD CHANT 6
WILLIAM GREEN 3	T. COLIN RYDER 7
ARTHUR GILL 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Surprise, Mr. Pickering very kindly making up the band at short notice.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS 5
EDWARD F. GOBEY 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 384). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. Treble	GEORGE OLLIVER 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	WALTER CHARMAN 7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

* First peal in the method.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
* ROBERT SWIFT 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
* C. ERNEST SMITH 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

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

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES G. BOWKETT Treble	* LEONARD CLAY 5
* PERCY BLISSETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	THOMAS G. GREEN 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS 4	† WILFRED A. SHARPE Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	PETER CROOK, SEN. 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL 2	* EDWARD IDDON 6
WILFRED J. MOSS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
* FRED DONKERLEY 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Crook.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 24, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD HAMER Treble	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 5
FRED DONKERLEY 2	STEPHAN L. PARRY 6
FRANK FIEDDEN 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT 7
JOHN NASH 4	* FRANK TUTTALL Tenor

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal in method. First peal as conductor in the method. Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

M. SWINFELD'S ODD BOB IRREGULAR TWENTY-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6
WALTER WALLACE 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and has all the 6-7's at backstroke. First peal on these bells, recently installed by Taylor and Co., the tone and 'go' being excellent. Rung to celebrate Empire Day and as a birthday compliment to Miss Dicken.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

* CHARLES H. MOORE Treble	* HENRY TOOKER 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 6
* GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	WALTER R. FARROW 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First spliced peal. First peal in this variation by all and by the association on eight bells. This composition contains only 4-5-6 in 6th's and the extent there, with their combinations in all positions, and the 64's, 45's and 56's home at plain leads. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to an esteemed member of the band.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

MISS MARCIA WHITE Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
EDWARD G. COWARD 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM E. CHEAYER 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Very Rev. R. O. P. Taylor) on his being appointed lecturer in pastoral theology in the University of Cambridge for the year 1933-4.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN J. LAMB Treble	LIONEL J. COLLUM 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... Tenor

Composed by the late E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by F. J. COLLUM
First peal in the method by all the band. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

WOOLWICH.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LIONEL J. COLLUM Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
JOHN H. CHRESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	EDWIN BARNETT 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHRESMAN.

First peal on the bells since their restoration.

KEA, NEAR TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS Treble	HENRY WILLIAMS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	FREDERICK W. MARSHALL ... 6
MISE E. J. C. ANGWIN 3	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 7
GEOFFREY W. TAYEOM 4	*E. SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal and first attempt. The conductor is from Edmonton. The Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Sowell, came to the tower at the finish and complimented the band on the good striking.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK CARDWELL ... Treble	JAMES H. HAYWOOD 5
MISS LUCY M. KELLY 2	*HARRY MORTIMORE 6
F. CLIFFORD WILSON 3	GEORGE F. TUKE 7
*ALBERT FIRTH 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the youngest son of G. F. Tuke.

SIX BELL PEALS.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

J. WILFRID SHARP Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	AMOS SMART 5
WILLIAM STOCK 3	*JOHN M. GRAY Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

* First peal in seven methods.

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ARDLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

SYDNEY CARTER Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
ALBERT LAWRENCE 2	HENRY WALLACE 5
JOHN WELCH 3	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Sheppard, who attained the age of 70 that day. He was captain of the local band for 40 years. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Sparkes.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*FREDERIC PURSE Treble	*GEORGE E. BUNTING 4
*THOMAS F. BUNTING 2	WALLACE W. COUSINS 5
†CHARLES A. UTTERIDGE ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE COUSINS.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, May 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL ELLIS Treble	GEORGE LEE 4
*P.C. ERNEST G. PEARCE, JUN. 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
WILLIAM C. BONN 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal. Treble ringer's first peal for twenty-six years.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, Double and Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES E. BLACK Treble	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	WILLIAM NEAL 5
ROGER W. DANIELS 3	*CHARLES WILKINSON Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in eight methods 'inside.' Rung for the silver wedding of the ringer of the 5th, who, with the treble ringer, belongs to the local band.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three 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, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4
*GEORGE E. LARGE 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in seven methods.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, nine callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

P. TRINDER Treble	V. CLIFTON 4
O. BOWSER 2	N. SPINDLOW 5
B. D. COSTAR 3	B. R. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by N. SPINDLOW.

First peal on the bells.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.
GEORGE LAMBERT Treble | ALEC RICHARDSON 4
ERNEST J. OLIVER 2 | ERNEST J. LADD 5
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 3 | ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor
Each ringer conducted a 720, commencing from the treble, Albert E. Edwards conducting two 720's.

WINTHORPE, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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.).
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 7 Treble | LEONARD PIERREPONT 4
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL 2 | ERNEST A. MIDWINTER 5
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN 3 | HAROLD DENMAN Tenor
Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Bogedone, Marple, Disley and Norbury. Tenor 11 cwt.
SIDNEY HOGGB. SEN. Treble | WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2 | JOHN WORTH 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3 | ERNEST BENNETT Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

Rung on the conductor's 21st birthday as a compliment to him, also to celebrate the first birthday of Master John Stevenson. These methods, which were first rung and named at Norbury, are representative of six-bell towers within the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. AYRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2 | *WALTER AYRE 5-6
CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY 3-4 | FRANCIS KIRK 7-8
Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witness—Mrs. W. AYRE.

* 50th peal of Bob Major 'in hand.' It is over 30 years since the ringer of 1-2 rang a peal in this method 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, May 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

IN ST. MARTIN'S BELLFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2 | FRANK E. HAYNES 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4 | ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
Referee—Albert Walker.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT 16, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*EDWIN A. BARNETT 1-2 | FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4 | *EDWIN BARNETT 7-8
Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by F. G. GROOMBRIDGE.
Umpire—T. Groombridge sen.
* First peal 'in hand.'

SPliced DOUBLES.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

(Continued from page 326.)

We will conclude Grandsire Doubles with six-part 840's, each containing seven different extents.

Here are the five foundation touches:—

840's.	840's.	840's.	840's.	840's.
2345	2345	2345	2345	2345
2534	2534	2534	2534	2534
2453	2453	2453	2453	3425 B
5324 B	5324 B	3524 S	3524 S	5234 S
5432	5432	3452	2435 B	5423
3254 B	2354 S	5234 B	5324 S	3254 S
3425	2435	5423	5432	5432 B
5234 S	3524 B	2354 B	2354 S	2354 S
5423	3452	2435	5423 B	2435
2354 B	5234 B	5324 S	3254 S	5324 S
2435	5423	5432	3425	2453 B
3524 B	3254 S	3254 B	5234 S	3524 S
3452	3425	3425	3452 B	3452
2534 S	2534 B	2534 B	2534 S	2534 S
3425 B	3425 B	3425 B	3425 B	3425 B

Each to be five times repeated with Single half-way and end. These can be varied by calling the Single at first and fourth part ends, or second and fifth. Then, by starting at different leads, some two hundred and ten are obtained, giving merely one hundred and seventy-six thousand four hundred.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH VOTE TO LAW JAMES MEMORIAL.

The annual meeting held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 20th, was a real success, the districts of Gainsborough, Grimsby and Lincoln being well represented, but, unfortunately, the Sleaford District was unrepresented. Honorary and performing members to the number of eighty were present from Bardney, Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Blankney, Brantson, Broughton, Burton-on-Stather, Cleethorpes, Elsham, Grimsby, Heapham, Lea, Lincoln, Misterlon (Notts), Nettleham, Scothern, Scotter, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby, Upton and Willingham, in addition to the local company, and Mr. C. T. H. Bradley (Southern Branch secretary).

The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung ranging from Bob Doubles to London Surprise Major, also rounds for the less experienced.

Service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (Canon G. H. Round-Turner) officiated.

Mr. Alan Stephenson, Mus.Bac., Oxon., kindly presided at the organ, and the assistance of a number of the choirboys was a great asset to the musical part of the service. Canon R. G. Fookes (Rector of Lea) gave a very helpful address.

Tea was provided at the Sun Hotel, after which a collection was taken on behalf of the Rev. H. Law James Memorial Fund, and realised the amount of £1 16s. 3½d.

The business meeting followed, at which Mr. F. F. Linley (Northern Branch president) occupied the chair, being supported by members of the committee.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Richardson (Guild Ringing Master) apologising for his absence and expressing the hope that the meeting would deal with the memorial fund as generously as possible, at the same time stating that the amount required had been reduced below £40.

The balance sheet and secretary's report for 1932 were adopted. The whole of the officers were re-elected en bloc. Messrs. William Raines (Thornton Curtis), Thomas Scott and Leslie Whitehead (Elsham) were elected performing members.

It was agreed that the arrangements for the 1934 annual meeting at Grimsby should be left in the hands of the general secretary and the Grimsby District members of the committee.

The principal item on the agenda was a grant from the Northern Branch towards the Rev. H. Law James Memorial Fund. Mr. Geo. Chester proposed, and Mr. J. A. Freeman seconded, the sum of £5. As an amendment Mr. C. McGuinness proposed, and Mr. C. A. Hewitt seconded, that £20 be voted. As a further amendment, Mr. C. H. Baker proposed, and Mr. H. M. Walker seconded, £10 10s. On being put to the meeting the amount of £10 10s. was agreed to.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Linley for presiding at the meeting, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the service, to Canon Fookes for his instructive address, to the organist and choirboys for their assistance, and to the caterers for the excellent tea provided, concluded the business. Further ringing on tower bells and handbells took place until nine o'clock, and brought to a close a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major in 50 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, G. Slater 3, S. Wade 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**WITLEY'S CRAMPED BELFRY.**

The ringing room at Witley, the rendezvous of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, May 20th, is not exactly ideal, as in the centre of the room there is a glass case containing the clock pendulum, which hides each ringer from the bell opposite him. In addition, most of the ropes fall very close to the walls, and any ringer with an outsize in belts finds some difficulty in placing himself comfortably between the rope and the wall. In consequence some of the ringing was inclined to be a trifle patchy, although most of the touches, including a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, came home.

Seven of the district towers were represented, and visitors included Mr. J. Cook, of Rock Ferry, and Miss Price, of Ely, and Guild members from Aldershot and Farnborough. The usual form of service was held, and it was learned that the organist had come from Bramley at some inconvenience to himself specially for the meeting. The main business of the meeting was the disposal of a bountiful tea supplied at a moderate charge by Mr. Denyer at the Church Hut. This being successfully accomplished, the Vicar, the Rev. P. G. Holden, was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. Turner and Smith, of the local band, as ringing members.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden thanked the Rector, the organist, the caterers and the local band on behalf of the members, and in this he was supported by Mr. A. J. Bartlett.

The sum of 5s. was collected towards the Admiral Walker Memorial Fund.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, May 21st, at St. Ebbe's, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): G. Horwood 1, F. E. May 2, W. H. B. Wilkins 3, F. E. Taylor 4, J. P. Pelloe 5, W. G. Collett 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, F. A. H. Wilkins 8. First quarter-peal of Cambridge Major by all the band.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, May 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 39 mins.: R. French 1, E. Bowley 2, F. W. Brinklow 3, J. Bowley 4, W. A. Searratt (conductor) 5, R. Goldsney 6. First quarter-peal for 4th and tenor. First quarter-peal in method for treble and 2nd.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At All Saints' Church, for divine service, and as a compliment to Mr. G. W. Wilkins on the attainment of his 70th birthday, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques in 55 mins.: J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor) 1, F. Hayes 2, R. Coles 3, F. West 4, F. D. Boreham 5, R. Chappelle 6, E. Markham 7, G. Hinton 8, E. Coles 9, G. White 10, S. Goodchild 11, W. H. Plumridge 12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.**

The annual spring meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch was held at Hook Norton on Saturday, May 20th. Every tower in the deanery was well represented with visitors from Ilmington, Mickleton and Deddington. The lovely peal of eight bells were rung continually from two until four o'clock, by which time about 80 ringers were present and attended the service. The Rev. M. Sperring, Rector of Churchill, gave the address, and made an impressive allusion to the sad loss the Guild had sustained by the death of the Master.

Tea was next served in the Village Hall, after which the business meeting was held.

The Chairman (the Rev. E. C. Freeman) spoke of the sudden passing of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and remarked that if he had not been taken from them he would have been with them that day, as he had fixed the meeting to fit in with his other engagements. The Chairman said he felt sure it would be hard to fill his place in many ways. The deanery had now also lost an old and valued past-officer in the late Mr. J. F. Barlow, who was secretary of the branch for 21 years in the time of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's activities.—The whole company stood in silence for a short time as a mark of respect.

The secretary produced the balance sheet, which was considered very satisfactory. The chairman (the Rev. E. C. Freeman) and the secretary (Mr. J. Keyte) were re-elected.

The Branch Secretary urged all ringers present to look forward and continue to go ahead and further the art of ringing, as their late Master would have had them do.

The Guild General Secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) said he had little to say only to back up all that the branch secretary had said, and urged them to 'carry on.' He was sure they would do so as long as they saw fit to re-elect the present officers, who they were very fortunate to have. He also urged all who could to attend the annual festival at Oxford in July.—Mr. Wright (Guild treasurer) made some comments upon the Guild finances, and also referred to the branch as being in a very flourishing financial position. He urged all branches to try and get their subscriptions sent in in good time.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Hook Norton for his great welcome, to the Rev. M. Sperring, to the organist and blower, and to the ladies for providing the tea.

Charlbury was selected for the autumn meeting. Ringers then made a move to Great Rollright, Shipton-under-Wychwood and the local tower. Chipping Norton tower was closed owing to the death on the previous Thursday of Mr. Barlow.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

All being well, eight members of the Herts County Association hope to make another attempt for 18,144 of Bob Major at Rennington, Herts, on Whit Monday, starting 7.30 a.m.

Mr. Charles Dyson this year completes the jubilee of his connection with the Abbey tower, Tewkesbury.

Mr. E. V. Rodenburst, who rang his 300th peal on Saturday at Brewood, has rung his peals in 103 towers, in 19 counties and for 14 associations.

It has been proposed that a ringing tour should be attempted by the Oxford University Society, probably early in September. Will any old members who may be able to join write Rev. W. C. Barrett, secretary, O.U.S.C.R., St. Thomas' Convent, Oxford.

Mr. Walter Ayre rang his 200th peal on tower bells on May 20th. These peals have been rung in 79 towers in 16 counties and for 15 associations.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Bob Major at Salehurst on May 6th was James G. Powell, not Nowell as printed.

One hundred and fifty-one towers are affiliated to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, which has 1,620 members, made up of honorary life five, honorary 53, performing 1,274, life 232, non-resident 4, unattached 52.

An interesting feature of the annual report of the association is 'Odd Notes for Ringers and Conductors,' containing some very practical hints. They are based largely upon inquiries from members, and it is noteworthy that it was the five-bell ringers who were the keenest in their quest for knowledge. Consequently they get the biggest share of the space.

There were twelve six-scores of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire in the peal of Doubles at Grafton Underwood, the report of which was published in our issue of May 19th.

Will ringers who have the Christian name of Harry communicate with Mr. Harry Parks, 8, Station Road West, Canterbury, with a view to arranging a peal.

Ringings touches and two peals on a recent holiday, Mr. F. Warrington travelled 486 miles in one week. The towers visited were Higham Ferrars, Irthlingborough, Over, Safron Waldon, March, Wisbech (Elm), and Yaxley, and a call was also made on 'Henry the Eighth.'

This is the jubilee year of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The annual meeting is to be held at Lichfield on June 11th, and it is proposed to hold a dinner in celebration of the jubilee later in the year.

Over 200 ringers and friends are expected at Duffield to-morrow for the dedication of the new ring of 10 bells, which have been installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Miss Kathleen Jutson, of Peterborough, is shortly leaving for New Zealand, where she is to continue her work in connection with the Church Army.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LONDON GATHERING.

The meeting of the Central Council next Tuesday is to be held in one of the finest halls of any of the City Livery Companies—Skinners' Hall. This is on Dowgate Hill, which adjoins Cannon Street Station. The Council will be welcomed at 11 a.m. by the Worshipful Master of the Company, Mr. R. D. Poland.

A special meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council is to be held on Monday evening at 8 p.m. in the vestry of St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand.

The following arrangements have been made in connection with the meeting of the Council by a special committee of the London societies and associations adjoining the Metropolis:—

Headquarters: Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Members and friends are invited to use this hotel as a meeting place. A notice board will be erected in the lounge, and usually one member of the undermentioned committee will be present.

Saturday: Various peal attempts have been arranged, and it is hoped that members have by this time made their own arrangements.

Sunday: Service ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Clement Danes', Strand; St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, all at 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Other towers will be posted at headquarters.

Monday: Ringing at St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10.30 to 12; Westminster Abbey, 11 to 12, for members and visitors only. Demonstration of the Carter ringing machine at the Science Museum, Kensington, provisionally fixed for 2.30 to 3.30. Ringing at the Imperial Institute afterwards, and at St. Andrew's, Holborn, 6.30 to 7.30.

Other arrangements will be posted at headquarters.

Tuesday: Standing Committee meet at 9.45, Skinners' Hall. Council meeting at 11.

Tea immediately after the Council meeting by kind invitation of the Middlesex County Association.

Ringings at St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Magnus', and St. Lawrence Jewry, all at 6.30 to 7.30.

Social at headquarters at 8, when Mr. Rupert Richardson will present famous ringers and others.

Committee: Mr. F. M. Mitchell (chairman), Mr. A. A. Hughes (secretary), Messrs. E. J. Butler, C. T. Coles, C. H. Kippin, J. D. Matthews, T. H. Taffender, and E. A. Young. These members of the Council have placed themselves at the service of visitors.

THE PEALS OF 1932.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The number of peals rung during 1932 exceeds the total of 1931 by 120 peals. The following summary shows comparative figures:—

	1932.		1931.	
	Tower.	Handbell.	Tower.	Handbell.
Maximus	... 22	—	15	5
Cinquos	... 40	2	39	4
Royal	... 80	9	65	22
Caters	... 98	9	111	11
Major	... 879	49	791	37
Triples	... 418	13	414	5
Minor	... 408	8	355	10
Doubles	... 166	1	196	2
	2,111	91	1,986	96

TOWER BELLS.—Peals of Maximus have increased by seven, being six more of Surprise and one of other methods; Cinquos have increased by one; Royal have increased by 15, being wholly in Surprise methods; in Caters, Stedman have decreased by 14 and Grandsire increased by one. In Major methods there has been an increase of 58 in Surprise; London have increased by five, Bristol nine, Cambridge 18, Superlative seven, and other methods 19. Double Norwich have decreased by 10; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob have increased by 19, and Plain Bob by 17. Other methods have increased by four. Triples remain practically the same. Minor peals show an increase of 53, whilst Doubles have decreased by 30.

HANDBELLS.—There is a decrease of five in handbell peals. No peals of Maximus were rung. Cinquos, Royal, Caters, Minor and Doubles have decreased, whilst Major and Triples have increased.

ASSOCIATIONS.—The Kent County Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild have rung the greatest number of peals, viz., 146 each, a decrease of one for the former and an increase of 35 for the latter. The next highest number have been rung by the Lancashire Association with 142, followed by the Midland Counties with 141, the Essex Association with 118, the Yorkshire Association with 113, and the Suffolk Guild with 101. Twenty-eight societies show an increase, the most noticeable being the Midland Counties with 41, the Oxford Guild with 35 and the Essex Association with 21. Nineteen societies show a decrease, the greatest being the Bath and Wells Association with 21 less.

Progressive Lengths and new methods are as follows:—

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS.

- 5,760 (longest length) Original Major by the Hertford County Association at Bushey on December 15th.
- 5,728 (longest length) Forward Major by the Midland Counties Association at Ilkeston on July 27th.
- 16,271 (longest length) Grandsire Caters by the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Appleton on December 27th.

SPICED METHODS:

- 5,120 Spiced Surprise in four methods (first with London, Cambridge, Bristol and Rutland) by the Middlesex County Association on November 11th.
- 5,088 Spiced Surprise in seven methods (first in seven methods) by the Middlesex County Association on April 19th.
- 5,280 Spiced Surprise in eight methods (first in eight methods) by the Middlesex County Association on June 21st.
- 5,040 Spiced Grandsire and New Grandsire by the Chester Diocesan Guild at Eccleston on July 14th.

NEW METHODS:

- 5,056 Ashlead Surprise Major by the Guildford Diocesan Guild on January 18th.
- 5,120 Primrose Surprise Major by the Lincoln Guild, April 23rd.
- 5,184 Shilton Major by the Midland Counties Association, April 9th.
- 5,120 Irthlingborough Surprise Major by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, June 11th.
- 5,024 Edmundsbury Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, July 22nd.
- 5,024 Essex Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, September 17th.
- 5,088 Helmingham Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, November 3rd.
- 5,152 Beddington Surprise Major by the Surrey Association, July 7th.
- 5,152 Londonthorpe Surprise Major by the Surrey Association, June 16th.
- 5,024 Berkeley Surprise Major by the Sussex County Association, January 7th.
- 5,056 Warwickshire Surprise Major by the Warwickshire Guild, March 5th.
- 5,024 Whitbourne Surprise Major by the Worcester and Districts Association, May 28th.

The peal rung at Beddington on July 7th, published as 'Beddington,' is the same method as that published by the late Arthur Craven as 'Lincoln.'

The outstanding performances of the year were the record length of Grandsire Caters at Appleton, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Exeter, by the Devon Guild.

On handbells the first 'silent' peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung by the Yorkshire Association, who also rang a non-conducted

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A 'VOTE OF CENSURE' DEFEATED.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held in conjunction with the Leeds and District Society at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, when the magnificent peal of twelve bells, recently recast and relung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were available for ringing throughout the day. A number of methods were rung on eight, ten and twelve bells, success being attained in varying degrees.

At a meeting of the general committee, held in the afternoon, it was decided to subscribe the sum of two guineas to the Sam Thomas Memorial at Rammore, Sheffield.

A service was held, at which the choir and organist were in attendance, and a short address was given by the Rev. — Hall.

Tea was served in the St. Peter's Hall, over one hundred members and friends sitting down. Mr. J. H. Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, were two very welcome visitors. Before tea was over, the Rev. — Hall had to leave, and Canon C. C. Marshall (president) took the opportunity of thanking him, as the representative of the Leeds Parish Church authorities, for the welcome extended to the association and for the use of the bells.

The Rev. — Hall suitably acknowledged the vote of thanks. At the meeting subsequently held apologies for absence were read from Messrs. J. W. Addison and F. W. Dale. A vote of thanks was accorded to the local company for the arrangements they had made, and to the ladies for waiting at the tea tables. This was acknowledged by Mr. W. Woodhead.

Messrs. A. Higginbottom, of St. Giles', Pontefract, and N. Scott, of Huntington, were elected members of the association.

It was decided to hold the September meeting at Howden, and Canon Marshall invited the association to an informal meeting at Far Headingley, where the bells have recently been recast and relung by Taylor and Co. This meeting will be held on July 29th.

Canon Marshall also suggested that a letter of congratulation be sent to the Lord Mayor of Leeds, the bells having been rung earlier in the day in honour of his birthday, and this was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. P. J. Johnson moved a vote of thanks to the president and secretary, but thought they ought both to be fined for being late. (Canon Marshall was half an hour late for the committee meeting, and the secretary 15 minutes late for the general meeting, having been detained by a course of Cambridge Royal.) This is the first complaint Mr. Johnson has made against the general secretary for seventeen years. Incidentally, Mr. Johnson arrived with Canon Marshall at the committee meeting also half an hour late. Mr. Cotterell, who had somewhat of a name for being late at committee meetings, has been on time on the last two occasions, and therefore thought he was in a position to move a vote of censure on the two culprits. When, however, this was put to the vote he was the only one to support it. Oh, those Western Division committee men!

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peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1932 and 1931:—

	1932.	1931.		1932.	1931.
January ...	184	183	July ...	131	115
February ...	155	151	August ...	175	177
March ...	154	124	September ...	181	197
April ...	211	148	October ...	210	216
May ...	183	208	November ...	208	213
June ...	143	135	December ...	267	215

FOOTNOTES:

This year's analysis of the footnotes shows a very considerable decrease in the number of ringers who have scored their first peal. The number is 430, a decrease of 182. The number who have rung their first peals in a new method, or method on a different number of bells is 1,546, an increase of 243 over 1931. Ringers of their first peal 'inside' number 67, away from the tenor 15, in the method 'inside' 67, Maximus 5, Royal 28, Caters 15, Major 103, Triples 40, Minor 85, Doubles 45, on twelve bells 19, on ten 52, on eight 39, on six 5, on five 4, Surprise 38, in hand 17, in method in hand 36. New conductors number 90, and conductors in new method 117.

Other footnotes show that 52 peals were the first on the bells, 44 since restoration or augmentation, and 228 the first in the method on the bells. Muffled and half-muffled peals number 127, birthday peals 330, royal birthdays 10, weddings (including golden and silver) 76, Church festivals and dedications 65, anniversaries 96, Armistice Day 22, welcome and farewell 64, Empire Day 8.

In conclusion, we give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 61,504:—

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		1932 ...	2,202

(Signed) EDITH K. FLETCHER.
GEORGE R. PYE.
CHAS. DEAN.
G. R. GROVER.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**NINTH ANNUAL RINGING COMPETITION.**

The large company of bellringers who assembled at the tower of St. Cynllo's Church, Nantmel, Rads, on Saturday, May 20th, were favoured with good weather until late in the afternoon. There were nine bands of ringers who had entered for the event, which consisted of raising the bells in peal, ringing 120 changes of any method, then falling the bells in peal.

The Guild were again fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, who carried out his duties of adjudicator in an admirable manner. Ringing commenced at 11 a.m., and continued (with an interval for lunch) until 4 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:—

Cadoxton	...	229
Brecon 'B'	...	202
Cefn Coed	...	231
Llanelli (Breconshire)	...	232
Talgarth	...	224
Neath	...	224
Brecon 'A'	...	212
Llanelli (Carm)	...	226

As, however, the first, third, fourth and eighth bands rang methods other than Doubles, they were each entitled to a deduction of five points from the totals shown above. Llanelli (Breconshire) were thus the winners, the second and third places being taken by Cefn Coed and Cadoxton respectively. Certificates were awarded the first three teams, whilst Llanelli (Brecon) also had the shield.

A company of over 100 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent cold luncheon which had been prepared on the lawn at the Vicarage. Tea had also been arranged on the lawn at 4.30, but unfortunately a heavy downpour of rain necessitated removal to the Parish Rooms adjoining the Vicarage. It speaks volumes for the untiring energy of the Rev. E. E. Davies, Mrs. Davies and their helpers that tea was served under such trying circumstances with hardly any delay. After tea the Vicar extended the Guild a hearty welcome to the parish, and stated it was a very long time since there had been such an invasion of Nantmel. He then called upon Mr. W. H. Fussell to deliver his adjudication.

Mr. Fussell stated that he was very pleased with the way the bands had performed their tasks. It spoke well of the enthusiasm of the ringers that nine bands had travelled such long distances for the competition. He congratulated Cefn Coed in particular, as they had rung Stedman and were only a point behind the winners. The performances, taken as a whole, were highly satisfactory.

The Vicar afterwards presented the shield and certificate to the captain of the Llanelli (Brecon) team (Mr. A. A. Rackham), and the certificates for second and third places to the captains of Cefn Coed and Cadoxton teams (Messrs. A. Hunt and J. E. Blaxham). Mrs. Davies very kindly presented medals to each member of the winning team.

The thanks of the ringers were heartily accorded the Vicar, Mrs. Davies and helpers, who had so magnificently entertained them to luncheon and tea. This was proposed by the Rev. W. Gurnos Davies and was duly seconded. Three hearty cheers were then accorded the Vicar and Mrs. Davies.

The ringers' thanks to Mr. W. H. Fussell was proposed by Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild), who was supported by Mr. Chas. Powell (hon. treasurer) and Mr. L. T. Ekvard (hon. secretary).

TILEHURST RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred on May 16th of Mr. J. H. Barnes, sen., after a long and painful illness. Mr. Barnes, who was 53 years of age, had been a member of Tilehurst belfry for some nine years, and his service and practice ringing was an example to all. Before coming to Tilehurst he was a member of St. Giles', Reading, belfry, and previous to that was steepkeeper at Great Missenden, Berks, for some years.

The funeral took place on May 19th, at Tilehurst, and four of his fellow-ringers acted as bearers. Among the beautiful wreaths was one from St. Michael's ringers. The Reading and Caversham towers were represented by Messrs. L. Joyce, J. Swain, C. Watts and H. Simmonds.

He leaves a widow and two sons, both ringers, to mourn their loss. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with half-muffled clappers, was rung by the local band: M. Haines 1, H. Hunt 2, E. Chapman 3, H. Goodyer 4, A. Haines 5, R. N. Runham 6, R. Chapman (conductor) 7, D. Sellar 8.

CARLISLE DIOCESE.

At Crosthwaite Parish Church, Keswick, on Wednesday, May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: I. Green 1, J. Brownrigg 2, F. Girdale 3, T. Hartley 4, F. Hogarth 5, F. Barnes 6, T. Hogarth (conductor) 7, A. Dawson 8. This was rung to commemorate the centenary of the Carlisle Diocese. It was also a 21st birthday compliment to ringers of 2nd and tenor. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1st, 2nd and tenor, and only second attempt at the method. The ringer of the 4th comes back to change ringing after an absence of ten years, this being his first attempt since he left the tower.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**PROPOSAL TO ADOPT DIOCESAN TITLE.**

Members of the Essex Association are to be called upon at their annual meeting next Monday to make an important decision. They are to be asked to change the name to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild.

There is a natural dislike among some older members of an old-established association to alter the title which they have so long respected, and at Chelmsford the reluctance to change may lead to strenuous opposition. It has to be remembered, however, that in these days ringing is much more closely allied in its organisation to the Church than it was half a century ago, and while it may be said that the name of a society in itself makes no difference to the service which its members may render, the effect upon other people must not be forgotten, and among churchmen a diocesan touch naturally makes a greater appeal to sympathetic interest than a merely territorial designation.

This is a point of view which members of the Essex Association are not likely to be allowed to overlook next Monday, and, if the Essex Association takes the step now proposed, it may be an incentive to other territorial organisations to follow its lead, so that in every area the ringing societies will, by their very titles, show the public their close association with the Church, to which we owe allegiance and service, and upon which we so largely depend for the practice of our art.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT FEERING.

A meeting of the Northern Division, Essex Association, was held at Feering on May 13th, when 49 members from 18 parishes were present. During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol and London Surprise Major were rung. At the service, Mr. Howard (Master of the association) read the lesson. The Rev. C. B. Howard-Knight (Vicar), in welcoming the ringers to Feering, gave an excellent address. Tea was provided at the Bell Inn. The Vicar, who presided at the business meeting, was unanimously elected an hon. member. Four ringing members were also elected, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Belchamp St. Paul's on July 29th.

Mr. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent and impressive address, also to the lady organist and the blower for their services. He considered the large gathering was a compliment to Mr. W. Keeble, who had made such excellent arrangements for tea, and who was doing wonderful work for the association. Mr. Keeble was a man who was always as anxious to get a young band through their first peal as he was to instruct older members in more intricate methods (hear, hear).

The Vicar, in reply, said he felt it an honour to be a member of the association. He was proud to have a man like Mr. Keeble in the parish, and he hoped the association would visit Feering a good many times whilst he was there. He was pleased Mr. Howard had expressed his thanks to the organist, as this lady had somewhat inconvenienced herself to get there, and her services were appreciated and very much enjoyed by all. He would convey those kind remarks to her.

The district secretary takes this opportunity of thanking Mr. Keeble for his kind assistance in arranging tea, etc., and to all those who notified their intention to be present. It is worthy of note that of the 49 present 47 sent in their names.

UNVEILING AND PRESENTATION.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the Parish Church of Hanslope, Bucks, on Saturday, May 13th, when two peal boards were dedicated by the Vicar, Rev. J. Percy Taylor who afterwards thanked the ringers for the way in which they had carried out their duties since he became Vicar of the parish. Following the dedication, a presentation was made by the Vicar to Mr. A. W. Gibbons, who is leaving the parish, of a pipe and tobacco pouch, which was subscribed to by the Vicar and bellringers.

The Vicar made feeling allusion to the loss the Oxford Diocesan Guild had suffered by the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who for many years was the Guild Master. The ringers stood in silence for a few moments in remembrance of the deceased gentleman. Afterwards several short touches were rung on the bells by the ringers present, and on the following Sunday a quarter-peal of Minor was rung before the evening service by: A. Keeves 1, A. Atkins 2, H. Garratt 3, F. Brownell 4, A. W. Gibbons 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6. This was rung as a farewell to A. W. Gibbons.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting was held at Woolpit on Saturday, May 20th, when letters of thanks were read for the donations to the Rev. H. Law James and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies memorials, and from Mrs. Cyril Jenkyn for the vote of condolence passed at the annual meeting.

It was decided to meet at Halesworth on Whit Monday, and later at Stradbroke. There was much ringing at Woolpit during the afternoon, and ringing visits were paid to Wetherden, Elmswell, Drinkstone, Rattlesden and Hessett.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The Mayor of Dorchester, Mr. R. N. Dawes, who was formerly chairman of the Dorchester Branch, welcomed the Salisbury Diocesan Guild to the ancient Wessex town on the occasion of their annual festival on May 16th. The choral service at St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild, and the lesson was read by the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master). The preacher was the Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby (Rector of Dorchester St. Peter's, who in the course of an interesting address remarked that at Dorchester St. Peter's they had eight bells, varying in dates and inscription, and he read on the 8th bell these words: 'Ring to the glory of God.' There were other inscriptions on the other bells, but that on the 8th appealed to him as a particular message for them that morning. What higher standard could anyone desire in this particular branch of their life's work than to have that highest of all desires—to ring to the glory of God? That bell had been hanging in St. Peter's tower for just on 200 years—in September next year—and just think of the different men and women who had pulled it during those 200 years, ringing to the glory of God. The Rector emphasised that first of all they had to ring true; a man had to be true to himself and to his fellow-men. They had to keep up the pitch of truth to the highest—no equivocation, no double dealing. Then they had to ring regularly and be depended upon, because team work was most important. Then they had to be punctual in their ringing; it was no good to turn up late. Punctuality was a great virtue, and the valuable time that had been lost by unpunctuality would accomplish a colossal amount of work if it was gathered together. Might their ringing every time they joined together as a team be in accord with the inscription on the 8th bell of St. Peter's, Dorchester—'Ring to the glory of God.'

YOUNG RINGERS COMING FORWARD.

Luncheon was served in the Corn Exchange. The chair was taken by the Master, who was supported by the Mayor, his chaplain (Rev. A. W. Markby), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Canon A. L. Helps (Puddletown), Rev. D. F. Steneck, R.D. (Charminster) and Mr. O. C. Vidler (Dorchester).

The toast of 'The King' was honoured, and the Mayor then welcomed the Guild to Dorchester. As a very old member of the Guild—he was chairman of the Dorchester branch some 20 years—it gave him great pleasure to submit the important toast of 'The Guild.' It was pleasing to know that the Guild was still progressing, and one thing that he noticed at the meetings was there did not seem to be any fear of ringers dying out, as there were plenty of young ringers coming forward (hear, hear). That was what he had always stressed, and it was the finest thing they could have for the future of ringing. Twenty years ago most of the ringers were practically old men, and he was afraid that in those dark ages they did not welcome very much any new blood coming in (laughter), but he must say that had changed, and he thought the war changed it. Having to get youngsters and ladies as ringers broke down some of the old reserve and criticism which was rather rife among ringers. They must try and advance in the art of ringing, especially change ringing, which was most interesting and, he thought, most arduous. As the Dorchester Branch knew, he was not a ringer, but he had taken a great interest in the Guild for a number of years, and he thought that he had done a little bit to help on ringing (hear, hear). He noticed from the Guild's annual report that a number of peals were rung during the year, and he was going to call Dorchester to order—he wanted to see their names recorded as having rung a peal. They used to lead, but they did not do so now. The Mayor referred to the interest which the Bishop of Salisbury took in the Guild and to the honour which was bestowed on them by having the Earl of Shaftesbury as president.

The Chairman, responding to the toast, in the name of the Guild thanked the Mayor for his cordial welcome, and it was a great gratification to feel that they had been officially welcomed to the town (applause). They had known the Mayor as chairman of the Dorchester branch for many years, and they knew that his heart was with them, and that what he said he meant, and that his good wishes to them came from his heart. He was glad that the Mayor had spoken about the young ringers coming on, but he was not sure that it was as a result of the war. Still he knew perfectly well that it took almost as much as a war to alter the opinion of West Countrymen (laughter). It took them a very long time to get hold of a new idea, but when they did they held it as well as anybody. The young men were finding in change ringing something to interest and occupy them, and he was very glad that they were taking their part in the Guild and the work. He was perfectly certain that there was no doubt about the continuance of the Guild and that it would flourish as in the past. It was a pleasure to read in the annual report that more members were joining and more towers affiliating, and he looked forward to the day when all the towers in the diocese belonged to the Guild (hear, hear).

Musical honours were accorded the Mayor on the lead of the hon. secretary.

Mr. O. C. Vidler, who has long been associated with Dorchester St. Peter's Church, and is a member of the Dorset Archaeological Society, gave an interesting and detailed account of St. Peter's ringers' flagon, which was on view at the meeting. It bears the date Febru-

ary 7th, 1676, and an inscription records that it was 'the gift of Edward Lester which is to remain for ye use of ye ringers of Dorchester for ever. St. Peter's.'

The Chairman warmly thanked Mr. Vidler.

BUSINESS MEETING.

At the annual meeting which followed, the hon. secretary's report was received. This recorded the outstanding events of 1932, which was a memorable year in the history of the Guild, it being the jubilee year of the Guild. The reports of the various branches told of steady progress on all sides. More bands were taking up change ringing, and the peal records bear witness to gratifying advance. The first peal of Stedman Caters rung by resident members of the Guild stands to the credit of the Trowbridge band; the first local peal of Double Norwich constitutes another landmark; several local bands have rung their first peal, while quite a number of parishes have had the first peal rung on their bells.

The balance sheet was presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who said that, while the receipts came to £69 6s. 9d., the expenditure was £93 11s., and the sum of £30 was withdrawn from the deposit account. There remained a balance in hand of £44 5s. 7d., as compared with £43 10s. 2d. at the beginning of last year.

On the motion of the Mayor the accounts were approved, coupled with a hearty vote of thanks to the general secretary for the excellent way in which he looked after the finances.

The Rev. C. C. Cox (Lyme Regis) proposed the re-election of the officers, namely, Rev. R. H. Gundry, Master; Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. F. G. Green, Devizes, hon. assistant secretary. They wanted to keep their Master as long as they could, said the proposer, and as for their secretary he did not think that any words could express what they owed to him, while Mr. Green backed him up admirably.

The proposition was agreed to unanimously on its being seconded by Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary, Dorchester Branch), on whose motion the Mayor was elected a vice-president. The Mayor said it was something that he should value very much.

The auditors, Rev. E. G. Newman (Gillingham) and Mr. H. R. Hopkins (Kington Magna), were re-elected, as also were the committee.

The representatives on the Central Council were elected as follows: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. S. Hillier (Devizes), Mr. C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis), and Mr. F. W. Romaine (Salisbury).

AMENDMENT OF RULES.

Discussion ensued on the revision of rules, one of which provided that 'all branch officers shall be loyal members of the Church of England.'

The Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch) said this was distinctly a new thing in the Guild, and it should be realised by the meeting. They all knew and realised more and more how all ringers were officers of the Church, but he thought in a very different position to any other officers who worked purely, as it were, for the working of the Church of England. The work of the ringers was for the whole of the town or village. Consequently they all knew how members of the parishes who were not members of the Church of England contributed loyally to and supported the work of the parish. Then came the time when one offered himself for ringing and became a ringer, and it was possible that such a ringer should from his merit naturally come to hold some office. That had been altered, and it was bringing things more up to date. Of course, in their own Guild they had an instance of a member holding the highest office, although not a member of the Church of England.

It was resolved to give a guinea from the Guild funds towards the re-hanging of Sherborne Abbey bells and a similar sum towards the restoration work at Corscombe Church.

On the motion of Mr. Jennings a letter of sympathy is to be sent to Mr. Northover (Bridport) in the death of his mother. The meeting also approved the suggestion of the Rev. C. C. Cox that a letter should be written to the Bishop of Salisbury conveying a good wishes for his recovery.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed thanks to the Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby for his kindly welcome and stimulating address, to the church organist, to the several incumbents for the use of the towers, to the Rev. R. H. Gundry for his able chairmanship, and to Mr. Gregory for his excellent catering.

Parties of ringers afterwards motored to towers in the district and availed themselves of the use of the bells.

RINGER'S DEATH AFTER ACCIDENT.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Alfred Richell, of Great Baddow, Essex, which occurred under tragic circumstances. The deceased fell from a ladder in the Village Hall and broke his thigh. He was taken to hospital, but pneumonia supervened, and he died in the course of a few days. Mr. Richell, who was 74 years of age, was for fifty years a member of the local band, and for many years a member of the Essex Association. He took a prominent part in public affairs in the village of Great Baddow, and was highly respected.

After the funeral a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last tribute of respect: G. Green (composer and conductor) 1, H. Devonish 2, H. Pennack 3, B. Bartholomew 4, P. Green 5, F. Watts 6, A. Head 7, Dr. Spencer-Phillips 8.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**CENTRAL BRANCH IN THE FEN COUNTRY.**

A beautiful afternoon enticed some twenty or more members of the Ely Association to Littleport on Saturday last. Members were present from Chatteris, Cambridge, Fen Ditton, Great Staughton, Sutton, Wisbech, Willingham, Over, local ringers and the general secretary, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake. The service was taken by the Vicar. Tea and business meeting were held at Fountain Cafe, Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake presiding. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Chatteris. Due notice will be given in the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

Methods rung included Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Kent and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS

On Saturday, May 20th, a meeting of the Sherwood Youths was held at Bottesford. St. Mary's is a beautiful church, situate in the lovely Vale of Belvoir, an ideal place on a glorious summer day such as was enjoyed on this occasion.

Many members and friends were present, and good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening. The usual standard methods were rung, and rounds for the beginners in the art.

The 'Youths' were pleased to welcome a young band of five lady ringers from a neighbouring tower, together with their instructor, and hope they will make good progress.

Thanks are extended to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. A. Ward for kindly making arrangements for the meeting.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**PENZANCE BRANCH SECRETARY RESIGNS.**

The large number of eighty ringers attended a Penzance Branch meeting at Helston, famous for the Furry Dance, on Saturday, May 20th, from Zennor, Lelant, Ludgvan, Towednack, Gulval, Truro Cathedral, Crowan, Phillack, St. Hilary, Tuckingmill, Redruth and the local band. The company included Dr. J. Symons (president), Mr. W. H. Southard (vice-president), Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (general secretary) and Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Ringing Master).

The handy ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt, 1 qr. 23 lb., which received the attention of Messrs. Taylor and Co. last autumn, were kept going during the afternoon and evening by the various bands. The service, fully choral, and attended by the choir, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. D. Moon, and an interesting address was given by Canon G. H. Doble, Vicar of Wendron, his text being, 'If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above.' Tea was generously provided in the Masonic Hall, for which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

After fourteen years of splendid service, Mr. W. Wood, of Gulval, the local secretary, felt that he was compelled to resign, and as a recognition of his work he was elected a vice-president, on the proposition of Col. Jerram.

Mr. Wood proposed as his successor Mr. E. Bassett, of Helston. This was seconded by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella.

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AN OLD BOTTESFORD RINGER.**DEATH OF MR. MARK BEND.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. Mark Bend, of Bottesford, which occurred on Wednesday, May 10th, at the age of 76 years. Mr. Bend, who until a year ago, when ill-health compelled him to retire, was one of those men who took the keenest interest and delight in bellringing, his consistent attendances being an example of what a ringer ought to be. For 50 years he was a valued member of St. Mary's band. He had about a dozen peals to his credit, these being Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor and one of Doubles. One peal of Grandsire Triples which he always cherished was the one rung for his 70th birthday, in which he took part. He was one of the oldest members of Framland Society, having joined in 1882. He was also a member of the Midland Counties Association, the Sherwood Youths and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The funeral took place on May 13th in the churchyard, and was attended by the following ringing friends: Mr. A. W. Ward (representing St. Mary's band), Mr. R. H. Bartram (Melton Mowbray), Mr. J. H. Wildman (Croston Kerrial), Mr. W. G. Thorpe (Grantham) and Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston). Immediately after the burial a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Ten-Peat, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect by: C. T. Samuel 1, W. G. Thorpe 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, A. W. Ward 4, C. F. Briggs 5, L. J. Abbott 6, R. H. Bartram 7, J. H. Wildman 8. This was conducted by deceased's old friend, Mr. R. H. Bartram.

RINGER ELECTED CHURCHWARDEN.

As a compliment to Mr. H. Goodyer, the captain of the Tilehurst ringers, on being elected churchwarden, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted on May 10th by the local band. This was unfortunately lost after three hours' ringing through a rope slipping wheel: M. Haines 1, H. Goodyer 2, H. Hunt 3, A. Haines 4, A. Barnes 5, R. N. Runham (conductor) 6, R. Chapinan 7, P. Sellar 8. Longest length by 1st, 4th, 5th and 8th ringers.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 15th & 29th. Southwark Cathedral on the 8th. *The Collee Pot on the 13th (8 p.m.). St. Andrew's, Holborn on the 22nd. *St. Paul's 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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. This meeting has been specially arranged in connection with the Jubilee Celebrations of the present Church of St. Thomas, and a hearty invitation is extended to all.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8). Tea will be arranged for those (only) who send their names in to Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Halsall Parish Church on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector. Meeting at 6.30. Will all members make an effort to attend this meeting?—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 3.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Wheatsheaf. Buckland tower (8) open 6 p.m.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Hunts and Central Districts.—A ringing meeting will be held at Over, Cambs, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 4.30 p.m. Good train (Swavesey, L.N.E.R.) and bus service for all, so all come.—H. J. Parker, Hunts, F. Warrington, Central, Branch Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Oldham on Saturday, June 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. Will members please look up Double Norwich?—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nail Street, Milnrow.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Town Hall, at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming. — George Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—A meeting will be held at Shoukham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, price 1s. each. All ringers will be welcomed.—E. Barker, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next quarterly ringing meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX. — The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Whit Sunday at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Barking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Brighton, Whit Monday, June 5th. Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing 2-3.45 and after meeting. Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30-9. Special service in St. Nicholas' Church 4.15. Meat tea in St. Nicholas' Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. (members 1s. 3d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Halesworth Town Hall on Whit Monday, June 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.: Wenhaston (6), Wissett (6) and Chediston (6) all day. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Abergele on Whit Monday, June 5th. Service in St. Michael's Church at 2.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea. Bodelwyddan bells (8) will also be available.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday.—Service in Cathedral at 12.15. Dinner at Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., price 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. for members who apply to me for tickets beforehand). Business meeting after dinner. City towers available: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), 10.30-12, and 3-5.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 5-8.30 p.m.; also outlying towers during afternoon.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit Monday, June 5th. The new bells at the Cathedral (10, tenor 23 cwt.) are available for ringing 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., and are well worth a visit to ring; Sharow bells (tenor 13 cwt.) are available all day. Lunch will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2/-, Non-members 2s. 6d. Services in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. and 4.45 p.m.—T. Metcalfe, Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday. Central Committee will meet at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. Service in St. John's Church at 12 noon, with address by the Dean of Peterborough. Lunch at Dujon Café at 1 p.m., followed by the meeting. Bells available for the day, except during lunch, service and meeting, are: St. John's (8), Woodston (6), St. Mary's (6), and two rings of eight at Whittlesey.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 54th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, June 5th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. C. W. Alington, M.A., Vicar of Great Waltham. 12.30 p.m.: Lunch (members 1s. 6d.), to be followed by the annual meeting at the Golden Fleece Hotel, Duke Street. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Bad-

dow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — The branch annual meeting will be held at East Haddon (6 bells) on Saturday, June 10th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me, or Mr. R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants, by Wednesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., Welford, Rugby.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH. — Service at the Parish Church, Loughborough, on Saturday, June 10th, at 3 p.m. The rings of 10 at 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 8th, to Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, ordinarily known as St. George's-in-the-Borough (Little Dorrit's Church). Ringing 3 to 5. Tea locally. Meeting and further ringing 6.30 to 8.30. Hearty welcome to all.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting and tea will be held at Ardleigh on June 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be there please notify me as soon as possible.—F. R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — A by-meeting of this district will be held at Yalding on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungallow, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, London, W.C., on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea to follow. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 7th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Visitors and non-members heartily welcomed. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Hornby on June 10th. Business meeting after tea. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. F. Fisher, Shoemaker, Hornby, near Lancaster.—E. Swain, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service (handbell accompaniment) 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. A special attempt should be the desire of all members to attend this meeting. Please let me know who will require tea not later than Tuesday, June 6th.—F. Brown-ing, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ifley on Saturday, June 10th. Bells at 3 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 7th. Book the date and please come.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting to be held at Lowestoft, St. Margaret's Church, on June 10th, 3 p.m. Bells (8). Meeting 4 p.m.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

SALISBURY GUILD.—N. Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford Abbas on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Other towers available. All ringers cordially invited.—E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Winslow on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Address by the Rev. S. H. C. Wynne. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Cold Higham on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 11 a.m. Lunch 1.15 (to non-branch members 2s. 6d., notify secretary). Service 3.30. Preacher: Rev. J. F. Russell, Vice-Principal of Cuddesdon. Tea 4.30. Two other towers (6) can be used after the service.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Ledbury District will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—A. Jones, Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service at St. Peter's 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. W. Hoodlass, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs., by the Wednesday previous. All welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A bi-monthly meeting will be held at Ludlow (8 bells) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells at 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by June 6th to Mr. R. R. Pole, 88, North Street, Shrewsbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Navenby (6), Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Names for tea to me by the Monday previous.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, June 10th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 7th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting at Frodsham on Saturday, June 10th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me not later than the 7th to allow arrangements for tea.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

NORTH STAFFS. DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kingsley (6 bells) on Saturday, June 10th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, near Cheadle, Staffs., not later than June 7th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30, 1s. per head, at Anchorage, adjoining church, and please advise Mr. J. McRobie, 58, Bensham Road, Gateshead. Come in crowds, we know you will enjoy it.—F. Robson, 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool, H. Tyson, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. For tea (1s.) please notify Mr. M. Perry, 3, Colliery Buildings, Brierley, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, 7th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middlewich on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (1/3) and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. J. Tickle, Rosebank, Rupert Road, Huyton. A good attendance is requested. Nominations for branch officers required: Ringing Master and Branch Sec.—Claude I. Davies.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30. The "summer" (?) meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 15th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Heptonstall (via Hebden Bridge) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who apply to Mr. George Haigh, 40, Stoodley View, Hepton-

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stall, not later than June 6th. All ringers welcome. — Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Ely Association and Suffolk Guild will be held at Newmarket on Thursday, June 15th. Bells, All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. All ringers welcome.—R. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Suffolk Guild.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held jointly with Bolton Branch at Walkden on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open for ringing at 2 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. For tea arrangements see Bolton Branch notice below. The next special practice will be held at Miles Platting Tuesday, June 13th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Bolton and Manchester Branches will be held at Walkden on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. Names for teas to Mr. John Potter, 73, Manchester Road, Walkden, not later than Thursday, 15th. The Bolton meeting has been transferred from Blackrod, per calendar.—Peter Crook and Donald Brown, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual (jubilee) meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 17th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 till 3.45, also after the meeting. St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 4, with an address by the Very Rev. Dean Savage. Tea (1s. 3d.) in St. Mary's School at 5 (members 9d.). Please send word not later than Tuesday, June 13th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free), followed by business meeting after service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, June 13th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, June 12th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kinver on Saturday, June 17th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. A. Cooper-Slipper. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Monday, June 12th, please.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, at the Anchor Hotel. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 14th. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 17th (not the 24th, as originally fixed). Usual arrangements. Please let me have numbers for tea by June 14th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

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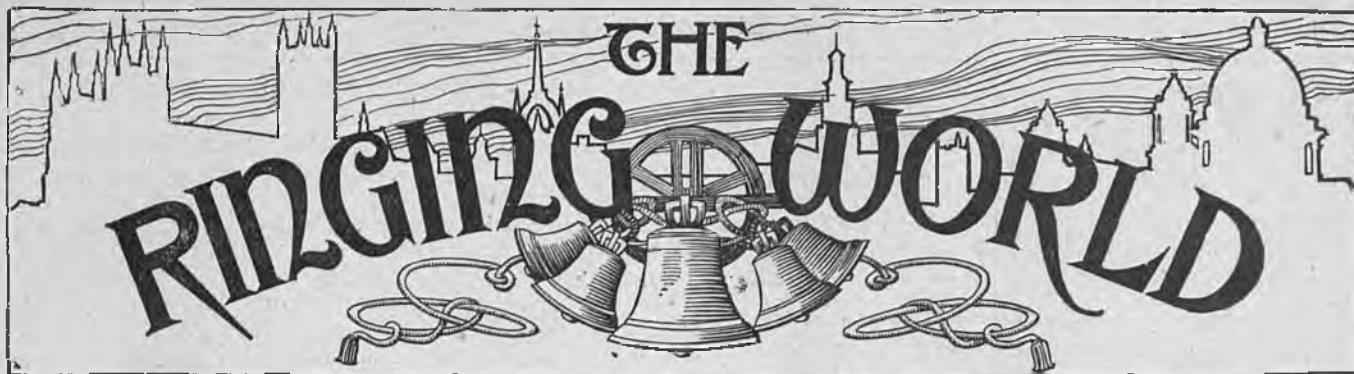
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PROGRESS—AND OTHERWISE.

The study of the Central Council's analysis of peals is always interesting, and may well be instructive to those who examine it for the purpose of judging what progress, or otherwise, is being made in the art of ringing in the various associations and in the country as a whole. We have already called attention to one disturbing feature of the analysis for 1932—the serious decline in the number who rang their first peal. There is another matter where there is little cause for congratulation, and that is in the large number of peals on five and six bells in which only one method was rung. There is a very slight improvement on the figures of the previous year, but the standard of Minor and Doubles ringing, judged by the number of methods rung in peals, has sadly deteriorated since the last generation. Forty years ago—in the year 1893-4, to be exact—out of sixty-one peals of Minor just a solitary one was rung in one method only, and fifty of them in seven or more methods. In 1932, out of a total of 408 peals of Minor, no fewer than 155 were in only one method, and only 107 in seven or more methods. We readily admit that a peal even in one method may be a considerable achievement and act as an encouragement to a young ringer, but we cannot imagine that it is merely the encouragement of the young ringer that has produced so large a percentage of one-method peals. There must, we think, be other causes, and among them we would suggest lack of enterprise and initiative on the part of many six-bell bands. In these days we pride ourselves on our progress in ringing, but in this matter we lag a long way behind the average performance of our fathers.

At the other end of the scale, however, there is marked evidence of advance, and it is to be found chiefly in the ringing of the higher methods. The increase in the total number of peals rung, as compared with the preceding year, was 120, of which no fewer than 79 were in the Surprise class. There are no statistics available to show how this increase arose, whether it was due to a more widespread practice of Surprise ringing or to many of the Surprise ringers ringing more peals, but we think our readers will agree with the assumption that the figures are an indication that more bands are practising Surprise methods. There are evidences also of a great deal more enterprise among those whose skill has lifted them to this level. Apart from the wonderful performances, which include the splicing of a number of methods into one peal, peals were rung in no fewer than thirty-one different Surprise Major methods, including eleven methods rung for the first time. In breaking away from the rut the Surprise ringers are setting a splendid example, which ought

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to be followed by less accomplished bands. Only eleven different plain Major methods were rung in the year, but in the Central Council's 'Collection' there are hundreds to choose from, which would not only make for variety but for progress; for the plain methods, many of them interesting and not altogether simple to ring, are stepping stones to more advanced practice. Bands who are looking for something to add interest to their ringing might make a study of some of the methods in this book: they would find it opens up a new and unexpected field.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, May 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER 1	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	FRANK E. HAYNES 10
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5	A. PADDON SMITH 11
THOMAS MILLER 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEAL.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 31, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

*GEORGE CASE 1	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON 7
JOSEPH L. STANIER 3	WALTER LAGO 8
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 9
*FRANK COTTRELL 5	*JACK GARRETT Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal on ten, and first attempt. First peal as conductor on ten and first attempt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY 1	THOMAS WALLWORK 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
WILFRED HALLIWELL 3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 7
ROBERT WALLWORK 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

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

*HARRY BOSWELL 1	ROBERT PICKERING 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HRYWOOD.

Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † 300th peal; they have been rung in 103 towers, in 19 counties and for 14 associations. 50th peal rung together by treble and 4th ringers. Rung for the festival of the Ascension and for Queen's Mary's birthday.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
* FRANCIS E. MAY 2	RICHARD A. POST 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First Surprise peal. Conductor's 100th peal.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	FRED HAWKES 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Major on the bells. The quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
FREDERICK N. SMEATON 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3	FRED. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is believed to be the first Surprise peal rung on the bells.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES
Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

The conductor's 800th peal.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	* ERNEST A. REEVE 5
* MISS MARGARET PACK 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal in the method.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

JOHN HALLOWS Treble	STEPHAN L. PARRY 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	FRED DONKERLEY 6
ALWYN TAYLOR 3	HAROLD HAMER 7
OGDEN MOORES 4	JOHN H. E. MASSEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. BERRY.

Rung to celebrate the Queen's birthday. In this peal the 2nd is never in 5-6 at a course-end.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HERBERT DEVENISH Treble	ERNEST TOWNSEND 5
* ALBERT RIBBINS 2	JOSEPH JENNINGS 6
ERNEST RUNTER 3	WALTER SMITH 7
ARTHUR SMITH 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' The monthly peal for the division. The conductor has now 'circled' this tower. This makes the 13th tower in which this has been accomplished by him.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES PARR Treble	FRED DONKERLEY 5
FRED HINDLE 2	* WILLIAM MILLER 6
WILLIAM AARON 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. A. Tomlinson (son of the conductor) and Miss E. Hartley, who were married at the above church on May 27th. L. J. Williams has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	* JOSEPH MARKS 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* First peal in four methods. This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

RONALD A. BOLLER Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
* MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 2	* WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
* JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	EDWARD S. T. FARR 7
LEONARD STILWELL 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the association.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

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

* FRANK JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
ERNEST BENNETT 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
TOM WILDE 3	WILFRED STEVENSON 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Fernley, wife of the leader of the local band.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

MRS. J. BRAY Treble	HAROLD EASTOE 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN 6
WALTER GODDARD 3	JACK BRAY 7
GEORGE W. MOODY 4	*JOSEPH ATKINSON Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal on eight. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss W. Blytho, one of the local band, also as a welcome to Mr. J. Houldridge, a missionary home from Africa.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 1, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

NORMAN PATTERSON Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	THOMAS STEPHENSON 6
A. NONNELLY WOOD 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
FRANK AINSLEY 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Arranged for Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, it being his first peal of Double Norwich. Tenth peal in ten attempts by the treble ringer.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
KEITH HART 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
*A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
GEORGE OLLIVER 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
*JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
†ERNEST G. WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* 50th peal, all of which have been rung with one arm. † First Surprise peal. Rung to celebrate the King's birthday.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	*CHARLES H. SONE 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	TOM SAUNDERS 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	†BENJAMIN F. BAKER 7
HORACE GILBERT 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 125th peal together. † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' twice in this tower. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their hospitality after the peal.

NEWMARKET.—At All Saints' Church, on May 17th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Beale 1, S. Howlett 2, S. Ward 3, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 4, R. C. Sharpe 5, S. J. Twitchett 6. First 720 by ringers of 1st and 2nd.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

T. LINCOLN Treble	H. DEVONISH 5
H. PENNACK 2	G. W. ABLITT 6
H. WARNE 3	DR. SPENCER-PHILLIPS ... 7
W. LINCOLN 4	A. HEAD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by DR. SPENCER-PHILLIPS.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

HIGHER WALTON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*HARRY HARDACRE Treble	E. ROGER MARTIN 5
JOHN CHARNOCK 2	JOHN BOOTH 6
JOHN T. BIMSON 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
FRED HARWOOD 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (75).

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. The composition, now rung for the first time, was composed in 1905. Rung for the King's birthday.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	CHARLES LOOME 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	GEORGE POYNIS 7
WILLIAM FLATT 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35. Tenor 11 cwt. 18½ lb.	
WILLIAM SHORT Treble	RALPH MOORS 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	RALPH PARTON 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
*REGINALD CHANCE 4	WILLIAM J. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged and rung for His Majesty's birthday. Treble ringer's 850th peal.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	PERCY E. JONES 5
EDGAR HANCOX 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
JAMES H. LUCAS 3	FRANK CORKE 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	WILFRED S. CHILDS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday; also of the mother of the ringer of the 2nd, who is 84.

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BRAMLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THORSTANS'. Tenor 12 cwt.	
THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY 1 Treble	† FRANK RAYMENT ... 5
* JOSEPH THACKRAY ... 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	GEORGE WM. STEEL ... 7
* HENRY G. GRIMWOOD ... 4	HARRY HOMER ... Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King.

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ISAAC EMERY ... 1 Treble	† GEORGE WICKENS ... 5
WILLIAM MARTIN ... 2	† F. C. SHORTER ... 6
* ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	EDMOND MOUNTER ... 7
JOHN LYDDIARD ... 4	WALTER SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. SMITH.

* First peal. † First in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 23 cwt.	
JOHN H. B. HESSE, Honorary Member ... 1 Treble	
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE, Warwickshire Guild ... 2	
FRANK W. PERRENS, Warwickshire Guild ... 3	
ALFRED H. PULLING, Guildford Guild ... 4	
EDWIN H. LEWIS, President ... 5	
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH, Honorary Member ... 6	
JAMES HUNT, Bath & Wells Association ... 7	
JOSEPH T. DYKE, Bath & Wells Association ... Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 1 Treble	WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	AMBERN WILSON ... 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 3	NORMAN C. LEWIS ... 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by AMBERN WILSON.

Conducted by N. C. LEWIS.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MINSTERWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN ... 1 Treble	FRANK LYTTLETON ... 4
PHILIP POCKETT ... 2	A. H. HEAVEN ... 5
WILLIAM BOLLOCK ... 3	WILLIAM HOOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

SANDY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithun.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR DILLEY ... 1 Treble	CHARLIE BALL ... 4
* PERCY TOMPKINS ... 2	HERBERT SHERMAN ... 5
TOM BARTRAM ... 3	LEWIS BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS BYWATERS.

* First peal 'inside.'

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
* SYDNEY J. ANTHONY ... 1 Treble	† KENNETH E. BIRTLES ... 4
HARRY PARKER ... 2	REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 5
* HAROLD WORRALL ... 3	JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside' and of Minor.

APSLEY END, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Hereward Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

* HENRY GOLDING ... 1 Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 4
† FRANCIS TOMPKINS ... 2	* HERBERT GATES ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor and first attempt. Rung in honour of Empire Day, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Golding and Mrs. W. Ayre. It is 21 years since a seven-method peal was rung in this tower or district.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford and Merchant's Return. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST BROOKES ... 1 Treble	* WILLIAM STEELE ... 4
* WILLIS DYSON ... 2	* HERBERT HOLBROOK ... 5
RAYMOND CROSSLAND ... 3	† JAMES H. SYKES ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BROOKES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen, as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 5th, and also to commemorate Empire Day.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Court, 720 St. Clement's, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

WALTER SOUTHGATE ... 1 Treble	ERNEST DURRANT ... 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 2	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

First peal on these bells for over 28 years.

NORTHILL, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire with ten callings and 12 of Bob Doubles with 12 callings. Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.)

* WILLIAM WAGSTAFF ... 1 Treble	ARTHUR DILLEY ... 3
† PERCY TOMPKINS ... 2	HERBERT SHERMAN ... 4
LEWIS BYWATERS ... Tenor	

Conducted by LEWIS BYWATERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells, which are believed to be the heaviest peal of five in the county.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On Feast Sunday, May 28th, for evensong, touches of Bob Minor. After service a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, M. Ginn 4, C. Robinson 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. As a good peal this 720 'wants no framing.'

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN DENTON Treble	ERNEST BAILEY 4
CHARLES BAILEY 2	JAMES SPALDING 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Edward Chatten, a member of the local company, who passed away in Southwold Hospital on May 22nd, aged 72 years. The quickest peal on the bells.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. VALENTINE JONES Treble	*FREDERICK H. WHIPP 4
FRANK WHEELER 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 5
HUBERT E. TAYLOR 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the village schoolmistress and organist (Mrs. Smith) on completion of 26 years in the former and 30 years in the latter capacity. The band take this opportunity of thanking her for her kind hospitality after the peal.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, May 28, 1933 in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Consisting of two extents each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

RICHARD T. HOLDING Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD 4
ALBERT CRAWLEY 2	NORMAN G. LEECH 5
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*EDWARD T. GRIFFIN Treble	P. C. RICHARD STUCKEY 4
†W. HARRY HEBDITCH 2	†WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
†P. C. FRANK HANSFORD 3	†J. REGINALD HEBDITCH ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. ‡ 100th peal.

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

On Sunday, May 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*FREDERICK H. OLDNALL Treble	*FREDERICK W. BURNELL 4
†FREDERICK J. AUSTIN 2	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 5
†ERNEST G. LEWIS 3	ALFRED JONES Tenor

Conducted by S. O'C. HOLLOWAY.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal. Conductor's first peal as conductor, and first peal of Doubles. Rung in honour of the 85th birthday of Col. Howard, of Stone, Vicar's warden for 60 years.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, May 31st, for confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Miss D. I. Aslett 1, W. G. Chandler 2, E. J. Pepler 3, W. H. Chandler 4, A. J. Cluter (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6. First quarter-peal by ringer of the treble and 1st quarter-peal by ringer of 2nd on an 'inside' bell.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 31, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Fourteen different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*HUBERT SMITH Treble	†HERBERT GROVES 4
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 2	†WILLIAM H. BOWDITCH 5
†HAROLD C. R. VINE 3	†WILLIAM J. GROVES Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal in two methods and first peal of Doubles. † First peal and first attempt. First peal attempt as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. First peal ever rung by a local band, who all are service ringers at the above church. The band wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. W. C. Shute for instruction.

WITHERNSEA, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

STANLEY WEBB Treble	THOMAS M. SHEPPARD 4
ERNEST E. TAYLOR 2	GEORGE DOWLING 5
JOHN M. PICKERING 3	PERCY J. METCALFE Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WEBB.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the 2nd, this being his first peal 'inside.'

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*LEONARD G. JORDON Treble	FRED MEARS 4
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 5
FRANCIS R. DEACON 3	†ARTHUR DEBENSAM Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to George B. Brewin, one of the local band, who was married the same day to Miss Mabel Taylor, of Earl Shilton.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, May 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. WIGHTMAN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

*JOHN ARBON 1-2	†DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 5-6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3-4	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7-8

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

Umpire—Stephen Wightman.

* First peal of Kent. † First peal on handbells.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, May 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

IN ST. MARTIN'S RINGING ROOM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALBERT E. NORMAN 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN 7-8
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	FRANK E. HAYNES 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

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BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 5, 1933, in Ten Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 18,144 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HENRY WALLACE Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 2	WILLIAM K. NORTH 6
ROBERT HOWARD 3	BARNARD PATMORE 7
SIDNEY CARTER 4	JOHN WELCH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by S. CAPTER.

* First peal of Bob Major. Longest peal of Major yet rung.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A meeting was held at Bletchingley on Saturday, May 20th, ringers attending from Buckland, Forest Hill, Godstone, Horley, Limpsfield Chart, Mersham, Redhill, Reigate, Westerham, and members of the local band. Ringing continued during the afternoon with short intervals, except when the treble bell went the wrong way down owing to the stay not being able to stand an extra bump. One of the local members kindly took the matter in hand and soon had it rigged up again with a couple of bolts, and all went happily afterwards. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. A. Crawshaw), which was very appropriate. Tea was partaken of at the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting, Mr. D. K. C. Birt, Master of the association, presiding.

The Chairman referred to the death of Mr. P. Etheridge, of Horley, who had been a member of the association for many years. As a mark of respect the whole company stood in silence for a few moments.

One new member, Mr. J. Coppard, of Bletchingley, was elected. It was proposed that the next quarterly peal be Grandsire Doubles, to be attempted at Kingswood, with Mr. R. V. Fuller as conductor, with members of the local band standing in. Owing to Burstow tower being unavailable on July 22nd, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Limpsfield Chart on that date.

At the close the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, conducting the service, and for kindly interest in the association, also to the local members for making all arrangements. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 9 p.m., the cream being served up in a well-struck course of Cambridge Major.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Pulborough on Saturday, May 20th. Although the weather was everything one could desire, only 18 members attended owing to various other attractions. However, the following towers were represented: Arundel, Chichester, Billingshurst, Heene, Sinfold, Shoreham, Pulborough and Washington. A short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. Frost) and Canon Corfe, who gave a most interesting address on the history of bells. The company partook of tea at the Chequers Tea Room, and were accompanied by the Rector, Canon Corfe and Mr. Churchwarden Deudney.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, at which the secretary announced that it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Kirdford.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, to Canon Corfe, and to Mr. H. Doick for making the local arrangements.

After a stroll round the spacious and well-kept Rectory grounds, with the Rev. E. Frost pointing out the various objects of interest, the company made their way back to the belfry for further ringing.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

VISIT TO TAMWORTH.

The last quarterly meeting of the society's year was held at Tamworth on Saturday, April 29th. Upwards of 60 put in an appearance from Bilston, Bradley, Bridgnorth, Coventry, Derby, Dudley, Erdington, Lichfield (St. Chad's), Nuncaton, Rugby, Stafford, Tettenhall, Walsall, Willenhall, Wolverhampton (St. Peter's), etc. One of the chief attractions at this particular meeting was to hear the new bells, the front seven having been recast and the tenor returned. On examining the old wooden frame it was found that the death watch beetle had played havoc with it, and it was deemed advisable to replace it with an iron one. Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the splendid improvement they have made. Ringing in various methods, including the four premier Surprise methods, went space until 4.45, when a short service was held in church, with a practical address delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Rogers. An excellent tea was laid in the schoolroom, at which the Vicar presided. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address, use of bells, etc., to the organist for his kindly assistance, and to all others who had helped to make the meeting so successful. In his reply, the Vicar gave the company a warm welcome to Tamworth, and hoped they would pay another visit in the near future.

Negotiations are afoot to arrange a joint meeting with members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and the Stafford Archdeaconry, full particulars of which will be given later.

The annual (jubilee) meeting is to be held at Lichfield on June 17th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A band of 'brass hats' and others, representing the Central Council, lost a peal of Stedman Caters at Fulham on Saturday after about 2½ hours' ringing. Strange how these 'cast-iron' jobs crack up!

At the next meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, to be held at Seale on June 24th, a proposal to start a bell restoration fund for the district is to be discussed.

Fifty years ago to-day the last peal on the bells of St. Michael's, Coventry, was rung. To-day is also the anniversary of the first peal rung in America. Henry Haley conducted Holt's Ten-Part at Christ Church, Philadelphia, on Sunday, June 9th, 1850.

A NEW RECORD.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S 18,144 BOB MAJOR.

The Hertfordshire band were successful in their effort on Monday to raise the record length of a peal of Major.

They succeeded in ringing 18,144 of Plain Bob in 10 hours 52 mins. at Bennington. There has only been one longer peal than this rung on tower bells, the record of Stedman Caters at Appleton.

THE PEAL AT OVER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Much has been heard in the past as to what shall be recognised as a peal. We should not ring Doubles with more than one cover, or Minor with a cover; we ought not to ring peals on the Bankes James' or any other plan where the bells do not come into rounds at each 720; we ought not to do this and ought not to do that. Now, in your issue of May 19th we read of another new sort of performance on eight bells at Over, Cambridge, on which it would be very interesting to hear the views of your readers, and especially those on the Central Council. It has been said that this peal is in the nature of a novelty and in a similar likeness to the peal at Exeter and others where heavy or bad-going bells have been excused for having two men to ring them. Seeing that the circumstances at Over are quite different, one is tempted to ask where is the likeness? Since it is generally recognised that each man in a peal shall ring the full number of changes, without interval, a further question arises, should those men claim a peal after having rung only one hour and two hours respectively?

TRUTH.

RINGERS' JUGS AND PITCHERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the June issue of 'Apollo' (a journal of the arts for connoisseurs and collectors) there appears a fully illustrated article on 'Ringers' jugs, jacks, pitchers and gotchets,' by J. R. Nichols and myself.

For some considerable time we have been collecting data and illustrations of these interesting old-time relics, and have got details of the following:—

Jugs and pitchers.—Norfolk: Garboldisham, Norwich, and Great Yarmouth. Suffolk: Beccles, Bungay, Clare, Hadleigh, Hinderclay, Ixworth and Stowmarket. Cheshire: Crowe, Church Lawton and Macclesfield. Westmorland: Kendal. Oxon: Witney. Dorset: Witchampton. Essex: Braintree. Also a former one at Swansea; pewter flagons at St. Paul's, Salisbury, and Dorchester, Dorset; leather jacks of Lincoln and Stafford; ram's horn drinking vessel at Cirencester.

If any ringers or friends can give information of any other jugs, etc., of a similar nature, I should be very grateful if they will communicate with me direct.

ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WHO WAS THE FOUNDER?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Can any of your readers help me to answer the question of a friend of mine as to the origin and founder of three small bells near here in Lincolnshire, one of which is on his house? They are marked R A B. The stamp between R and B has a bell between two branches of leaves.

(1) At Crosby, hanging in a brick and stucco bell gable on the church. In 1553 there were four great bells and a sanctus, but there is no trace of a tower now.

(2) Binbrook, on the school since 1882, when it lay in the church. In 1553 there were three great bells and a sanctus. The tower fell into ruins with the church about 1820. Diameter, 13 inches.

(3) Holton-le-Moor, at the Hall, which was built in 1784, but there is no record of its origin. A bell from the church, which was cracked, dated 1634, was recast into two in 1848, but there is no record of a sanctus bell.

E. W. CARPENTER.

Kingerby Vicarage.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT TUESDAY'S MEETING.

There was a record attendance of members at the annual meeting of the Central Council, held in London on Tuesday, the number present being 109. These included eleven out of the twelve honorary members, and 98 elected members, representing 40 out of the 51 societies affiliated to the Council. Out of the total roll of 141 members only 32 were absent. The meeting was probably also a record in length. It began at 11 a.m., and with only an hour and a quarter's break for lunch went on to 6.15 p.m.

The Council were welcomed by the Worshipful Master of the Skinners' Company, Mr. R. D. Poland, who was thanked by the president.



MR. E. H. LEWIS,
re-elected President.

After the meeting had been opened with prayer by Canon Coleridge, Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected president, and Mr. G. W. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer.

THE NEW LIBRARIAN.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake was appointed hon. librarian to succeed the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

The following hon. members were re-elected: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. A. Young. There were three vacancies, two of which had been caused by the death of Mr. H. W. Wilde and the resignation of Mr. E. W. Elwell.

It was decided to follow the usual practice and keep open one vacancy for emergencies. Mr. C. Dean, formerly a representative of the Surrey Association, and a member of the Peals Analysis Committee, was elected to one of the remaining vacancies, and for the other three names were proposed: Mr. J. George, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton and Mr. C. W. Roberts. On a ballot being taken, Mr. C. W. Roberts was elected.

This being a newly-elected Council there were a number of new members presented to the president.

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Rev. W. H. Ingham, Mr. T. Metcalfe, Mr. J. C. Pollard, Mr. J. R. Newton, Mr. S. T. Rackham, and Mr. R. Richardson and Mr. J. Phillips through illness.

Congratulations were extended to three members of the Council: Mr. William Storey (Newcastle), on his appointment as a Justice of the Peace; the president of the Yorkshire Association, who had been made a Canon of Ripon; and Mr. Stephen Wood on his recent marriage.

Death among members was referred to by the president. Those who had died during the year included the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. H. W. Wilde, Mr. T. Faulkner, Mr. F. Hopgood and C. Player. The following former members had also passed away: Messrs. A. E. Parsons, W. Walmsley, H. Haigh and E. P. O'Meara. The Council stood in silence as a tribute to their memory.

FINANCE.

The Hon. Secretary presented a statement of the sale of publications, showing that £17 18s. 5d. had been received, and a balance of £7 3s. 1½d. had been handed over to the general fund.

The statement of the accounts of the Council showed receipts amounting to £110 17s. 6½d., including £61 11s. 11d. in hand at Whit-sun, 1932, subscriptions, 1931-32, £4, 1932-33 £31, hon. members £2 2s. 6d., interest £5, sale of publications £7 3s. 1½d. The expenditure included £10 10s. to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial Fund, £13 16s. 1d. to the Stedman Fund, and other items amounting to £17 18s. 3½d., leaving a balance in hand of £67 12s. 2d. The Council's investments include £50 3½ per cent. Conversion Stock, £50 4½ per cent. Consols, the present market value being £138 3s. 9d.

The trustees of the Carter ringing machine (Messrs. E. A. Young and A. A. Hughes) presented a report indicating that the machine was in excellent order. It was demonstrated to a large party of Council members on Monday at the Science Museum, South Kensington, and rang and recorded three courses of Grandsire Cinques.

COMMITTEES.

Under a reference made to them last year the Standing Committee reported upon the constitution of the various committees of the Council. They recommended that in future the Standing Committee should consist of the officers of the Council and the conveners of committees (ex-officio), and twelve elected members, who should have power to co-opt not more than two additional members. They also recommended that the conveners of committees should in the first place be appointed by the Council.

The recommendations were adopted, and the retiring members re-elected.

A report from the Peal Collection Committee showed that the work of proving the remainder of the Collection of Treble Bob peals was proceeding slowly. The report of the committee appointed to draw up a pamphlet on 'Variations' indicated that the matter had been at a standstill during the year, owing chiefly to the death of Mr. H. W. Wilde. It was decided to amalgamate the two committees. Messrs. G. Lindoff (convener), G. R. Pye and C. W. Roberts were added to it, and the other members (Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. E. S. Powell, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mr. J. A. Trollope) were re-elected.

NEW BOOKS.

The new book on Triples Methods, it was reported by the Methods Committee, was nearing completion, and it was decided, on the recommendation of the committee, that in the case of compositions produced by the committee for the purposes of the book they should be printed under numbers and not under the authors' names.

The committee, consisting of the Rev. E. S. Powell and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and S. H. Wood, were reappointed.

The reports of the Peals Analysis Committee and the Towers and Belfries Committee were adopted. The committees were reappointed, and Mr. James Hunt added to the latter.

The final report of the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration showed that the Council have had to provide £13 16s. 1d. to complete the payment of the accounts. The full details showed that the cost of the memorial scheme had been £535 16s. 11d.

The Literature and Press Committee's report was read by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and the committee reappointed with the exception of Mr. W. Willson, who has retired from the Council.

The proposed new rules of the Council, presented for adoption in a report of the Rules Committee, were agreed to without alteration.

It was reported that the pamphlet for beginners upon the proper way to handle a bell rope was ready for publication. The Council decided to issue it at 2d. per copy.

BREAKING UP OLD BELLS.

Mr. F. K. Dawe proposed the following motion:—

That this Council deprecates the breaking up of church bells renowned for their tonal qualities and historic interest, urges Church authorities not to assent to their destruction except for the gravest reasons, and furthermore recommends that independent expert advice be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.

This was seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, and debated at some length.

Eventually the following amendment, proposed by Mr. C. F. Johnston, was accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and agreed to:—

That this Council deprecates the breaking up of church bells of proved good tone and of real historic interest, urges the Church authorities not to assent to their recasting except for the

gravest reasons structurally or musically, and furthermore recommends that independent advice qualified to advise on historic, engineering and musical grounds, be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.

Mr. G. R. Newton had given notice of the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tomlinson:—

That this Council uses its influence to encourage five and six bell companies to ring their peals in more than one method. It also urges them to include, whenever possible, at least seven methods in their peals.

After discussion the motion was carried.

'AS YOU WERE' IN THE MINOR CONTROVERSY.

'The Minor Controversy' occupied the attention of the Council for something like two hours. The following motions were, for the sake of convenience, debated together:—

Proposed by Mr. S. H. Wood and seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith:—

That peals of Minor shall in general consist of seven or more separate extents rung consecutively and without interval. That Compositions arranged on what is known as the 'Bankes James principle,' notwithstanding that they do not conform to the above definition, shall be recognised as peals.

Proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles and seconded by Mr. E. M. Atkins:—

That a peal of Minor should consist of seven true and complete round blocks of 720 changes each, in a recognised method or methods, rung consecutively and without interval, rounds thus occurring at the beginning and end of and at regular intervals throughout the peal.

That a peal of Doubles should consist of 42 true and complete round blocks of 120 changes each, in a recognised method or methods, rung consecutively and without interval, rounds thus occurring at the beginning and end of and at regular intervals throughout the peal.

That peals as above may be lengthened by the addition of one or more true and complete round blocks of 720 (or of 120) changes each fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one true round block having less changes.

That any departure from the above standards is not encouraged; notwithstanding this, however, a peal of Minor or of Doubles may consist of any arrangement of 5,040 changes in a recognised method or methods, provided that no change is rung more (or less) than seven times in a peal of Minor, or 42 times in a peal of Doubles, and that the whole starts from and ends with rounds. Such a peal may be lengthened, provided that no change is rung more than once for each additional 720 (or 120) changes, and that the whole ends with rounds.

The following amendment to both proposals was moved by Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. E. Denison Taylor:—

That a peal of 'Doubles' must consist of not less than forty-two true and complete round blocks of 120 changes each, rung consecutively and without interval, each 120 commencing from and finishing with rounds. It may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's and/or by the addition of one shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions. It may be rung with or without a cover bell.

That a peal of 'Minor' must consist of not less than seven true and complete round blocks of 720 changes each, rung consecutively and without interval, each 720 commencing from and finishing with rounds. It may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's and/or one shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions. It may not be rung with a cover bell.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards suggested as an amendment to Clause 4 that the first portion of Mr. Coles' motion should read: 'That any departure from the above standards is not encouraged; but that in view of the present experimental stage of development in composition any arrangement of 5,040 changes in an acknowledged method or methods may be recognised as a peal, provided . . .,' etc.

This was unsupported, and on a vote being taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. White it was declared carried by 44 votes to 26. On being put as the substantive motion, there was again a majority in favour, but as under the old rules which governed this meeting it had to be carried 'by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the meeting,' the President, after the names had been taken, declared that it was lost. So that the position remains exactly as it stood before the meeting.

Wolverhampton and Warwick were proposed for the 1934 meeting, and Warwick was selected.

GRANTS TO MEMORIALS.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the following grants were made: Five guineas to the Law James Memorial at Suffect, ten guineas to the memorial to Sir Arthur Heywood at Duffield, three guineas to the memorial to Mr. H. W. Wilde, and three guineas to the memorial to Mr. E. Barnett.

Thanks to all concerned in the arrangements for the meeting and the social events connected with it brought a long session to a close.

The members and their friends were afterwards the guests at tea of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, and later there was a social at Anderton's Hotel, the headquarters

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The summer-like afternoon no doubt was the reason why a large number of members were present at the Hornechurch meeting of the South-Western Division on Saturday, May 6th, between 80 and 70 putting in an appearance from Orsett, Corringham, Bentley, Priddlewell, Leigh-on-Sea, Hornechurch, Barking, Walthamstow, Romford, Edmonton, Leytonstone, Braintree, Hornsey, Over, Willingham, Bishopsgate, South Weald, Woodford, Fryerning, Brentwood and Dagenham. The bells were kept busy from 3 p.m. till 4.30, when service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. K. Waller), and the address given by the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, who is always a welcome visitor to the meetings. Tea held in the Village Hall was followed by the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, supported by Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), and Mr. A. Prior (District Master). Five new members were elected—three from Barking, one from Romford and one life non-resident. Brentwood was chosen for the next meeting to be held by special invitation on June 3rd. Business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of tower and bells and for conducting the service, to the Rev. J. W. Eisdell for his splendid address, to the organist (Mr. Page) for kindly giving up his valuable time to come along and accompany the hymns, etc., to the Hornechurch band, especially Mr. McDougall, the secretary and Mr. J. Dale, steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness.—This was carried with acclamation and responded to by the Vicar, who said he was only too pleased to welcome the association to Hornechurch, and hoped they would be able to see their way to pay another visit in the near future.

The Vicar kindly allowed visitors to walk round the Vicarage garden, and many took this opportunity, which gave them a chance to see a Judas tree in full bloom—a rather rare sight so far as Essex is concerned.

Other members returned to the tower, and the bells were soon going again. During the afternoon and evening touches in various standard methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, were rung, not forgetting rounds for some of the beginners, whilst one member rang his first touch of London and another conducted his first touch of Stedman Triples. When, all too soon, nine o'clock came and tracks were made for home, everyone had apparently enjoyed themselves in this famous old Essex village, with an opportunity for a pull on this splendid peal.

A MID-WEEK MEETING.

BRAUGHING'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

On Wednesday, May 10th, a meeting under the auspices of the Herts and Essex Associations was held at Braughing. This date is honoured yearly by the local ringers to celebrate the ringing of 12,000 Bob Major in 1779. A touch of Grandsire by the home team ushered in the day, and, later, visitors arrived in force from about twenty different towers. Touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Bristol and Stedman were rung. The party at tea taxed the resources of the Brown Bear to the utmost, but Mrs. Denton, the hostess, rose admirably to the occasion.

The towers represented were St. Albans (St. Peter's), Beddington (Surrey), Bennington, Bishop's Stortford, Cambridge, Great Staughton (Hunts), Hatfield, Harlow Common, Great and Little Munden, Melbourn, Leytonstone, Standon, Streatham, Romford, Ware, West Ham, Walthamstow, Bishopsgate, and a strong muster of the local team. About forty ringers put in an appearance during the day, and Aspenden, another old-world village, was suggested for the next mid-week gathering on June 14th.

EMPIRE DAY.

PARINGDON, BERKS.—At All Saints' Church, on Wednesday, May 24th, for Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Walker 1, F. Wheeler 2, C. I. J. Pearce 3, H. Edwards 4, H. Taylor (conductor) 5, F. Whipp 6, E. C. Hughes 7, B. Townsend (first quarter-peal) 8.

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of the Council. There was great regret that, owing to illness, Mr. Rupert Richardson was prevented from presenting 'famous ringers and others,' on the screen, but there was an interesting incident towards the close of the evening when the president presented to Canon Coleridge a set of pipes and a tobacco pouch, as a slight token of their regard upon his having attended his 41st Council meeting. Canon Coleridge is the only member who has attended every meeting of the Council since its formation. There were in the room three others who were members of the first Council: Messrs. F. E. Dawe, G. B. Lucas and W. D. Smith.

On Monday and Tuesday various peals of bells in London were rung by members, including those of St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and the Imperial Institute.

The committee who made the excellent social arrangements was representative of all the societies in and bordering on London.

DUFFIELD'S RECAST RING OF TEN BELLS, A MAGNIFICENT RING.

'Come and hear the new sweet-toned bells that are different.' Thus ran the message advertising the dedication of Duffield's recast bells; but how different! In the words of one well-known critic of the Exercise, 'they exceeded even my wildest hopes of expectation,' and this was the unanimous verdict of those who attended the dedication ceremony on Saturday, when the church was crowded to capacity by villagers, ringing visitors and friends from a large area.

To ringers, Duffield is always associated with the name of Heywood, for it was here that Mr. Arthur Percival Heywood, afterwards Sir A. P. Heywood, lived, at Duffield Bank, and was the leader of a most enthusiastic band of ringers in the 1880's and 1890's. He it was who founded the Central Council of Church Bellringers and became its first president. His work as a composer and his treatise, 'Church Towers and Bell Hanging,' are evidence of the great interest he took in our art. He was president of the Midland Counties Association from 1886-1916, and although the opening of a recast peal of ten bells from the Loughborough Foundry would in any case have attracted a large crowd, the event had a special interest to members of the M.C.A., as the association had undertaken to pay for the recasting of the treble bell to the memory of Sir Arthur. Nearly 250 ringers and friends turned up, representatives being present from all the districts which the association covers, with visitors from Sheffield Cathedral, Birmingham, King's Norton, Erdington, Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, Stockport, Northampton, with Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Irwin, Vicar of Duffield, and the Bishop of Derby performed the act of dedication. The latter took as his text, 'Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel,' the inscription which appears in Latin on the Bourdon bell, 'Great Paul,' at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. The service was both inspiring and interesting, for, in addition to driving home his message on the position which ringers hold as minor ministers of the church, he cleverly interposed his remarks with a reference to Fabian Stedman and St. Ben's Church, Cambridge, where he had been Vicar for some six years, and had assisted in the search of the parish and other registers in an endeavour to trace a record of the exact date of Stedman's birth. The sermon was more in the form of a homely talk than anything else. Everyone felt at their ease, and realised that the Bishop was talking to them more as a friend rather than as a high dignitary of the Church. The collection, which was in aid of the Bells Fund, amounted to over £13.

Ten was served in the chapel nearby the church, three sittings being necessary. At the second sitting, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, founder of the bells, expressed his kind appreciation of the many complimentary remarks which had been made concerning the recast peal, and made some appropriate allusions to the late Sir A. P. Heywood and his model railway at Duffield Bank. He paid special tribute to Dr. Irwin for his ready support of the scheme in connection with the bells; to Mr. Ruffell, churchwarden, and Mr. Sidney Dawson, captain of the ringers, for their patience and determination to see the job thoroughly done, and for the kind way in which they had dealt with the firm throughout the whole of the transaction.

Mr. Ruffell said how delighted he was at the wonderful improvement in the tone of the recast bells, which he believed were, without doubt, the finest in the whole county of Derbyshire.

The ringing during the dedication was performed by members of the local band, but afterwards the tower was thrown open to all, a feature of the ringing being three course of Stedman Caters splendidly struck, which enabled those outside to hear the bells to the very best possible advantage, the beat being 24 to the minute.

The former ring had a tenor of about 16 cwt., in the key of F, but the recast peal is in the key of E natural, with tenor weighing 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. The bells have been tuned on Taylor's 'true harmonic' system, and now possess a resonance and sweetness of tone with a perfectly balanced effect, which was so noticeably lacking in the old peal.

Duffield Church has a glorious setting, being some hundreds of yards away from the main road. Fields are all the way round, and the River Derwent ripples along close by. Truly the ideal place with an ideal peal of bells for a ringers' outing. Can it be wondered that so many lingered to have another pull after a refresher at the Bridge Inn? As one ringer put it, 'They are not half slogging them bells to-day,' ringing having been carried on ceaselessly from 4 to 9 p.m.

No praise is too high to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the splendid peal which they have installed in the tower of Duffield Church. The writer believes that the rings of ten at King's Norton and Banbury are modelled similarly to the Duffield peal, but they will have to be something more than 'exceptionally good' to be better than Taylor's latest example of their fine work.

A JUBILEE.

VETERANS JOIN IN PEAL AT BIRMINGHAM.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Tuesday of last week was a jubilee peal for Messrs. T. Miller and W. H. Fussell. Mr. Miller rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques in St. Martin's tower in April, 1880; Mr. Fussell his first peal in the county of Warwick in April, 1883, at St. Chad's, Birmingham. Mr. T. Russam was unable to join the company owing to indisposition. He is the third survivor of the two old teams of those early '80's.

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD P. O'MEARA. A PROMINENT COLLEGE YOUTH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Edward P. O'Meara, which occurred after a short illness on May 5th. Mr. O'Meara commenced his ringing career in the city of Bristol with the late Mr. Jim Hinton and his colleagues.

Removing to London in the late eighties, Mr. O'Meara soon became prominent in the London societies, and his work for the promotion of ringing is still remembered with gratitude by the older generation.

He installed gas lighting in the ringing room of St. Magnus', London Bridge, which swept away the ancient illumination by candles. At St. Augustine's, Kilburn, he put the new ring of Belgian bells into a suitable condition, to enable them to be rung in English fashion, and took part in the first peal rung there on May 26th, 1900. For his gratuitous work the incumbent, the Rev. FitzPatrick, presented him with a silver cup.

Mr. O'Meara was instrumental in raising a fund to procure a mahogany roll-top desk, a purse of money (gold) and an illuminated album containing subscribers' names, as a testimonial to the then secretary of the College Youths in appreciation of his work for several years. This presentation was made at a large gathering at a famous hostelry in Ivy Lane, City, on April 21st, 1900.

Mr. O'Meara rang the 9th in the first peal of Maximus on the famous Bow bells, Cheapside, on January 19th, 1907, and took part in a good many performances on all numbers at towers in and around London. At St. Michael's, Cornhill, is a fine tablet presented by Mr. O'Meara, recording the non-conducted Stedman Cinques rung there on February 22nd, 1913. The tablet was unveiled and dedicated by the present Rector, the Rev. John H. Ellison, M.A., M.V.O.

Mr. O'Meara very ably filled the office of Master of the College Youths in the four years, 1899, 1900, 1905 and 1906.

During and since the war his business arrangements kept him from taking an active part in bellringing, so that he was almost unknown to the younger generation.

The generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. O'Meara is widely known by the many whom they have entertained in past years, and their sympathetic help in cases of need was always forthcoming.

The funeral took place at Stronham Park Cemetery on May 9th, attended by Mrs. A. Miller (daughter), Mr. E. O'Meara (son), Mr. Arch Miller (son-in-law), and a good many old ringing friends. A course of Stedman Triples, following three rounds twice repeated, was rung over the grave in slow time by Messrs. H. Langdon, H. R. Pasmore, C. F. Winney and W. T. Cockerill.

DEVON GUILD ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held in Exeter on Whit Monday, and drew a large attendance of members. A short service was held in the choir of Exeter Cathedral, with an address by the Dean of Exeter. Luncheon was served at Deller's Cafe, where members were joined by the Bishop of the diocese (Lord W. Gascoyne Cecil), the Dean of Exeter, the president of the Guild (Rev. E. S. Powell), Revs. E. V. Cox, H. L. Pigot, F. H. Jellyman, R. Seymour, E. J. Pizey and 197 members. At the outset of the meeting the president announced with regret that this would be his last attendance as president, as he had accepted the offer of an incumbency near Daventry, Northants. He thought the occasion was a notable one, it being the first time in the 59 years of the Guild's history that the Bishop and Dean had both been present. The Bishop also voiced our regret at losing Mr. Powell, but perhaps at some future date he might return. The president was re-elected pro tem. until the committee have had time to find a successor. The general secretary, general treasurer and vice-presidents, with the addition of Mr. E. Shepherd, were also re-elected. The Rev. E. S. Powell, Mr. T. Laver, Mr. E. W. Marsh and Mr. G. C. Woodley were elected Central Council representatives. Mr. E. Shepherd was nominated for the office, but withdrew in favour of the general secretary. Torquay was selected as the place for the annual meeting in 1934, on the proposal of Mr. Bennett. Six associates were elected for Walkhampton band, and two members from Whimble were awarded certificates. Ringing was carried on at five of the city churches and at the Cathedral.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The May meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Grendon, near Atherstone, in beautiful weather. The church and the Rectory are about a mile away from the village, and approached from the main road through a gate and up a narrow lane. The six bells were kept going for about two hours during the afternoon to various methods. A gong sounding from the Rectory called the ringers and their friends to tea. This was served at small tables under a large cedar tree in the centre of a beautiful lawn, facing the Rectory windows. A tour of the Rectory and the gardens followed, and then, with many thanks to the Rector, Rev. A. C. C. Crawley-Boevey, and his wife, a return was made to the church, where ringing continued until about 8 o'clock. Courses and touches in the standard methods up to and including London Surprise Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

DARTFORD BELLS.**A MISAPPREHENSION CORRECTED.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held at Dartford on Saturday, May 20th. The weather was kind, and there was a fair attendance. Touches in various methods from Grandsire Triples to London, Bristol and Spliced Surprise were brought round in the afternoon under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. T. Groombridge, sen.).

Service was conducted by the Vicar and senior curate. Afterwards some fifty members were entertained at tea in Sutton's Hall as the guests of Mr. S. K. Keyes. The Vicar presided, supported by Alderman A. J. Penney, J.P., C.C., Charter Mayor-elect of Dartford, Mr. J. Lack, people's warden, and Rev. F. W. Jordan, senior curate.

At the conclusion of the meal a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the donor of the tea for his generous hospitality. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Keyes, Mr. J. Lack responded, and in a jovial speech testified to his interest in matters relating to bells and bellringers, congratulated the Exercise on the continually rising status of ringers, and noticed with distinct approval the growing interest in the art displayed by the fair sex. He also referred to the forthcoming celebrations in connection with the granting of a charter to Dartford, and trusted that the bells would duly take their part in the festivities attending the institution of Alderman A. J. Penney as the first Mayor of the Borough of Dartford (cheers).

Alderman Penney welcomed the meeting to Dartford, and expressed his gratification at the way the bells were used to call the people to church and to mark all the most joyous and important events of life. In connection with Dartford bells, he would like to say that the report, published in one of the evening papers, that they were to be recast was entirely without foundation. Thanks to the good work of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank the bells were unlikely to require any attention for some considerable time to come (cheers).

The Vicar (Rev. Elliott Mitchell) stated that the report arose from a misapprehension of a remark of his, to the effect that Alderman Penney's civic honours would be celebrated by a peal on the bells, which he had had recast and rehung as a memorial to his parents. This had been construed as a hope that the recasting would be completed in time for such a peal, whereas actually the restoration was carried out some few years ago.

Then followed a course of Grandsire Cinques on handbells, which was much appreciated.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which one new member was elected. Mr. E. Barnett (district representative) read a report of the proceedings of the committee at the meeting held at Chislehurst on Easter Monday. This report was adopted with a vote of thanks to Mr. Barnett.

The selection of the place for the next meeting led to a considerable discussion on the desirability and possibility of avoiding the arrangement of meetings in contiguous districts on the same date, with special reference to the 'clashing' of dates in the Rochester and Lewisham districts. It was finally decided to try if some mutual arrangement was possible to avoid this, and that the next meeting should be held (D.V.) at Eynsford on Saturday, August 19th.

Mr. R. A. Jenkins, the indefatigable local secretary, expressed the appreciation of himself and the members for interest and care shown in Dartford in respect of their bells. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service, and to the organist for his services was carried.—The Vicar replied.

Further handbell ringing followed, after which a return was made to the tower. A very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.**

A youthful and lively crowd met at Great Kimble for the May practice meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Formerly known as Kimble Magna, this was John Hampden's church.

'Jupiter Pluvius' has taken a fancy to attend some of our meetings, and on this occasion arrived just before the Amersham contingent, not to their advantage. After numerous methods had been rung, including live or six in the Surprise category, the party adjourned for tea, which was followed by Grandsire and Stedman Triples on handbells, also some tunes with the assistance of the visitor from London.

The sun having by this time brightened things up a bit, it was decided to go on to Ellesborough, another ring of six. Amongst the touches rung here was one of Spliced Cambridge and London, which inspired one of the spring poets to the following:—

'Little Boy Blue, come ring up your bell,
For Cambridge and London, with bobs in as well.
Where is the little boy ringing the fifth?
He's dodged with the fourth and caused him to shift.'

(This should be all.—Conductor.)

The next practice will be arranged in Berks, if possible, whilst an invitation to St. Andrew's, Holborn, in London, has been accepted.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 15th and 29th. *The Coffee Pot on the 13th (8 p.m.). St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd. *St. Paul's 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.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH.—Service at the Parish Church, Loughborough, on Saturday, June 10th, at 3 p.m. The rings of 10 at 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.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, ordinarily known as St. George's-in-the-Borough (Little Dorrit's Church). Ringing 3 to 5. Tea locally. Meeting and further ringing 6.30 to 8.30. Hearty welcome to all.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting and tea will be held at Ardleigh on June 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be there please notify me as soon as possible.—F. R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting of this district will be held at Yalding on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, London, W.C., on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea to follow. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Visitors and non-members heartily welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Hornby on June 10th. Business meeting after tea. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. F. Fisher, Shoemaker, Hornby, near Lancaster.—E. Swain, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting to be held at Lowestoft, St. Margaret's Church, on June 10th, 3 p.m. Bells (8). Meeting 4 p.m.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Islley on Saturday, June 10th. Bells at 3 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Book the date and please come.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

SALISBURY GUILD.—N. Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford Abbas on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Other towers available. All ringers cordially invited.—E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Winslow on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Address by the Rev. S. H. C. Wynne. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Cold Higham on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 11 a.m. Lunch 1.15 (to non-branch members 2s. 6d., notify secretary). Service 3.30. Preacher: Rev. J. F. Russell, Vice-Principal of Cuddesdon. Tea 4.30. Two other towers (6) can be used after the service.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A bi-monthly meeting will be held at Ludlow (8 bells) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells at 3 p.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Navenby (6), Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, June 10th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (1/3) and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. J. Tickle, Rosebank, Rupert Road, Huyton. A good attendance is requested. Nominations for branch officers required: Ringing Master and Branch Sec.—Claude I. Davies.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30. The "summer" (?) meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 15th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Heptonstall (via Hebden Bridge) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Aspenden on Wednesday, June 14th. The bells (8) open during afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea after. All will be heartily welcome, members or otherwise. Trains and buses to Buntingford, one mile from this real old-world village.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden; G. Dent, Harlow Common.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Ely Association and Suffolk Guild will be held at Newmarket on Thursday, June 15th. Bells, All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. All ringers welcome.—R. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Suffolk Guild.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held jointly with Bolton Branch at Walkden on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open for ringing at 2 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. For tea arrangements see Bolton Branch notice below. The next special practice will be held at Miles Platting Tuesday, June 13th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Bolton and Manchester Branches will be held at Walkden on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. Names for teas to Mr. John Potter, 73, Manchester Road, Walkden, not later than Thursday, 15th. The Bolton meeting has been transferred from Blackrod, per calendar.—Peter Crook and Donald Brown, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual (jubilee) meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 17th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 till 3.45, also after the meeting. St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 4, with an address by the Very Rev. Dean Savage. Tea (1s. 3d.) in St. Mary's School at 5 (members 9d.). Please send word not later than Tuesday, June 13th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free), followed by business meeting after service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, June 13th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 17th, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thames Street, E.C. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good muster is expected. Visitors welcome.—J. G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, at the Anchor Hotel. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 14th. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kinver on Saturday, June 17th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. A. Cooper-Slipper. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Monday, June 12th, please.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 17th (not the 24th, as originally fixed). Usual arrangements. Please let me have numbers for tea by June 14th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, June 17th. Bells at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bere Regis on Saturday, June 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea to follow. Permission has been given to visit the gardens, etc. The bells of Hilton, Milton Abbey, Puddletown and Wool also available.—C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell (eight bells), on Saturday, June 17th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify in good time. All ringing visitors welcome. A good attendance desired.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Owing to limited catering, those requiring tea please notify me by 15th inst.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

MIDLAND COUNTRIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The 2nd quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (8) on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify the undersigned not later than Thursday previous. A good attendance is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury and Devizes Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Amesbury on Saturday, June 17th, ringing commencing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome. The following bells will also be available for ringing: Woodford, Shrewton, Durnford, Upavon and St. Martin's, Salisbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 14th. Book the date and please come.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne District.—Meeting at Hexham on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnly Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, June 12th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—The eighth annual meeting will be held at Davenport (eight bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Davenport, Northants.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be held on Saturday, June 17th, at Arley, near Nuneaton (instead of Solihull as previously arranged). Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea provided. Frequent bus service from Nuneaton (Broad Street).—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All are welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Nominations are to be in at this meeting for secretary and committee-men.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—A combined meeting will be held at Scale on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Bruce, at Marazion. All who require tea please notify by Wednesday, June 21st.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 9d. per head to those who notify Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by the 21st. A service will be held at 7.30, to which the Vicar gives a cordial invitation to all ringers and friends.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore, June 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Please advise me by June 21st certain for tea requirements, charge 1s.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Short service 6 p.m. Please notify Mr. A. J. Abrams, East Park Street, Chatteris, for tea. I would appeal to all district ringers to make a special effort to attend. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

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The Western District meeting of the Herts County Association, held at Hemel Hempstead on May 13th, was unanimously voted the 'best ever' for that district. From the first touch to the last, the 'striking' was above the average for meetings. Members and friends 'rolled up' in such good numbers that Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, London, and, after tea, even Spliced Surprise were attempted. Everyone had the opportunity of ringing, no matter what their standard of attainment, the Surprise people being very eager to assist those of lesser capabilities.

The usual service was held in this grand Norman church, kindly taken by the Vicar, who gave a warm welcome to all.

The company was provided with tea in St. Mary's Hall, at the kind invitation of the Vicar. Postcards and penny stamps must be difficult to obtain in some places, for the caterers were a very worried look when they found the numbers so much increased. However, all survived, and there were four cakes left!

Following tea, the Vicar again extended a hearty welcome to all. In the course of his remarks he mentioned the sad loss which he, personally, and the ringers generally had sustained in the death of the Rev. Hollis, followed by the tragedy of the widow's death ten days later.

Turning to the brighter side, he emphasised Mr. H. Golding's 50 years' work as a ringer at the Parish Church.

The business meeting followed, when two 'young' probationers were elected, and Flamstead chosen as the place for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness in every way, and to those who had helped to make the meeting such a success. The Secretary personally thanked the visitors for their attendance.

A message of sympathy and of hopes for a speedy recovery was sent to Mr. A. Day (Harpenden), who was in the West Herts Hospital for an operation. This concluded the meeting, a little handbell ringing being then indulged in.

Ringers attended from Berkhamstead, Hitchin, Luton, Harpenden, Tring, Linlade, Redbourn, Waltham Abbey, Abbots Langley, Hemel Hempstead, Leverstock Green, Bushey, St. Albans, Watford, Beaconsfield and Apsley End.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On June 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Turner (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Saunders (first on a bob bell) 2, B. Wittering 3, F. Turner 4, W. Lawrence (conductor) 5, W. Bradford 6.

BOLTON.—For special service at St. George's Church, on Sunday, May 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Owen 1, W. Rushton 2, C. Brown 3, E. Ford (conductor) 4, H. Rushton 5, P. Crook, jun., 6, P. Crook 7, W. R. Mosley 8.

GORSEINON.—On May 28th, at St. Catherine's, Gorseinon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by: G. Howell 1, A. W. Dobbins 2, Haydn Dobbins 3, R. Baird 4, J. Hanson 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8. Rung on the 20th anniversary of the dedication of this church.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday, May 28th, before evening service, at St. Helen's Church, 1,265 Stedman Caters: F. Barrett 1, Miss M. Reynolds 2, H. J. Balmbe (conductor) 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, F. E. May 5, W. F. Judge 6, A. E. Lock 7, G. Caudwell 8, J. S. Napper 9, R. G. Rice 10.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: I. Auger 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Newton 3, R. Blaby 4, F. G. Biggs 5, A. G. Jones 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, Jos. Evans 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John's, on Sunday, May 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 52 mins.: C. A. Over 1, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, R. W. Darvill 3, W. H. Coles 4, W. H. Gutteridge 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, F. G. Baldwin 7, W. Honor 8, H. A. Folkard 9, F. T. Smith 10.

EXETER.—For evening service, at Sowton Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) by the following member: J. Totterdell 1, W. H. Howe 2, A. G. Betts 3, A. G. Gooding 4, W. Seddon 5, A. Tapley 6, W. Reeks (conductor) 7, A. Holway 8. Rung for the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, the Rev. W. H. A. Cullin.

UFFORD.—For evensong, on St. George's Day, and in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. F. Woodruffe (the ringer of the 5th), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Woodward 1, C. Fisher 2, F. Nichols 3, J. Langstroth 4, F. Woodruffe 5, G. Blake 6, J. Trotman (conductor) 7, G. Warner 8. Mr. F. Woodruffe and the ringers of the 1st, 6th, 7th and 8th belong to the Woodbridge band, who wish to thank the Rev. H. Drake for granting permission to ring the quarter, Woodbridge bells being now dismantled. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 1st and 8th, and first as conductor.

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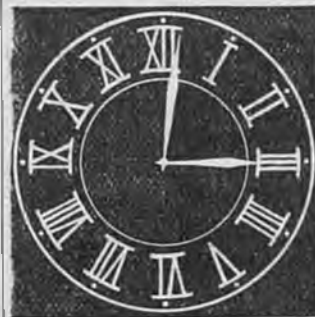
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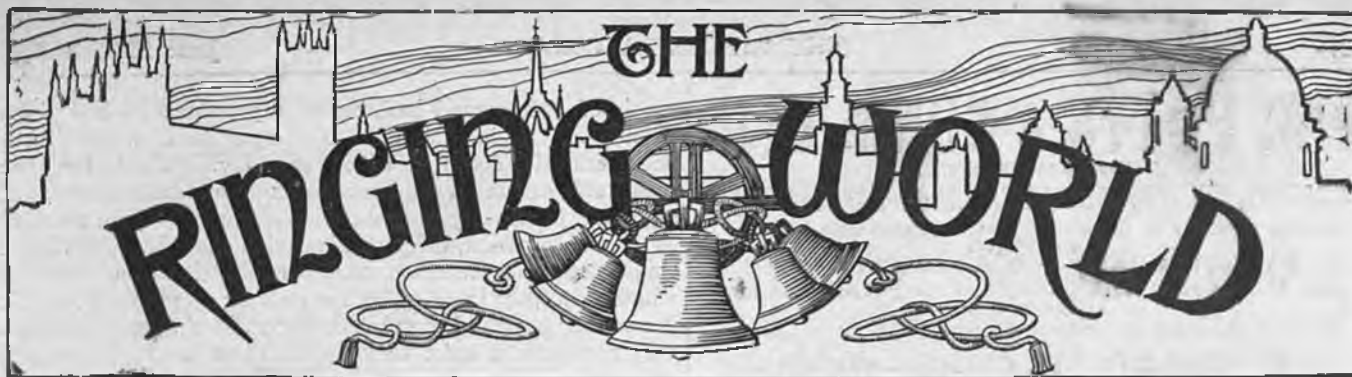
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Those who have had a long experience of the Central Council must have felt at last week's meeting the growing importance of this body to the Exercise. Steadily through recent years there has been an increasing recognition of the valuable part which the Council, rightly guided, can play in welding together the many ringing organisations throughout the country and in influencing the development of the art. All who have at heart the best interests of change ringing realise it; the associations realise it, and it was reflected in the attendance at the London meeting, which was the most representative on record. It was a newly elected Council; there were many fresh faces, and it was an encouraging sign that many of the new members were young men—men who will, we believe, come into its counsels with new ideas and new energies. There is plenty of wise experience among the old members, but the leavening of young men should have excellent effects in the future.

There have been occasions in the past when, looking back on a meeting of the Central Council, it was difficult to point to any substantial achievement; it was different last week when, despite the deadlock which was reached on the Minor question—brought about by the existence of a rule that required a two-thirds majority on this matter—there was a good deal to show as the result of the meeting, largely as the result of the work of the Committees throughout the year. Even the debate on the peals of Minor and Doubles was not entirely wasted, for it led to a ventilation of views which may at least clear the air for a settlement of a very vexed question. On the face of the voting, it was obvious that the bulk of the Council desire to revert to the old status of a peal of Minor, but in view of the fact that the necessary two-thirds majority was not obtained the position remains where it stood on the passing of the Hereford resolutions in 1928.

We shall have the opportunity of discussing this and other matters arising at the meeting at a later date, and would only add now the opinion that the London meeting must be included among the distinct successes of the Council. Under the able presidency of Mr. E. H. Lewis, backed by the excellent organisation of the hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, the large volume of business was expeditiously disposed of, albeit the debates ran the sitting into one of record length. But for the businesslike way in which it had been arranged, and the lengthy consideration which the Standing Committee—by meeting, for the first time we believe, on the preceding evening as well as on the morning of the Council meeting, so that
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much of the ground had been fully prepared—had given to affairs, it is doubtful if the agenda would have been entirely disposed of in one day. Then, too, the social side of the arrangements was distinctly in advance of anything previously attempted in London. This was due to the co-operation, through a special committee, of all the ringing societies in and around London. It was a departure which was fully justified by the success attending it, and it is not too much to hope that this or some similar committee may continue to exist to keep all these metropolitan and sub-metropolitan organisations in fraternal touch with one another. If that alone happens, the 1933 Council meeting will not have been in vain.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Whit Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

*GEORGE BUTLER Treble	*NORMAN G. LEECH 6
WILLIAM FISHER 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 7
†ERIC E. SPEAKE 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 8
‡JOHN WARRILOW 4	HARRY BOSWELL 9
W. HAROLD JONES 5	GEORGE LANGLEY Tenor

Composed by H. COOPER. Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.
 * First peal on ten. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters away from tenor. First attempt on ten as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss R. M. Horton (daughter of Mr. B. Horton) and Mr. E. A. Carter, of Darlaston, who were married at St. Lawrence's Church, Darlaston, on June 3rd.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS Treble	*GEORGE HINTON 6
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	FRED HAWKES 8
THOMAS W. LEWIS 4	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 9
WILLIAM LEWIS 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
 *50th peal.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	E. LEONARD TAYLOR 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	MAURICE SMITHER 8
EDWIN H. LEWIS 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 9
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 5	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING
 Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Wincanton, and Miss Aileen M. Burns.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	WALTER WALLACE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	ARTHUR BRAINES 8
CHARLES J. DICKEN 4	EDWIN H. STONELEY 9
CHARLES DRAPER 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.
 Rung after the induction of the Rev. Canon Heginbotham to the living of St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

M. SWINFELD'S ODD BOB TEN-PART, No. 1.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
MAURICE SWINFELD 1	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time and is the first odd bob ten-part. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. H. Swinfeld.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, June 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

WALTER SCOTT, SEN. 1	ALBERT D. CALLAWAY 5
EDWARD THOMAS DRAKE 2	SIDNEY MOODY 6
WALTER J. SCOTT 3	WILLIAM UPTON 7
FRANK S. TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM UPTON.

Rung in honour of the birthdays of their Majesties Queen Mary and King George. Special thanks are due to Edward Drake, of Carisbrooke, who obliged, with no previous notice, owing to the indisposition of one member.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE 1	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
*ALBERT HARTLAND 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 6
*WILLIAM HALFORD 3	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN J. MAWBY 1	FREDERICK R. PALMER 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 2	ARTHUR BIGLEY 6
AMOS SMART 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 4	JAMES T. WARD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR BIGLEY.

Great credit is due to the conductor, this being his first attempt to call a peal. Arranged for H. J. Balcombe, of Harwell, Berks, and to celebrate the King's birthday.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

STANLEY W. COPLING 1	JAMES SPALDING 5
*CHARLES BAILEY 2	FREDERICK A. FINCH 6
*MISS VIOLET BECKETT 3	EDWIN R. GOATE 7
GODFREY WALPOLE 4	CHARLES F. SAYER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday. First peal in the method on the bells. All the band are regular ringers at this tower.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY TAYLOR 1	F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 5
ALEC RICHARDSON 2	REG. E. LAMBERT 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 7
WILLIAM COLLISON 4	STAFFORD GREEN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by STAFFORD GREEN.

* First Surprise peal. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. First peal on the bells since restoration.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter, Woolton,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

T. LEE 1	H. GRACE 5
*G. HESKETH 2	C. I. DAVIES 6
T. HESKETH 3	E. L. HUMPHRIS 7
P. GRINDEY 4	J. GARDNER Tenor

Conducted by E. L. HUMPHRIS.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

PERCY L. JOHNSON 1	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 5
WILLIAM WATHEN 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
WILLIAM C. ROMSEY 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	SHELFORD SPARROW Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung in honour of King George's birthday. The tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle' in this tower. First peal in the method as conductor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 4, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING 1	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 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 C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

This was the conductor's 100th Surprise peal, in 20 different methods.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

PERCY L. JOHNSON 1	ALBERT G. HARRISON 5
SHELFORD SPARROW 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mildred,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 1	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	GEORGE KING 6
ERNEST J. LADD 3	WILLIAM H. HOAD 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

SEDGLEY, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Whit Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE A. BAKER Treble	WALTER GRINSELL 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 2	JOHN WARRILLOW 6
W. HAROLD JONES 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 4	NORMAN C. LEECH Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

Rung for the Whitsun festival.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ALAN W. CASSON Treble	GORDAN WHITAM 5
*STANLEY RICHARDSON ... 2	NICHOLAS NEWBY 6
GEORGE E. BRAITHEWAITE ... 3	WILLIAM LANGHORNE 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	JAMES E. BROWN Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal of Major. The ringers of the 2nd and tenor belong to Whitehaven. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 7th.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*W. H. KING Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY 6
MISS G. BURCHNALL 3	HENRY HARRISON 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Mr. Alfred Barratt's silver wedding. This composition is now rung for the first time.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD 2	*WALTER D. JOLLEY 6
GEORGE GILBERT 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
EDWARD S. T. FARR 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

DEPTFORD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLY'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	EDMUND MOUNTER 5
CHARLES H. WALKER 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	CHARLES DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by H. WARNETT, SEN.

Specially arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon, who was in London in connection with the Central Council. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Williams, the local towerkeeper, for having everything in order and ready at short notice.

GREAT CHISHALL, CAMBS.—On Saturday, June 3rd, at the Church of St. Swithun, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Flack 1, R. Howard (conductor) 2, C. Plumb, sen., 3, J. Waller 4, A. Reed 5. First quarter-peal by the ringers of treble and 4th. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

WORCESTER VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	THOMAS JONES 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	NORMAN HEAPS 6
EDWARD F. MAWBY 3	CHARLES OLLIER 7
WILLIAM BRAMMER 4	BENJAMIN THORP Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

B. Thorp's 100th peal for Lancs Association. First spliced peal by all except the 5th ringer.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 8, 1933, in Three Hours,

At Brookfield Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD F. MAWBY Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY 5
NORMAN HEAPS 2	DONALD BROWN 6
THOMAS JONES 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
WILLIAM BRAMMER 4	JOSEPH REED Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BEER Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JAMES PATERSON Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
JAMES TOPP 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

WOOBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Paul.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

GEORGE MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
FRANK BUCKLAND 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
*JOSEPH YOUNG 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
JESSE HARRISON 4	JAMES P. HINTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HENLEY.

* First peal and hails from Great Marlow. A peal of welcome to the son and heir of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Mayne, of Harrow, born on the 3rd inst.

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LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
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On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark, Dalston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST W. PYE Treble	GEORGE B. COLLINS 5
HERBERT J. ELDRED 2	JOHN G. NASH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung for the wedding of Albert S. Crouch, a member of the St. Mark's Ringing Guild, to Miss Kathleen Colley, which took place prior to the peal.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' THREE-PART, No. 39.

Tenor 17 cwt.

TOMAS CLARK Treble	*CHARLES BARKER 5
JAMES T. TITT 2	J. WILFRED DUMVILLE 6
W. NORMAN PARK 3	ROLAND PARK 7
GEORGE W. PARK 4	LUCIAN VENUS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Venus on the occasion of the celebration of their silver wedding.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ROBERT W. CROFT Treble	SYDNEY J. HAW 4
J. CECIL FRANCIS 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
R. FREDERICK CRAFTS 3	*RUFUS WELBOURNE Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal. First 720 of Cambridge Surprise by all except the conductor. All are regular Sunday ringers at the church excepting Mr. Warrington, who comes from Over.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Durham, York, London, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM NEAL Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
*JOHN J. JUTSON 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	JOSEPH O. LANDRON Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First Surprise method peal. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

GREAT BROMLEY.

On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER SOUTHGATE Treble	ERNEST DURRANT 4
URBAN WILDNEY 2	HORACE A. WRIGHT 5
JOSEPH BOWELL 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

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On Whit Monday, June 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in the following methods: (1) Braintree; (2) Charlwood and Wragby; (3) St. Albans and Neasden; (4) College Exercise and Ockley; (5) Norbury and Duke of Norfolk; (6) Capel and Kingston; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Sandal.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. MAJOR Treble	H. CHANT 4
J. T. WHITE 2	A. PANTHER 5
M. PERRY 3	D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

First peal of this length in 14 methods by all the band, also first peal in 14 methods on the bells. Rung as a compliment to W. Tibble, one of the local company, who was married on Saturday, June 3rd.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE CRAYSON Treble	JOHN MACLEAN 4
THOMAS W. VAREY 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 5
ALAN W. CARSON 3	EDWIN JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by G. E. BRAITHWAITE.

First peal in three Minor methods for the branch and by all the band except the tenor ringer.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, June 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST YORKE Treble	†JOSEPH E. TAYLOR 4
JOSEPH H. BRADLE 2	*WILLIAM H. BUCKLER 5
†THOMAS W. THORPE 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in three methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung to mark the 22nd anniversary of the dedication of the bells. The ringer of the 2nd has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk, London, Wells, York, Durham, Norwich and Cambridge.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KERBLE Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOTT 4
CHARLES W. BURTON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 5
AMBROSE MASON 3	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KERBLE.

First Surprise peal in seven methods on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at this church. Rung to celebrate the marriage between Miss D. Turner and Mr. Vernon Wentworth, which took place on the same date at the Savoy Chapel, London.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) London and Wells; (2) Beverley and Surfleet; (3) York and Durham; (4) Cambridge; (5) Carlisle; (6) Ipswich; (7) Primrose.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
JOHN J. JUTSON 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in ten Surprise methods rung for the Guild, and first by all except the conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

AN OXFORDSHIRE RESTORATION.

SWALCLIFFE'S BELLS DEDICATED.

In the northern part of Oxfordshire, some six miles from Banbury on the one side and Edgehill on the other, lies the ancient and extensive parish of Swalcliffe. At the foot of a hill an important British village is reputed to have flourished, and coins and other relics are often found here. William of Wykeham, great architect and Bishop of Winchester, was presented to the living of Swalcliffe at the time when he was Archdeacon of Lincoln, and, after purchasing the advowson, he gave it with land which he had acquired to his new foundation, New College, Oxford.

The fine church stands on high ground and shows evidence of many periods from Norman times onwards, with a perpendicular tower at the west end.

The bells are a ring of six, with a tenor weighing 13½ cwt. in the key of F. The treble was cast in 1720, and all the remaining ones in 1685 by the Bagleys of Chacombe. On No. 2 is the quaint inscription:—

'Free and half founder Richard Wykeham Esquire
To help my Swalcliffe Tower doth me desire.' 1685.

On Whit Sunday, three years ago, the bells ceased to ring, as the Jacobean oak bell-frame was in a state which rendered ringing unsafe. A year ago, the Vicar (the Rev. A. Foreman Cox) and the parishioners started a 'big drive' for the funds necessary for the restoration of the bells, and Thursday, June 1st, saw a happy and successful conclusion, when the rehung bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

The Bishop had to travel back specially from London, where he was in attendance at Convocation, and in order to suit his lordship's movements the changes were rung on the events for the day. The dedication service was postponed until 4 p.m., and the fete in the charming Vicarage grounds was put forward to 3 p.m., when Col. Norris, late of Swalcliffe Hall and a descendant of the family with a long connection with the village, opened the fete at the invitation of the Vicar.

The service, which took the usual form, was well attended. Among clergy present, in addition to the Vicar, were the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley (chairman of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. H. J. Riddesdell (Rural Dean), the Rev. A. J. S. Hart (Wiggington), the Rev. G. W. Dymond (Grimsbury St. Leonard's), the Rev. R. W. Sharpley (Cropredy), the Rev. W. M. Grogan (Sibford Gower), the Rev. H. Y. Necker (St. Peter's, Bishop Auckland) and others. Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon, were also present.

After the act of dedication, the bells were heard in peal for the first time, being rung in rounds by the local band. The Bishop, in his address, took for the text a verse from I. Corinthians, 14: 'For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?'

At the conclusion of the service several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung, after which an adjournment was made to the Vicarage grounds, where the fete was in progress, and where tea was served in the open, the day being warm and sunny.

The bells have been tuned, one-eighth turned, furnished with new fittings throughout and hung on ball bearings in a cast iron H frame. All those present agreed that the work carried out by the bell-founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, leaves nothing to be desired, the 'go' being perfect and the tone, after tuning, extraordinarily fine. The sanctus bell has been removed from the tower and placed in the bell turret over the chancel roof.

Some of the bellry wood work has been carried out by local craftsmen, including the fitting of a new oak door at the bottom of the bellry steps. Much of this work has been voluntary.

Later in the afternoon, while some of the ringers exercised their skill at the various attractions offered by the fete, a band rang the first 720 Bob Minor on the rehung bells, which was in all probability the first 720 Bob Minor ever rung in the tower. This excellently struck touch was rung by the following: L. J. Malings 1, E. Pearson 2, C. F. Johnston 3, H. Impey 4, E. Sibley 5, W. A. Stote (conductor) 6.

It is a source of pleasure to learn that the collection in church at the dedication service, together with the profit from the fete, have brought the restoration fund to a sufficient total to pay for all the work, which has been so excellently carried out.

A pathetic reminder of the recent loss of the Master of the Diocesan Guild was brought home to some who realised that the dedication day had been specially fixed to suit the Bishop and the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, who had taken an active interest in the restoration of the bells.

BARNBY-ON-DON RINGER'S DEATH.

On Tuesday, June 6th, 720 of Oxford and 360 of Violet Treble Bob Minor were rung at Barnby-on-Don, Yorks, with the clappers half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Fred Cooke, for many years a regular service ringer at this church, and who was interred in Barnby-on-Don Churchyard on the previous Sunday: A. Phillipson 1, A. Coates 2, J. Thorley 3, J. Howsham 4, J. F. Mallaby (conductor) 5, C. Thorley 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The 54th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held on Whit Monday at Chelmsford, where there was a large gathering of members from all parts of the county and beyond.

Service was held at the Cathedral, at which the Sub-Dean (Canon Morrow) officiated and the Master of the association (Mr. C. H. Howard) read the lesson. The ringers' form of service was used. The address was given by the Rev. C. W. Alington, M.A., Vicar of Great Waltham, who took for his text, 'Ye shall be my witnesses.' The preacher referred to the church work performed by the ringers, and said as such they were successors to the Apostles.

A collection for the bell restoration fund in the county amounted to £1 10s. 3d.

Luncheon followed at the Golden Pheasant Hotel, after which the annual meeting was held. The Master, who presided, announced that Mr. F. J. Pistow, the secretary and treasurer, was prevented from attending by an engagement he felt compelled to keep, and that in his absence Mr. E. J. Butler, Romford, would carry out the secretarial duties.

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master presented his report, which recorded a successful and encouraging year's work. The association had recovered from the slight reduction in numbers announced last year and now had a membership of 1,216, and an increase of 67, which exceeded all previous figures. Danbury, Belcham Walter, Great Holland, Fobbing and Stanford-le-Hope towers had become affiliated and Chigwell had withdrawn, making a total of 109 towers in union with the association. The district meetings had had an average attendance of about 50. These frequent meetings cultivated and fostered a real comradeship amongst the members, and at the same time there was a growing spirit of fellowship which was an undoubted essential if their position was to be maintained at the high standard of ringing, which was further reflected in the increased number and quality of peals rung—119, which exceeded all previous records. One hundred and ten were rung on tower bells and nine on handbells. The peals were rung in 48 towers and the conducting was shared by 43 members.

The year's record of peal ringing, added the report, was an accomplishment of which they might justly be proud, and, by the large number of members who took part in this achievement, it was evident that peal ringing was not confined to a select few, but, on the contrary, indicated that every assistance was afforded to the younger and less experienced who wished to avail themselves of the opportunity by this means of becoming more efficient in the art.

After referring to the numerous losses sustained by the association through death, the report went on to speak of the bellry improvements at Manuden, Witham, Thorington and High Ongar. At Dagenham the ring of six is to be rehung and the frame strengthened and some of the bells recast. A new treble is contemplated at Danbury to make a ring of six, and at Kelvedon it is proposed to add two trebles to the heavy and musical ring of six. When this improvement is carried into effect, Kelvedon will possess one of the most melodious rings of eight in the country.

The financial statement compared favourably with the one presented last year. The total income was £69 15s. 7d., against £77 12s. 1d. The difference was accounted for by the decrease in honorary and ringing members' subscriptions and the abolition of peal booking fees. On the other hand, expenses were considerably less, being £50 7s. 11d., against £60 18s. 5d., enabling £10 to be placed to the reserve Post Office deposit account and a balance of £30 1s. 7d. carried forward. Grants from the Bell Restoration Fund had been made of £5 5s. to St. George's, Woodford Green, £1 1s. to Manuden and £3 3s. to Thorington, leaving a balance in hand on this fund of £35 18s. 2d., against £33 12s. 7d. in the preceding year. The total worth of the association as shown in the statement of accounts was now £233 10s. 11d., against £213 15s. 1d. for 1931, which must be considered very satisfactory in these difficult times.

For another successful year's work the association was indebted to the general secretary and treasurer, the District Masters and secretaries, all of whom in appreciation of their services had been re-elected, the auditors and general committees and representatives upon the Central Council and the tower correspondents for their assistance in the arrangements of meetings, to all of whom, on behalf of the members, the Master tendered grateful thanks.

On the proposition of Mr. C. Tenn, seconded by Mr. W. Pyc, the report and balance sheet were adopted.

PROPOSED AUGMENTATION OF KELVEDON BELLS.

Mr. Butler presented the report of the General Committee, which recommended that one guinea be sent to the Rev. H. Law James Memorial Fund and that five guineas be given to the proposal to add two bells to the ring of six at Kelvedon. The Master announced that the Elliott family were prepared to give the treble bell, and it would encourage the local authority if the association subscribed towards the other bell. It would be a compliment to the Kelvedon band and also to Mr. Keeble, who regularly rang there and was keenly interested in the proposal. Kelvedon had the heaviest ring of six bells in Essex, and with the augmentation to eight they would have one of the finest peals in the county.—The recommendations for the grants were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Butler took the chair for the election of Master. Only one proposition was made, that Mr. Howard be re-elected, and this was carried unanimously. Mr. Butler thereupon congratulated the Master, who resumed the chair. The Master said he appreciated the enthusiastic way he had been re-elected for the 25th time, and it would be a great pleasure to him to continue in office. All the officers and members were most loyal, and wherever he went he was encouraged by the way he was received and supported. He would do his very best to carry on the duties, and when the members felt there should be a change, he would willingly stand aside and support whoever was elected. Mr. Howard mentioned as a coincidence that this happened to be the 25th year also that he had been re-elected a member of the Braintree Urban Council.

Mr. Pitow was unanimously re-elected secretary and treasurer. The death of Mr. Thomas Faulkner, formerly on the General and Peal Committees, was reported with regret, and the members stood as a tribute to his memory. Mr. George Green was elected to the vacancy on the General Committee and Mr. F. Dunch to the vacancy on the Peal Committee.

SOLE SURVIVOR OF FOUNDERS.

The Master introduced Mr. Thomas Edwards, Braintree, as the sole survivor of the founder-members of the Essex Association, and said the members were very pleased to see him at the 54th annual meeting.—Mr. Edwards expressed his gratitude at being present, and delivered a reminiscent address on former Essex ringers.

Mr. F. Bennett, Brighton, was elected a life non-resident member of the association, and the following old members of the association were elected life members: Messrs. A. Tarbun (Widford), E. Scrivener (Dunmow) and I. Cavill (Harlow Common).

Mr. L. Wiffen, Braintree, said he wished to raise the question of 'The Ringing World.' Some ringers did not realise the importance of this paper to ringers. 'The Ringing World' catered well for ringers, and the paper had a very capable ringer as editor, and every ringer should support him, if not it might come about that the ringing associations would one day have to finance a ringing paper.

The Master said he quite supported the references to 'The Ringing World,' and every member should take the paper. It was well worth the 3d. charged for it, and if the circulation was increased the paper might be enlarged. In the Northern Division of Essex they had a roll call of those who took 'The Ringing World,' and fresh subscribers were announced at each meeting. He urged other districts to do likewise.

The proposal to change the title of the association to 'The Chelmsford Diocesan Guild' is reported under a separate heading.

During the day ringing took place in the following towers: Chelmsford Cathedral (12), Writtle, Widford, Galleywood, Great Baddow,

Great Waltham, Springfield, Broomfield and Boreham. The ringing included all the standard methods, from Minor to Maximus.

HIGH ONGAR IS ONE UP.

AUGMENTATION AT AN ESSEX TOWER.

For very many years the five bells at High Ongar, Essex, have hung forlorn and dejected; folks only knew they were there through the medium of a chiming apparatus. It has long been the wish of the Rector to remedy the defect, but in this truly rural parish the task seemed hopeless until a 'fairy godfather' turned up; then things began to move and continued to move until the Bishop of Barking, at a special service on Whit Sunday, put the final seal upon the work carried out.

The Bishop appreciated very much the attendance of so many ringers, and expressed that appreciation very feelingly. During the course of his address his Lordship publicly thanked the trustees of the Barron Bell Trust for their kindness in assisting the parish in so liberal a manner. He expressed his pleasure to know that the work of restoring the bells had been in such capable hands as that of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. He was sure that the work had been done well, and this was confirmed by the experts he had consulted after they had examined the completed work. The Bishop also gave some very helpful advice regarding the care and preservation of bells, and hoped they would look after and use to their utmost this grand gift.

As there has not been a resident band at High Ongar for years, the ringing arrangements were in the hands of Mr. E. J. Butler, of Romford, and he was ably assisted by Mr. C. Howard, the stalwart head of the Essex Association, the brothers Pyé, Messrs. W. Nevard, W. Keeble, F. Bennett, J. Davis and numerous others, including Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, who attended on behalf of the firm. The ringing undertaken was adapted to suit every type of ringer from the one whose hands still had to taste the pleasure of 'medals' to those who were members of the N.O.P.G. From everyone came sincere appreciation of the work of Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The workmanship is of a very high standard. The area of the tower is somewhat restricted, and although the bells are all on one level, there is a marked absence of crampedness. The design of the bell frame and the arrangement of the bells has been well thought out, demonstrating in no small manner the thoroughness of the Taylor organisation, and something to be proud of.

A new treble has been added to the old five and the old fourth has been recast. The sound bells have been tuned, forming a pleasing ring of six which will be an added joy to High Ongar. The framework is of well-dimensioned castings, mounted upon large sectioned girders, giving the impression that the job is made to stand for ever.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Beaconsfield bells were rung for 2 hours and 10 minutes in an attempt for a local peal of Cambridge Major on Saturday, June 3rd, and, by a coincidence, about the time of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayne, who did so much in their 'courtling' days to maintain service ringing in this tower.

At the time of their marriage, says a correspondent, 'splicing' was becoming popular in the Exercise—Oxford Diocesan Guild with Middlesex County Association. It will be interesting to know what the 'boy' will become.

Friends of Mr. J. C. Truss, of Marlow, will be glad to hear he was well enough to visit Wooburn on Saturday and hear one of his youngsters ring his 'first.'

Mr. Uriah Braven, of Bristol, desires to express his thanks for the messages of comfort and good wishes received during his illness.

Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. and Mrs. Francis S. Wilson wish to tender their sincere thanks and appreciation to Major J. H. B. Hesse and all those who took part in ringing the peal at Haslemere in honour of their marriage. The bride and bridegroom heard the peal throughout, and a very fine one it was.

PROGRESS AND FIRST PEALERS.

A WORD IN DEFENCE OF THE SIX-BELL MEN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leader of last week you made mention of the large number of peals of Minor rung in one method only, and also mentioned some of the causes, among them being lack of enterprise and initiative on the part of the six-bell bands. Now, sir, 40 years ago the Bankes James Cambridge Minor was not in existence, and there were not bands who had rung Maximus, Royal and Major (and who normally ignore the six-bell man and his tower), and must ring all one method in order that there should be a footnote to the effect, 'Has now rung peals of Cambridge on six, eight, ten and twelve bells' (N.O.P.G.s, please note). This has been the cause of an increase in one method Minor peals. Peals in less than seven methods on six bells have on many occasions had to be rung for the simple reason that certain eight-bell men have had to be in the peal, and although they ring London, Bristol, etc., on eight, the unfortunate six-bell conductor finds that the extent of their knowledge of methods on six bells does not go beyond Cambridge, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. This is a part of the other end of the scale. The six-bell towers have (in many cases) been the nursery which has produced a good many of to-day's eight-bell Surprise men, but they are too modest to say so. Other causes of one method Minor peals being rung can be found where bands have a 'bee in their bonnet' to head their peal 'Surprise Minor.'

Regarding 'first pealers,' I looked down the peal columns of your issue of last week and found: Triples and Major, 27 peals rung, first peals 3; Minor and Doubles, 15 peals rung, first peals 15. Need I say more?

GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

WHO WAS THE FOUNDER?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Replying to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter's query, 'Who was the founder?' I should say the initials 'R. B.' doubtless refer to the family of Brend, of Norwich. The name of Robert Brend, bell-founder, is recorded in St. Stephen's register, 1565.

As early as 1564 initials 'R. B. and I. B.' are found associated with bells at South Bergh, Norfolk and elsewhere. R. B. may be connected with Robert Brend, whose name is met with in 1577 in the register of All Saints, Norwich. A number of other members of this family use only initials on their bells, such as 'W. I. B.' (William and John), 'W. A. B.' (William and Alice), and occasionally they use the Bracy shield and Norwich arms with no inscription in addition.

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BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.

NEW OFFICERS.

The general meeting of Bristol United Guilds was held on Friday, June 9th. Mr. Uriah Braven, having recovered from his serious operation, presided.

It was agreed that a 'charabanc tour week' be arranged for 1934. (No tour will be arranged this year.)

Mr. Frank Skidmore was invested as chairman for the year, Mr. S. Riches was elected as vice-chairman and Mr. A. Blackwell as pro-vice-chairman. The hon. treasurer and hon. secretary were re-elected, as were the trustees and stewards, with the addition of Mrs. F. Skidmore.

A donation of 10s. 6d. was made to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial.

A cricket match, Bristol ringers versus Wrington ringers, will take place on July 15th. An urn, presented to the Guilds in 1930, is now held by Wrington ringers, last year's winners.

The hon. secretary was requested to write to the Lord Bishop of Bristol (who was enthroned that day) and extend a welcome from his church bellringers.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING.

We begin with this issue a full report of the proceedings of the 41st annual meeting of the Central Council held at Skinners' Hall, London, on Whitsun Tuesday.

The members present were:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: W. T. Cockerill, A. B. Peck and C. F. Winney.
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: H. W. Brown, J. T. Dyke and J. Hunt.
 Bedfordshire Association: A. King and A. E. Sharman.
 Cambridge University Guild: E. M. Atkins and E. H. Lewis.
 Chester Diocesan Guild: J. Norbury and T. Wilde.
 Devon Guild: T. Laver, E. W. Marsh and the Rev. E. S. Powell.
 Durham and Newcastle Association: W. H. Barber and W. J. Davidson.
 East Derbyshire and Notts Association: T. Clarke.
 Ely Diocesan Association: The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Miss K. Willers.
 Essex Association: E. J. Butler, C. H. Howard, W. J. Nevard and G. R. Pye.
 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: J. Austin, F. Guise and W. Rose.
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: G. L. Grover, A. C. Hazleden and A. H. Pulling.
 Hertford County Association: W. Ayre.
 Kent County Association: J. H. Cheesman, T. Groombridge, F. M. Mitchell and T. E. Sone.
 Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.
 Lancashire Association: The Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson.
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: G. Chester and the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry.
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: D. G. Clift and J. W. Jones.
 London County Association: A. D. Barker, F. E. Dawe and T. H. Taffender.
 Middlesex County Association: C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Hollier and W. Pickworth.
 Midland Counties Association: E. C. Gobey, J. H. Swinfield, E. Denison Taylor and W. E. White.
 Norwich Diocesan Association: A. L. Coleman and F. Nolan Golden.
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, R. T. Hibbert and A. E. Lock.
 Oxford Society: W. Collett.
 Oxford University Society: H. Miles.
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: H. Baxter, R. G. Black, T. Tebbitt and F. Wilford.
 Romney Marsh and District Guild: P. Page.
 St. Clement Youths: G. Cross.
 St. Martin's Guild: A. Paddon Smith.
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild: The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, S. Hillier, C. H. Jennings and F. W. Romaine.
 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: J. Parker and F. Smith.
 Sherwood Youths: A. Coppock.
 Stafford Archdeaconry Guild: T. J. Elton and H. Knight.
 Suffolk Guild: The Rev. H. Drake, C. J. Sedgley and S. H. Symonds.
 Surrey Association: D. Cooper and C. H. Kippin.
 Sussex County Association: J. T. Rickman.
 Warwickshire Guild: F. W. Perrens and J. H. W. White.
 Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: R. Barton, G. Pullinger, F. W. Rogers and G. Williams.
 Worcester and Districts Association: H. G. Bird, R. G. Knowles and J. D. Johnson.
 Yorkshire Association: J. Colterell, P. J. Johnson, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall and S. F. Palmer.
 Honorary members: W. A. Cave, C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, Major J. H. B. Hesse, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, A. Walker, S. H. Wood and E. Alex Young.
 The societies unrepresented were Barnsley and District Guild, Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, Dudley and District Guild, Hereford Diocesan Guild, Irish Association, North Notts Association, North Staffs Association, Scottish Association, Shropshire Association, Swansea and Brecon Guild, Truro Diocesan Guild.

A WELCOME.

The Worshipful Master of the Skinners' Company (Mr. R. D. Poland) welcomed the members at the outset of the proceedings. He said he understood the Council rang the changes from year to year, and chose on each occasion a fresh venue for their meeting. He only hoped that the setting they had chosen this year would be conducive to their deliberations. He most heartily welcomed them to Skinners' Hall.

The President (Mr. E. H. Lewis) thanked the Worshipful Master for his great kindness in allowing the Council the use of the hall and for coming there to welcome them. Change ringing, continued the President, was steeped in tradition. It went back nearly 300 years. They were very keen on everything that belonged to the past; on maintaining traditions, and, as far as they could, handing them on unswayed. For that reason they liked to go to some building that had tradition and that reminded them of a glorious past and encouraged them to hand on their traditions to the future as the Skinners' Company were handing on theirs (applause).

REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES.

Canon Coleridge then opened the business meeting with prayer, after which the hon. secretary reported that the present Council was composed of 128 members, representing 51 associations, and 12 honorary members—total 140. The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild had increased its representation from two to four members, and the Truro Diocesan Guild, which last year increased its representation to four members, had this year reverted to one. The figures which he had given, said Mr. Fletcher, did not include the North Wales Association, which had not so far paid the subscription for the year. All other subscriptions had been paid.

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED.

Canon Coleridge proposed the re-election of Mr. E. H. Lewis as president of the Council for the ensuing three years. The Council had been very much blessed during the last three years, he said, in having Mr. Lewis at its head. He referred to Mr. Lewis' valuable service in giving technical advice in connection with bell restorations, and to the admirable manner in which he had conducted the business of the Council. They had in their president not a mere figurehead, but a man who knew everything that ought to be known about the Exercise and those who formed the Exercise (applause).

Mr. Lewis' re-election was agreed to with acclamation, and, in acknowledging the Council's cordial reception of the motion, the President said he sometimes felt he did not serve them quite as he should, partly because of other calls upon his time, but as far as he was able he would do his best during the next three years. At the same time, he thanked the Council for their co-operation, because unless they all co-operated and worked together, the Council would not function.

The President went on to propose the re-election of Mr. G. W. Fletcher as hon. secretary and treasurer. They had, he said, been extremely well served since Mr. Fletcher took up the duties, and the results of his efficiency would become even more noticeable as time went on and Mr. Fletcher picked up more of the threads. He (the president) possibly saw more of what went on behind the scenes than most of the members, and he could say that the work which Mr. Fletcher put in was colossal and the excellence of that work was very noticeable.—Mr. W. T. Cockerill seconded the motion, which was carried with applause.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN'S SUCCESSOR.

The President said they had to elect an honorary librarian in the place of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. The Standing Committee had given a great deal of thought to the question, and recommended the name of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who was willing to accept the position. He did not think the Council could do better than elect him. He was, from the Council's point of view, fortunately placed in the country, with a residence large enough to house their literature.

The election was approved with applause.

THE HONORARY MEMBERS.

The election of honorary members was the next business. Those retiring were Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. A. Young.

The President said they had lost by death Mr. H. W. Wilde, and Mr. E. W. Elwell had resigned, owing to having accepted an appointment in America. There was one other place left vacant. The Standing Committee recommended the election of the seven retiring members and also recommended the election of Mr. C. Dean, who was a very useful member of the Analysis Committee, and who was now no longer a representative of the Surrey Association. The committee would like to retain his services.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed the re-election of the seven retiring members and the election of Mr. C. Dean.—Mr. C. T. Coles seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. James Hunt proposed that the name of Mr. James George be added to the list. Mr. Hunt said he presumed Mr. George was not re-elected last year because of his unfortunate connection with the tablet recording the false peal at Painswick. He understood Mr. George had nothing whatever to do with the tablet and that it was put up against his wish.—The Rev. H. Drake seconded.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley proposed Mr. C. W. Roberts as an honorary member. Mr. Roberts was a young man of great experience in composition, and, if elected, would be a very useful member of the Council.—Mr. H. Knight seconded.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake proposed the name of Mr. W. H. J. Heaton, who, he said, was, as most of them knew, a young and very

enthusiastic ringer and fine conductor, and a keen worker in everything connected with the Exercise.—Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded.

The President asked the Council to vote on whether they desired to keep open one place among the hon. members in case of emergency. This was agreed to *non con*.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards supported the election of Mr. George, who, he said, had taken very much to heart the fact that he was not re-elected last year. He was a great ringer and, in his 80th year, not only rang a peal about once a week, but spent a large part of his time in training beginners. It would be an unworthy act on the part of the Council to allow his declining days to be clouded by the sorrow of his severance from the Council. In 20 years' time, if events were reviewed by an impartial critic, it would stand as a black mark against the history of the Council if they allowed such a cloud to fall over the life of such a remarkable ringer. On more than one occasion he had heard from Mr. George's lips that he protested against any tablet being put up to that ill-starred peal.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett also supported Mr. George's election. Mr. George greatly regretted the Painswick incident, and to him exclusion from the Council had been a great sorrow. He (the speaker) urged that Mr. George should be restored to the position he greatly prized.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked if the qualification for honorary membership of the Council was to be a man's individual ringing performances? What they ought to keep in mind was the service which a man could render to the Exercise as an honorary member. In the natural course of things it was inevitable that they must all get older, but if they were to adopt the principle that a man, once elected, had an inalienable right to being an honorary member, he did not know where some of the youngsters were going to be—it did not give them much of a chance.

Mr. C. T. Coles said he was sorry to contradict what had been said about Mr. George protesting against the Painswick tablet. He (Mr. Coles) had had it from Mr. George himself and from members of the Painswick band that he wished the peal board to be placed there. There was only one thing that would cause him to support Mr. George's election, and that was if he could really believe he regretted his action. Personally, he could not help feeling rather doubtful about it. Honorary members of the Council, said Mr. Coles, were elected, not for the number of peals they had rung, but for the services they had or could render to the Exercise. During his previous term of office Mr. George did nothing for the Council. He (Mr. Coles) was sorry to have to speak like this, but it required somebody to make a protest.

Canon Elsee said whether Mr. George had done any great service to the Council as such, or not, he had done a good deal of service to the cause of ringing, not merely by his own prowess as a bellringer, but in training and encouraging young ringers. He would be glad if the Council saw fit to re-elect him as an hon. member.

The three names were submitted to ballot, and the President, later, announced the result as follows: Mr. Roberts 40 votes, Mr. George 30, Mr. Hooton 26. Mr. Roberts was, therefore, declared elected.

While the votes were being counted, new members of the Council were presented to the President, who afterwards extended congratulations to Mr. W. Stacey, an old member, upon having been made a Justice of the Peace. He also congratulated Canon Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, upon having recently been made a canon, and Mr. Stephen Wood, one of their members, who recently got married (applause). To those three the Council offered their congratulations and best wishes.

THE DEATH OF THE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

The President next mentioned the losses sustained by the Council through death. Most of all, he said, they missed the cheery face of their late honorary librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. He need not go into his life story—that had been published, but Mr. Jenkyn was a member of the Council from 1906. He was present at 24 meetings and only missed one when he was serving his country in France. He had been honorary librarian since the post was inaugurated in 1913; a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee since 1922, a member of the Standing Committee and a member of the Stedman Commemoration Committee; he also acted as treasurer of that fund. They missed Mr. Jenkyn in many ways. He was not only a 'ringing parson,' but they might call him a 'ringers' parson' (hear, hear). He regarded ringers as his parish and really did pastoral work among the ringers, particularly in his own diocese, and for upwards of 20 years his influence in that direction was very great indeed. One thing that struck them most about his ringing, and it was the one point they might dwell upon and keep fresh in their memory, was that whatever ringing he undertook it must be of the best. Mr. Jenkyn was a great lover of Stedman on all numbers. He liked twelve-bell ringing, but he was equally happy raising and falling five bells in peal, or even ringing call changes, provided that raising and falling, or ringing of call changes, was the best possible of its kind. That, said the President, was an ideal which they should all keep before them and try and keep his memory green in that respect. Mr. Jenkyn was a keen change ringer, but he was more keen on good ringing than he was on change ringing. In other words, he preferred well-struck rounds or call changes to bad change ringing. That was an example for them all to follow, while at the same time they all hoped to ring changes and ring them as well as they rang call

changes. That was just one side of Mr. Jenkyn's life which he (the president) thought worthy of mention, especially as that side of ringing had been before them in recent years. They could only rejoice in the way Mr. Jenkyn left them. It was exactly the thing he would have wished. For themselves they were sorry; they could not be sorry for him. They would find it very difficult to fill the various gaps he had left.

OTHER LOSSES.

Continuing, the President said they had also lost Mr. E. Barnett, of the Kent County Association, who had been a member of the Council since 1903. He had been present at 26 meetings and absent from only two. Mr. Barnett was not a leader in debate; in fact, his voice was seldom publicly heard at Council meetings, but for all that he did very good work on the Council, because it was not only at the formal meetings that the work of the Council was done. A great deal of good accrued from informal discussions which took place before and after the formal meetings. Mr. Barnett took his share in that side of the work, and he took back to his adopted county of Kent a good influence which had possibly been strengthened by contact with members at their Council meetings. He had a wonderful influence in his particular sphere; he was keen on good striking and on method ringing provided good striking was maintained with it.

They had lost Mr. H. W. Wilde, a member since 1912, who had been present at 12 meetings and absent from seven. Being an honorary member, he didn't always find it easy to travel to the more distant meetings. He had been a member of the Peal Collection Committee, and was convener of the Variations Committee at the time of his death. He had done a great deal of quiet work on the question of composition of all sorts of methods. He was extremely careful, and he (the president) did not think he ever knew Mr. Wilde publish a composition which was afterwards found out to be false.

Mr. Thomas Faulkner, whose death they also regretted, represented the Ancient Society of College Youths since 1912. He was present at 14 meetings and absent from only five. He, again, did much good work as a member of the Council.

They had also lost Mr. Frank Hopgood, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, a member of the Council since 1900, who had been present at 27 meetings and absent only from four. He was another of those quiet men who, while not taking much part in public debate, learned much from private discussion and took it back and spread it in the diocese of Oxford.

In addition to members of the Council, death had removed some former members, including Mr. A. E. Parsons, of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, a member from 1915 to 1923; Mr. W. Walmsley, of the Chester Diocesan Guild, a member from 1893 to 1899; Mr. C. Player, of Romney Marsh Guild, who was elected a member, but, unfortunately, died before he was able to attend a meeting. Last year they omitted to mention the death of Mr. H. Haigh, of the North Notts Association, a member of the Council from 1903 to 1923, who had done much good work in that rather isolated district. Last on the list was Mr. E. P. O'Meara, a member from 1897 to 1902 and from 1906 to 1908.

In memory of all these, the President asked the members to stand in silence.

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VISITORS ENTERTAINED.

Visitors for the Council meeting began to arrive in London on Saturday, and quite a good gathering turned up at headquarters (Anderston's Hotel, Fleet Street) the same evening. On Sunday service ringing at various towers was well attended.

On Monday an enjoyable morning was spent at Westminster Abbey. About 34 visitors were present and were welcomed on behalf of the Dean and Chapter by the Rev. Dr. Perkins, superintendent of the belfry. Time for ringing was limited, and a short touch each of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich was rung, as well as a course of Cambridge Surprise.

After the ringing the visitors were received in the Jerusalem Chamber by the Dean, the Very Rev. Dr. Foxley Norris, who gave a brief account of this historical room, panelled with cedar, said to have been brought from Lebanon. It was here that Henry IV. was brought to die, while the traditional story which credits Henry V. with putting on his father's crown before his death is connected with this room.

A very enjoyable morning was thus filled in.

In the afternoon a large party saw the Carter ringing machine demonstrated at the Science Museum, South Kensington, and then climbed to the belfry at the Imperial Institute, where the heavy ring of ten bells were rung for an hour.

There was an informal social at headquarters later in the evening.

After the Council meeting, the members and their friends were entertained to a sumptuous tea by the Middlesex County Association, the party numbering nearly 150, being presided over by the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheano (president of the association), supported by the officials of the Council and the officers of the association. Subsequently ringing took place at St. Paul's Cathedral, and this was followed by a social at which songs and glees were sung by the St. Clement's Quartette.

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REOPENING OF BOW BELLS.**ARRANGEMENTS FOR A 'RINGERS' DAY.'**

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury will dedicate the restored ring of twelve bells at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, London, at 3.45 p.m. on Friday, July 7th.

On the following day there is to be a ringers' opening, to which, by kind permission of the Rector and churchwardens, all ringers are invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m. At 4 o'clock a service will be held in Bow Church, followed by tea at 5 p.m., at which the ringers will be the guests of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge, who has so generously defrayed the cost of the work which has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. At 8.30 p.m. there is to be a social at the Cannon Street Hotel.

Ringers should watch our notice columns carefully for details of the arrangements.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on Whit Monday, the towers of St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd being open for ringing. At the special service in St. Nicholas' Church, the Rev. V. P. Powell, M.A., Vicar, preached a sermon on the high calling of the ringers, pointing out that they rang out to the glory of God and called people to His worship. He alluded to the temptation which existed, also among priests, to work in the Name of God and yet leave Him out. They must not think solely of the pleasure of ringing, but must consider also its spiritual aspect.

Following tea in St. Nicholas' Hall, to which 70 sat down, the general meeting was held, the Master (Mr. J. Thornton Rickman) taking the chair. He explained the reason for postponing the date of the meeting to Whit Monday, which was accepted by the members present. One new member, Miss K. Shepherd, East Grinstead, was elected.

The balance sheet showed a strong financial position. On the general account the receipts were £87 19s. 4d., and included £61 1s. from subscriptions of affiliated towers and members. The payments were £69 10s. 0d., the balance in hand being £135 3s. 2d. In addition, there are balances of £50 in the reserve fund, £72 18s. 8d. in the benevolent fund and 17s. 1d. on the certificate account.

The report referred to the recent reorganisation by creating four divisions instead of three and providing for six meetings annually in the East and West and four each in the North and South. The report also again stressed the importance of regular and punctual attendance at Sunday service ringing, as also at the divisional meetings and combined practices, and called attention to the coming jubilee of the association, which will be celebrated in 1935.

After the report and balance sheet had been approved, the hon. general secretary stated that 73 peals had been rung by the association during 1932.

The following officers were elected: Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman; treasurer, Mr. O. Sippotts; hon. general secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone; peal secretary, Mr. F. I. Hairs; auditors, Messrs. F. C. J. Turner and W. C. Hart; representative to Central Council, Mr. J. T. Rickman; trustees, Messrs. F. B. Tompkins, H. R. Butcher and G. W. Stokes. All alterations to rules, as placed on the agenda, were carried. These were dealt with administrative matters.

Hastings was chosen for the annual general meeting in 1934.

The meeting congratulated the Crawley branch upon their peal ringing performances, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Master and officials.

The following towers were represented: Battle, Billingshurst, Bosham, Crawley, Chichester, Cuckfield, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), East Grinstead, Hastings (All Saints' and St. Clement's), Heathfield, Heene, Henfield, Southover (Lewes), Lindfield, Ringmer, Rotherfield, Shoreham, St. Leonards (Christ Church), Upper Beeding and Warnham. Among the visitors were Messrs. John Thomas, W. Claydon, Ruben Saunders, James Bennett, W. A. Cave, William Hewitt, Edwin Pike, H. T. Wisdom and G. S. Wiggins.

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PRESENTATION TO CANON COLERIDGE.

Late in the evening, Canon Coleridge, who arrived from a Masonic gathering, was greeted with musical honours, and the President of the Council presented to him a set of pipes and a tobacco pouch. Mr. Lewis said this was a little present from the whole of the members of the Council to show their appreciation of the fact that Canon Coleridge had attended his 41st consecutive Council meeting. He was the only member who had attended every meeting since the Council was founded.

Canon Coleridge, in acknowledging the gift, said it was perfectly true that he had not missed a single Council meeting, wherever it had been held. He felt three years ago that he ought to give up being their president, and he was thankful he did so, because he did not know where the Council would have been but for having Mr. Lewis at its head. They were very fortunate in their present choice of president, and he hoped all of them would enjoy good health and good ringing for many years to come.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.**A REFERENDUM TO BE TAKEN.**

The most important business before the annual meeting of the Essex Association on Whit Monday was a resolution passed at the annual district meeting of the Northern Division, at Braintree, on the 12th November, 1932, which came up for consideration:—

'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.'

In his introductory remarks, the Master stated that this matter was brought forward on a suggestion in 1928, the year before the association celebrated its jubilee, and it was then thought it would be better to complete 50 years without any change of name. When the Essex Association was formed in 1879, Essex formed part only of the diocese of St. Albans, which comprised Essex and Herts. Chelmsford Diocese had since been formed, and it conformed to the boundaries of Essex. It was thought by some that the association should now assume a diocesan status and be named the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild. There had been correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on the subject, and it had been discussed at all the annual district meetings so that members in every part of the county could have an opportunity of expressing their opinion.

Mr. W. Keeble then moved that the name be changed to 'The Chelmsford Diocesan Guild,' remarking that times changed and men's opinions changed.—Dr. Spencer Phillips, in seconding, said if they were named after the diocese the public would realise more their close association with the Church, and although they rang peals for their pleasure and profit, they were essentially a branch of church-workers whose first duty was service ringing.

Mr. W. Pye said such a change required serious consideration. It might cause unrest. The association had been known as Essex for 54 years and there were over 1,200 members.

After several others had expressed their views, Mr. G. W. Faulkner moved that a referendum of members be taken on the subject.—Mr. Moore seconded.

Mr. Butler supported, and suggested that the diocese of Chelmsford, which now included all Essex, might be divided a few years hence. The association should carry on in the name under which it was christened—Essex.

On a vote, 52 were for the amendment and 12 against. The Master declared the amendment carried.

On the amendment for a referendum being put as a substantive motion, it was carried with only three against.

The Master said arrangements would be made to take the referendum at an early date. He thanked the members for the excellent spirit they had shown in the discussion.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**THE NEW PRESIDENT.**

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Abergele on Whit Monday. About 50 members attended, representing the following towers: Bangor, Portmadoc, Llandudno, Rhyl, Wrexham, Chester and the local band. Several visitors were also present, including Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mr. H. Martin (Birkenhead), Mr. G. Jones (Eccleston) and Mr. Dean (Norton, Staffs). A service was held in St. Michael's Church and conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Hughes), who gave an interesting address and warmly welcomed the association to Abergele.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. R. C. Jones, Vicar of Bangor, was elected president of the association. The new president (who succeeds the late Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones) takes an active interest in the art of ringing, being quite a proficient ringer himself.

The other officers were elected as follows: Vice-presidents, the Rev. Watkin-Davies, M.A., and the Rev. Benjamin Davies, M.A., Vicar of Wrexham; Ringing Master, Mr. A. E. Pegler; treasurer, Mr. T. Cathrall; secretary, Mr. W. Cathrall. District secretaries, Bangor, Mr. A. Pegler, jun.; Rhyl, Mr. B. R. Collis; Wrexham, Mr. A. Lea, jun. District instructors: Bangor, Mr. A. E. Pegler; Rhyl, Mr. Fuller; Wrexham, Mr. A. Lea, jun. Fifteen new ringing members were elected, also Mr. A. J. Hughes, the former Ringing Master, as a life member.

It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Mold on the last Saturday in September, or, failing this, at Rhyl on the same date; the annual meeting for 1934 to be held at Beaumaris, Anglesey.

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 the president (the Rev. R. C. Jones) to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting and for his interesting address, and also to the ladies who had prepared a most excellent tea.—This was seconded by the Rev. O. Williams, Vicar of Tryddyn, and replied to for the visitors by Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft and Mr. Dean, who extended an invitation to North Wales ringers to visit the Midland Counties and Staffordshire Guild meetings.

Prior to and following the meeting, the members took the opportunity of visiting the beautiful church of Bodelwyddan, which also possesses a very fine peal of eight bells.

THE NEW MAJOR RECORD. GREAT PERFORMANCE AT BENNINGTON.

As recorded in our last issue, a new Major record was set up at Bennington, Herts, on Whit Monday, when members of the Hertford County Association rang a peal of 18,144 Plain Bob in 10 hours 52 minutes.

The band met at 7.20 a.m., and, after raising the bells and adjusting the ropes, a start was made at 7.40. A little trouble came in the third course, and another start was made at 8 a.m. This time the band settled down to good ringing, which was maintained throughout the peal. The half-way single was reached at 1.24 p.m., and everything continued to run smoothly until the bells came round at 6.52 p.m.—the ringers being well satisfied with their day's work.

Mr. W. R. Madgwick was to have taken part in the peal, but, being unable to stand in, his place was taken by Mr. A. J. House.

The ringers wish to thank Mr. W. H. Lawrence and other friends for the interest shown in each of the attempts, and also to express thanks for the many congratulations received.

The composition, by Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, was as follows:—

23456	W	5ths	M	H
42635	—	5	—	—
56234	—	—	—	—
25463	—	3*	—	—
46523	8	—	—	—
54623	—	—	—	—
64325	—	—	—	—
26345	—	—	—	—
32564	—	—	—	—
52463	—	—	—	—
42365	—	—	—	—

Eleven times repeated, singles at 6th and 12th part ends.

* Omitted in 3rd course of last three parts.

The previous longest length of Major was 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob at Heptonstall in 10 hours 51 minutes on April 18th, 1927, and the longest length of Plain Bob at 15,360 at Aston on October 1st, 1793.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

VISIT TO EDWINSTOWE AND PERLETHORPE.

A bi-monthly meeting was held at Edwinstowe on Saturday, May 27th, when about 30 members came from Bariborough, Blyth, Bolsover, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Ordsall, Sutton-on-Trent, Shireoaks, Clowne, Warsop and Treeton to try the delightful peal of bells. During the afternoon about 12 of these ringers made a visit to Perlethorpe Church, where they were welcomed by the Rev. A. K. Moore and the local band. Touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung. The situation of this beautiful peal of bells, placed in such a glorious church, with the park and woodlands around, gave the ringers a great change from town life. The Rev. A. K. Moore and local band must be thanked for their welcome given to the society.

Tea was held in the Church Room, when the Rev. Day-Lewis welcomed the ringers to Edwinstowe. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson.

Mr. W. Brett, jun., of East Markham, was elected a member.

The next meeting is to be held at Misson on July 1st, when it is hoped to give special attention to learners.

The secretary reported that he had tried to fix up instruction for Harworth, but he had not received any reply from the tower concerned.

The assistant secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of the two parishes and to the caterers. Further ringing at Edwinstowe in the evening brought 'the end of a perfect day.'

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Halesworth on Whit Monday, the towers of Wenhamston, Wissett and Chediston being also placed at the disposal of the ringers. Members were present from Ipswich, Norwich, Beccles, Leiston, Ufford, Redenhall, Loddon, Lowestoft, Wilby, Wrentham, Saxmundham, Hacheston, Hovingham (Norfolk), Heveningham (Suffolk), Kessingland, Badingham, Rushmere, Huntingfield, Wissett, Chediston, Cookley and Halesworth. Pouches in many methods were rung, and tea was provided at the Town Hall, well catered for by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Took.

A short meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rev. H. O. Newbery, Rector of Halesworth, who gave the Guild a cordial welcome.

Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next two meetings at Stratford St. Mary and Stradbroke respectively.

The Rev. H. Drake moved a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of bells at the four towers open for ringing that day, and the members then adjourned to the church for further practice. All agreed, when the bells were lowered at 8.30 p.m., that a most enjoyable time had been spent.

42 MINOR METHODS FOR A PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In a report of a Chester Diocesan Guild meeting published in 'The Ringing World' on May 12th Mr. Wolstencroft, in congratulating the Chelmsford band in ringing a 35-method peal, expressed a wish that the band would go on to ring one in 42 methods. The conductor, in replying, said they would attempt one when they had got the arrangement of methods to comprise seven true 720's. May I supply the conductor with the methods?

No. 1 contains fourth's-place Delight methods, viz., Waltham No. 22, Burslem No. 23; Surprise methods, Hexham 30, Surfleet 31, Berwick 34, Beverley 35, Primrose 38, Cambridge 39.

No. 2, Treble Bob methods, Waterford 16, Berwyn 17; third's-place Delight, Kentish 7, Berkeley 8, Edinburgh 9, Pembroke 10, Oswald 13, Barham 14.

No. 3, fourth's-place Delight, Evesham 1, Tewkesbury 2; third's-place Delight, Carisbrooke 1, Dunottar 2; Surprise methods, Wooler 10, Sandiacro 11.

These three arrangements, with four they have already rung, will comprise a peal of 42 methods.

No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Cambridge 23456	Kentish 23456	Carisbrooke 23456
Cambridge 56342	Barham 35642	Carisbrooke 64523
Surfleet 64235	Waterford 42563	Wooler 35642
Waltham 35426	Oswald 26435	Dunottar 26435
Berwick 52364	Berkeley 63254	Sandiacro 42563
Cambridge 26543	Edinburgh 54326	Evesham 54326
Primrose 43652	Berwyn 42635	Wooler 63254
Burslem 35264	Barham 35264	Wooler 42635
Berwick 64523	Oswald 56423	Sandiacro 56423
Hexham 42635	Berwyn 62534	Dunottar 45362
Cambridge 23564	Kentish 34256	Evesham 34256
Berwick 64352	Barham 45623	Carisbrooke 62534
Burslem 45236	Pembroke 23564	Wooler 45623
Primrose 36524	Oswald 36245	Sandiacro 36245
Hexham 62345	Berkeley 64352	Sandiacro 23564
Surfleet 24653	Waterford 52436	Wooler 52436
Primrose 53462	Pembroke 23564	Wooler 64352
Cambridge 36245	Barham 45362	Wooler 23645
Waltham 45623	Oswald 56234	Tewkesbury 56234
Berwick 52436	Berkeley 63542	Dunottar 25463
Cambridge 23645	Waterford 42356	Carisbrooke 42356
Waltham 45362	Barham 25634	Carisbrooke 63542
Cambridge 56234	Kentish 34562	Evesham 25634
Hexham 34625	Oswald 46325	Dunottar 46325
Berwick 42356	Berwyn 62453	Sandiacro 34562
Burslem 25463	Edinburgh 53246	Wooler 53246
Primrose 63542	Pembroke 34625	Wooler 62453
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A very successful meeting was held at Bromham on Saturday, June 3rd, ringers attending from the following towers: Devizes, St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James' (Southbroom), Rowde, Holt, Westbury, Bratton, Trowbridge, Melksham and Bromham. The usual service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. B. Phillips), Miss King ably presiding at the organ. The tea, which was arranged by Mr. Minty, was partaken of in the Mission Room.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. The Rev. O. R. Yerbrough, Vicar of Steeple Ashton, and the Rev. P. B. Phillips, Rector of Bromham, were elected hon. members of the Guild, and Mr. K. Doddimead, of Melksham, as a ringing member. The half-yearly meeting was asked to be arranged at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, July 1st.

Before the meeting closed, the Rector said it was a great pleasure to have the Guild visit Bromham, stating he had a hard working band of ringers, and he was pleased to know they were most loyal supporters of the Guild.

During the evening Rowde bells were available, and some members returned home in that direction and enjoyed a ring on this excellent six.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 29th. St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd. *St. Paul's 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Bolton and Manchester Branches will be held at Walkden on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. The Bolton meeting has been transferred from Blackrod, per calendar.—Peter Crook and Donald Brown, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual (jubilee) meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 17th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 till 3.45, also after the meeting. St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 4, with an address by the Very Rev. Dean Savage. Tea (1s. 3d.) in St. Mary's School at 5 (members 9d.).—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free), followed by business meeting after service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 17th, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thames Street, E.C. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good muster is expected. Visitors welcome.—J. G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, at the Anchor Hotel. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 17th (not the 24th, as originally fixed). Usual arrangements.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, June 17th. Bells at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The 2nd quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (8) on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell (eight bells), on Saturday, June 17th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify in good time. All ringing visitors welcome. A good attendance desired.—Walter Scar, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury and Devizes Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Amesbury on Saturday, June 17th, ringing commencing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome. The following bells will also be available for ringing: Woodford, Shrewton, Durnford, Upavon and St. Martin's, Salisbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne District.—Meeting at Hexham on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnly Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be held on Saturday, June 17th, at Arley, near Nuneaton (instead of Solihull as previously arranged). Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea provided. Frequent bus service from Nuneaton (Broad Street).—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All are welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore, June 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Please advise me by June 21st certain for tea requirements, charge 1s.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 24th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present kindly inform me on or before the 21st inst?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Short service 6 p.m. Please notify Mr. A. J. Abrams, East Park Street, Chatteris, for tea. I would appeal to all district ringers to make a special effort to attend. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. It is imperative that the numbers for tea be known by the 21st. Bus service from St. Albans and Dunstable—connections with other routes. Come prepared for a variety of methods.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, June 24th. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in the church at 4.30. The business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 310th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Hot lunch, 2s. 6d. Please notify me by 23rd inst.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 9d. per head to those who notify Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by the 21st. A service will be held at 7.30, to which the Vicar gives a cordial invitation to all ringers and friends.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—A meeting will be held at Matlock (bells 8) on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Next meeting will be held at North Nibley, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s.). All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea please by June 21st.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, June 24th, from 3 p.m. onwards, at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (8 bells). The bright young people ARE coming. Don't be missing. Send your name for tea (1s. per head) by the 19th inst.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 24th, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. R. S. McDowall) and friends. Tower opens 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea. A good attendance is hoped for on this occasion. All ringers welcomed. All those requiring tea please send a card to Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, by Thursday, June 22nd; it would be much appreciated.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road Ashford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Pewsey on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. All members and ringing friends will be welcome.—A. W. Deane, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough, Wilts.

LAVENHAM ANNIVERSARY will be held on Saturday, June 24th. The bells will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 to 9 p.m.—A. Symonds.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—A combined meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Bruce, at Marazion. All who require tea please notify by Wednesday, June 21st.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Selborne on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (5) available from 2.30, also Newton Valence (5) 1½ miles distant. Service in St. Mary's, Selborne, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in the Parish Hall. Business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, June 22nd?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol and Wotton-Under-Edge Branches.—A combined meeting of the above branches will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please let me know for tea not later than 20th inst. Frequent bus service from Colston Street, Bristol.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—The dedication of the peal board recording a peal rung on March 19th, 1932, will take place on Saturday, June 24th, at 2.30 p.m. All visiting ringers welcome. Bells open after service.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24th, at Idle. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. R. Reed, The Church House, Hungerford, Berks, by Wednesday, June 21st, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers are very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Nominations are to be in at this meeting for secretary and committee-men.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Meeting in the church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (1s.) in the grounds of Higham Hall, this meeting being held jointly with the Deanery Missionary Pageant. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Misson, near Bawtry, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells open 2 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. S. W. Law, Willow House, Misson, Doncaster. All welcome.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Grayshott on July 1st. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 6d. each, but only for those who apply for tickets, and send CASH to me BEFORE the 27th June, otherwise 1s. will be charged as usual.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Lawrence on Saturday, July 1st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) at the Parish Hall at 4.30. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. L. Porritt, 23, Grosvenor Road, Ramsgate, not later than Thursday, June 29th? Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—First quarterly meeting at Creswell, Derbyshire, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) open 2.30 to 7 p.m., also Clowne (6) in evening. Committee meet 3.30. Tea, 1/3 per head, in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea must inform Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmdon Road, Creswell, near Mansfield, not later than June 29th, to prevent disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Castle Bromwich, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All intending to be present kindly notify T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1/3 per head). All those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1/6).—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12 Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcomed.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—The ring of 12 restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., will be dedicated by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury on Friday, July 7th, at 3.45 p.m., and the bells will be rung on that occasion by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—Ringers' Opening.—On Saturday, July 8th, the day following the dedication, there will be a general ringers' meeting, by kind permission of the Rector and churchwardens. Programme 2.30. Ringing 4 p.m. Short service (the preacher will be announced later) 5. Tea at Messrs. Selfridges, Oxford Street, by kind invitation of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge, 6.30. Ringing 8.30. Social at the Cannon Street Hotel. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea are asked to send in their names, not later than July 3rd, to the Vestry Clerk, St. Mary-le-Bow, 61, Cheapside, London, E.C.2.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Christchurch, Hants, on Saturday, July 8th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

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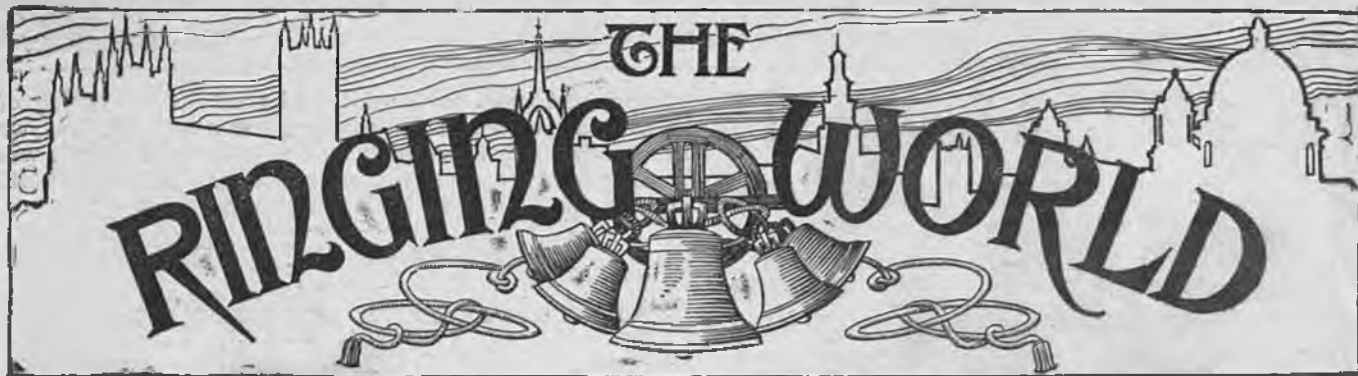
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As the full report of the meeting of the Central Council is unfolded our readers will find that a number of matters of genuine interest came up for consideration. For instance, arising out of the Methods Committee's report—which, like several others, was only a verbal statement, that gives members little opportunity for serious consideration, a thing which will happily be altered in future under the new rules—was a subject which concerns composers and conductors of peals. The committee asked permission to be allowed, 'as a gesture,' to publish their own compositions in the forthcoming book of Triples methods without attaching to them the composers' names. If members of the committee like to sink their personal claims in this way there is no reason why they should not do so. They did it without asking the Council in the Collection of Minor methods.

The desire of the committee is that future composers of peals shall, similarly, cease to identify themselves with their productions. We can see little hope of this becoming a generally adopted practice. Apart from the pride which the average author takes in his compositions, to which he feels justified in placing his name, there is the question of the identity of the composition itself. Unless all peals are to be given distinctive numbers it seems to us necessary that there should be some other means of tracing their origin. Even now there is a certain looseness about descriptions that often leaves a doubt as to identity with nearly everyone except the conductor.

Mr. Arthur Knights has adopted the very admirable plan of numbering his own numerous compositions, a plan which all composers ought to adopt, although even here there may be difficulties when it comes to such collections as Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's peals of London Surprise Major, which run to tens of thousands. In any event the numbering, if only for convenience sake, requires the author's name in addition, otherwise the reference for the purpose of identification is likely to get complicated and confused. Moreover, until there is a complete means of identification, the composer's name attached to a peal carries a certain amount of guarantee of the truth of what has been rung. But assuming that every composer is willing to sink his natural pride with his identity it will still be necessary, we think, to add an author's name to a peal so that there may be some means of identification — whether through the Press or association reports—at any rate until the advent of that register of compositions which we are told is impossible of effective compilation. If, of course, the Exercise is content to accept the record of a peal without any reference to its identity then the Methods Committee's ges-

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ture might be of some avail, and even the numbering of their own compositions would be unnecessary, but we fancy that day is far distant, and when it arrives it will mark the stage when ringing will have sunk to the level that few will care whether a peal is true or not.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

*ALFRED J. HOUSE Treble	†JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN W. WARD 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6	EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on twelve bells. † 700th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 5
EDWARD G. TALBOT 2	JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... 6
*JOHN W. EUSTON 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7
ALFRED J. CLAYTON 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal on eight bells.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	HERBERT FOLCHER 5
*LEONARD POYNIZ 2	GEORGE CURSON 6
†ARTHUR POYNIZ 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES LOOME 4	GEORGE POYNIZ Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE POYNIZ.

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

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 8, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	JOHN J. CREASY 6
*JOHN ARBON 3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN

* First peal of Kent on tower bells. Arranged for Mr. Laflin, of Stockport.

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On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

* ERNEST ESSEX Treble	ARTHUR BAILEY 5
WILFRED OSBORNE 2	HORACE A. OSBORNE 6
GEORGE ESSEX 3	LEONARD T. OSBORNE 7
AMBROSE W. OSBOURNE 4	ALFRED JEFFREY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD T. OSBORNE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment on the birth of a son to Mr. G. A. F. Gillmor, the parish churchwarden, it being over 70 years since a churchwarden at St. Giles' had a son born to him during his term of office.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WARING Treble	† SIDNEY EDWARDS 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEOFFREY MILTON 6
HARRY LEWIS 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
* WILLIAM HOPWOOD 4	LEONARD MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY MILTON.

* First of Triples. † First peal on eight. First peal as conductor.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. This 14 course composition contains the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6 and is now rung for the first time.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WASEY Treble	† JOHN A. GODFREY 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	* WALTER J. FORD 6
* HERBERT LASKY 3	GEORGE A. COOKE 7
CHARLES S. TOTTELL 4	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. The conductor has now completed the circle in this tower.

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LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	JOHN W. WARD 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	JOHN G. NASH 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
* ALFRED J. HOUSE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY TAYLOR Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 5
GEORGE M. RASHBROCK 2	HERBERT DEVENISH 6
LESLIE J. CLARK 3	WILLIAM CHALK 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD

S. Taylor's 50th peal.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	PERCY FELTON 5
THOMAS LINCOLN 2	* HARRY STEBBING 6
* HARRY S. BARKER 3	ARTHUR HEAD 7
HERBERT DEVENISH 4	PERCY GREEN Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal and first attempt on eight bells, who hail from Burnham-on-Crouch.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Fredk. J. Howchin's 350th peal.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS DOICK Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT 5
* WILLIAM FALCONER 2	WILLIAM E. TILEHURST 6
FREDERICK E. BURNETT 3	ALFRED GROVES 7
HENRY J. TUCKER 4	* GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor

Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to T. A. Doick on the anniversary of his wedding day.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS 1 Treble	CHARLES E. LAWSON 5
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
*MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
JOHN HOLMAN 4	*FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells. The 'stars' are congratulated on a magnificent performance.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

RONALD G. BECK 1 Treble	*HARRY J. SANGER 5
*FREDRICK TARGETT 2	ALFRED E. REEVES 6
MISS NORA G. WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

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

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KERBLE 1 Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
*ALFRED G. G. THURLOW ... 2	CECIL SAYWARD 6
WALTER ARNOLD 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	ERNEST BOWHILL Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by WILLIAM KERBLE

* First peal in the method. The monthly peal for the division.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... 1 Treble	*ARTHUR I. HOLMES 5
JOHN W. LAKE 2	WILLIAM A. HOLMES 6
JAMES OSBORN 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
JOHN T. MACHIN 4	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Major in the method.

BEDWELLY, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Sannan,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS LOVE 1 Treble	PERCY JONES 5
CYRIL DAVIES 2	WILLIAM PIKE 6
GEORGE COOKE 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
*NORMAN PORTER 4	GLYN WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

* First peal. Rung for the induction of the new Rector, the Rev. James Davies, B.A., who was inducted on Wednesday, June 14th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KIRDFOUR, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*PERCY F. G. DUNCION ... Treble	*GEORGE SOPP 4
STEPHEN KILLNER 2	PERCY DUNCION 5
MESBACK SOPP 3	MESBACK STENNING Tenor

Conducted by P. DUNCION.

* First peal and first attempt.

GOSBURTEN, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Treble	*FRANK PAYNE 4
JAMES EDGOSSE 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 5
*JOHN W. EDGOSSE 3	*FRED PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringers of the 2nd. It was his first peal for 23 years.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... Treble	*JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... 4
ANDREW MARSHALL 2	JAMES BASSETT 5
THOMAS FULLER 3	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WAGHORN, SEN.

* First peal of Surprise. First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Jose).

SANDY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithun,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

PERCY TOMPKINS 1 Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 4
MANSFIELD GINN 2	CHARLES BALL 5
ARTHUR DILLY 3	LEWIS BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS BYWATERS.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*RUFUS WELBOURNE ... Treble	*SYDNEY J. HOW 4
*R. FREDERICK CROFTS ... 2	MANSFIELD GINN 5
†ROBERT SMITH 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge away from the treble. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Bob Minor and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G

HARRY CARTER 1 Treble	CLAUDE SNOWDEN 4
ALBERT L. DIXEY 2	ALEC M. GENERY 5
MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 3	FRANK CLAYDON Tenor

Conducted by H. CARTER.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of St. Simon's, 12 of Bob Doubles and 18 of Grandsire, with 22 callings.

TOM BARTRAM Treble	ARTHUR DILLEY 3
PERCY TOMPKINS 2	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
LEWIS BYWATERS Tenor	

Conducted by LEWIS BYWATERS.

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THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY TYSON Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESMAN 4
HERBERT P. CLIFF 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 5
GEORGE WALL 3	*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* 100th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Raymond Thompson, a ringer in this tower, whose funeral took place earlier in the afternoon.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST HARRIS Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	ALBERT MASON 5
FRED MATTHEWS 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

HUNTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 4
HARRY BAKER 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 5
*NELSON BOURNE 3	†FREDERICK MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung on the tenth anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 1-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	EDWIN BARNETT 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Umpire—Mrs. G. H. Cross.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, June 16, 1933, in Three Hours,

IN ST. MARTIN'S RINGING ROOM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALBERT WALKER 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
FRANK E. PERVIN 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
FRANK E. HAYNES 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL.

LARGE GATHERING ATTEND ANNUAL SERVICE AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The second annual service in memory of Mr. Pryce Taylor, nephew of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the head of the Loughborough firm of bell-founders, was held at Loughborough Parish Church on Saturday, June 10th, when ringers to the number of about 160 were present from all parts of the Midlands.

It will be remembered that the base of the tower is being formed into a 'ringers' corner' and is separated from the main body of the church by a beautiful wrought iron screen, presented to the church by Mrs. Pryce Taylor in memory of her husband. The floor of the tower has been inlaid with ornamental bellmetal work, the gift of Mr. E. Denison Taylor; on the south wall are two bronze plaques of Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., and Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., whilst on the opposite wall are two bellmetal tablets, one recording the then record of 18,027 changes of Stedman Caters rung on Easter Monday, 1909, and the other being a record of the peal rung to celebrate the signing of peace in 1919. It was hoped that there would be some further additions to the corner to be dedicated this year, but unforeseen delay had occurred which has necessitated their postponement until next year.

The proceedings commenced with the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Briggs), and an appropriate address was given by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, who is himself a keen, enthusiastic and skilful ringer. He based his remarks on the words, 'His memorial shall not pass away,' and said they were present that day to keep a memorial to one who was cut off suddenly in his life and work. The beautiful and worthy memorial to the late Mr. Pryce Taylor was an outward and visible sign with an inward and deeper meaning. This young man he knew as a modest soldier, enthusiastic about his work, and with a gift of pleasant companionship that made him many friends, and the attendance at that service indicated the esteem in which he had been held.

The ringers, among whom were a number of ladies, were afterwards entertained to an excellent tea at the Fearon Hall by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who also presided.

Mr. Taylor, in welcoming the guests, remarked that although his nephew died six years ago next month, it seemed such a short time to him, and it was hard to realise that there were ringers of the rising generation to whom his nephew was only a name.

A VISION OF THE FUTURE.

Continuing, Mr. Taylor said that the last ringers' gathering held at Loughborough was a meeting of the lady ringers, and a short time ago he read an article, entitled 'Bellingring for beauty.' The article pointed out that bellingring was so old a pastime that one would think there was nothing new left for bellingringers to do. There was one thing, however, that had never before been done, and a woman had thought of it. That woman was Mrs. Cross, secretary of the London District of the Ladies' Guild of Ringers, and with her husband and three other married couples she formed a unique band of ringers at Crayford, Kent. They were to arrange shortly to start for a peal of 5,000 or more changes. A peal by four married couples, when accomplished, would be the first of its kind. The article added that Mrs. Cross advocated bellingring for fitness and beauty, and, said Mr. Taylor, one wondered what would happen if leaders of Society in town and in country took serious heed of Mrs. Cross' advice. One pictured a joyous bevy of Society damsels, in their ardour to increase their beauty, surging into all the belfries and crowding out the ringers at present established, rendering it difficult for those poor displaced souls to get even an occasional pull. A truly startling prospect, but one about which they need not get into a panic just yet.

Mr. Taylor had thoughtfully had a painting of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor hung in the room for all to see, and those who knew his nephew agreed that it was a splendid portrait of him.

Mrs. Pryce Taylor, who now resides in London, was unfortunately prevented from attending the gathering owing to illness.

A band of five, including the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, rang a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters on a large set of handbells. Ringing took place on the fine ring of ten at the Parish Church, also on the light musical peal in the campanile at the Bell Foundry, and whilst this was in progress some belcok themselves to the Rectory gardens, which had been placed at their disposal by the Rector, whilst others took the opportunity of looking round the famous bell foundry.

A MID-WEEK MEETING.

On Wednesday, June 14th, a joint meeting of the Herts and Essex Associations was held at the old world village of Aspendon. Various methods were rung during the afternoon, and the Rector conducted a short service and gave a welcome to the visitors. Tea was served in the Village Hall and afterwards the tower was again visited and touches from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise brought round.

The towers represented were Bishop's Stortford, Braughing, Buntingford, Dunmow, Great and Little Munden, Harlow Common, Fulborn, London, Crayford (Kent), Melbourn, Ramford, Sawbridgeworth, Hatfield, Over (Cambs), Walthamstow and Hertford.

THE RECORD PEAL AT BENNINGTON

RINGING HISTORY OF A HERTFORDSHIRE VILLAGE.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, hon. secretary of the Eastern District of the Herts Association, writes: I should like to offer my hearty congratulations to those members of the Herts County Association who set up a new world's record for Bob Major at Bennington on Whit Monday. I am proud that they are all East Herts members and I also feel it an honour that the conductor is from Little Munden. I was unable to hear the bells plainly from here, the wind being in the wrong direction, but I have been told by the Rector and others who heard it that it was a good peal and well struck.

Bennington, adds Mr. Lawrence, has for many years been a meeting place of many noted men, and was the 'home tower' of the celebrated band which was kept up by Squire Proctor, at one time noted throughout England. It is very fitting, therefore, that another record should be made in this noted tower. A little of the church's history will be interesting. A Saxon church stood upon the site as early as 850, and in 1303 the present church, dedicated to St. Peter, was built and the



BENNINGTON CHURCH.

tower was completed in 1378. A board records a 720 of College Single upon the ring of six which hung in the tower in 1793. In 1838 two trebles were added by the Squire Proctor, who had a little before that come to settle in Bennington at the old Lordship, and on January 29th, 1838, the first peal was rung. This was Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Giles, presumably a London ringer, Squire Proctor ringing the tenor. The Bennington band was afterwards formed, and in 1849 a peal of Double Norwich was rung by the local band, most of them being employed by the Squire. This peal must be considered a wonderful performance for a village band of those now distant days. The next recorded peal on a board in the belfry is a peal of Kent Treble Bob in 1851 and two peals of Superlative in 1855. In 1865 a peal of Stedman Triples is recorded, and the top of the tree was reached in 1870, when a peal of London Surprise was rung. Only two peals in this method had been previously rung, the first at Norwich in 1835 and the second at Woolwich in 1849. In 1873 a peal of Cambridge (the first true peal in the method) is recorded.

It was nothing out of the common for London Surprise to be rung for services, and the bells were always raised in peal before the service touch and lowered in peal again before the service. It was done perfectly and was a treat to listen to. Bennington, in Squire Proctor's days, had a truly wonderful band, and their striking was perfect. It is, I believe, a fact that for 50 years without a miss they, as a band, visited the village of Braughing on the anniversary of the peal of 12,080 Bob Major rung on May 10th, 1779, and on one or more occasions took their own bellropes with them.

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LADIES' GUILD TITLE.

CENTRAL DISTRICT DISAGREE WITH NORTHERN PROPOSAL.

The annual meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Clement Danes, London, on Saturday, June 10th, and was very well attended. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Ten, Cambridge Royal and rounds for the beginners.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Wilson in the absence of the Rector. After tea, a short business meeting was held in the choir vestry. The officers were all re-elected, and Windsor was proposed by Mrs. Barker as the place for the next meeting.

Two new members were elected—Miss Glenister, of Abbots Langley, and Miss Margaret Pack, of London.

The other business included a discussion of the existing service forms and also of the resolutions passed by the Northern District, which, unfortunately, do not meet with the approval of the Central District. One of the proposals of the Northern District is to change the title to 'The Women's Guild.'

Before the meeting ended, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Wilson for so kindly conducting the service and to Mr. J. Hawkins for attending to the bells. Mrs. Deal also proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary (Mrs. Cross) for the work she had done during the past year.

Unfortunately, the tower was not open for further ringing after tea, and the company, therefore, went along to St. George's, Southwark, where they met with a great welcome from the Vicar and Mr. Herbert and his fellow-officers of the London County Association, who were holding a meeting at this church. Mr. Herbert very kindly asked the ladies to ring a touch of Stedman Triples with their own band, and he saw that no visitor went away without joining in the ringing. They wish to thank the gentlemen very much for their kindness.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild met at St. George-the-Martyr on June 10th, there being a band on the spot punctually. Unfortunately, owing to a misunderstanding, no key was forthcoming, so the secretary, being somewhat of a champion walker, hiked off for an hour or two in an effort to find the key. One can find anything when one is determined, and he sure was. It was then thought best to have tea before ascending the tower, which course was pursued, and the Master started the proceedings at 5.45 with a touch of Stedman Triples. Rounds for beginners was also an item. Various methods were rung with more or less success, and later there arrived, at the same time as the Rector, a strong contingent of the Ladies' Guild from St. Clement Danes, accompanied by a number of gentlemen.

The Rector gave the association a welcome and remained in the tower whilst a band of ladies rang a well-struck touch of Stedman, conducted by Mrs. Fletcher, much to the surprise of the Rector, who apparently had no idea of the 'Deeds of Derring Do' performed by members of the Ladies' Guild. Spliced Surprise in four methods was rung by a mixed band, but, like the little boy who, as the poet said last week, shifted, this just missed. Amongst the business transacted at the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector (the Rev. Ernest C. Cook) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. N. Bagworth and the Metropolitan Police Guild for having things in order.

Further ringing brought the proceedings to a close.

Among the visitors were representatives from Lancashire, Norwich, Kent and Wales.

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Bennington still retains its quietude and peacefulness, and the view of the old church from the village green, nestling as it does amongst the trees which partly hide it, is a sight not to be forgotten. It is an ideal place for a long peal, both for weight of bells and the position of the church. The occupants of the few houses near are not the kind that complain of the bells of their beloved old church, nor does the Squire, who now occupies the old home of the late Squire Proctor. The people of Bennington, especially the older ones, have been so accustomed to the music of their bells that they are part of their lives. The Rector informed me that no one complained.

So the record length of Major rests at Bennington, a very fitting link with a long history of great ringers of the past. May the historical old tower retain it long. The old Squire and his band have passed on, leaving a great example of what can be done by humble men using the talent given them. The last of them passed away about three years ago, and the lines on the peal board recording the peal of Double Norwich in 1849 are very applicable:—

Ye Bennington bells, ye Bennington bells,
How many a tale your music tells
Of youth and home and that glad time
When last we heard your merry chime.
Now time will come when we are gone,
Your tuneful peal will still ring on,
While other hands your tender ropes shall pull,
And strive our peal to ring which here we write in full.

The ringers were James Flott, Thomas Page, Leonard Proctor, William Collins, John Aylott, Charles Hollingsworth, Joseph Kitchener, George Warner, 'all resident in this parish.'

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT RIPON.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held their 35th annual meeting on Whit Monday at Ripon, by kind invitation of the Dean of the Cathedral. It proved a most successful and happy meeting, members and friends attending from Middlesbrough, Darlington, Northallerton, Thirsk, Kirby Wiske, Tadcaster, Sharow, Ormesby, Ripon, Leeds and district, Bradford, York, Newcastle and Easingwold.

The peal of ten, which has been recently recast and rehung on ball bearings, were quickly put to work, and everybody who handled them expressed the opinion that they are a real credit to Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The bells are beautifully hung and easy to handle, and a first class job has been made of the new framework. The musical tone of the bells is greatly improved, and the whole job is a lasting testimonial to the excellent workmanship of the Loughborough firm.

By permission of the Dean and Chapter, the bells were available all day, and full use was made of this privilege. In addition, several bands went out to Sharow (four miles away) to ring on the handy peal of eight there. The ringing was up to the usual excellent standard of the Cleveland Association, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Triples, Treble Bob Royal and Major, Double Norwich and Superlative being obtained at various times.

The annual business meeting was held in the Blue Bell Hotel after the dinner, the chairman being Mr. J. Stott, of Thirsk (president of the association). He was supported by Vice-President F. Tingle, of Ripon and the secretary, Mr. T. Metcalfe.

All the officers were re-elected and thanked for their past services. The report on the working of the Sunday service ringing scheme was presented, showing that the points awarded for ringing during the year were: Middlesbrough 993, Whitby 573, Tadcaster 261, Darlington (St. John's) 228, Stockton 173, Ripon (three months' ringing only) 116, and Ormesby 75.

The secretary's report and balance sheet, showing a credit of £26, was adopted with acclamation.

Meetings for the ensuing year were fixed as follows: September (annual ringing competition), Guisborough; pre-Lent, Thornaby; Easter Monday, Middleham; and Whitsuntide (annual meeting), Northallerton.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Ripon and the Vicar and churchwardens of Sharow for the use of the bells closed the meeting, and the ringers adjourned to the two towers for further ringing.

THE PEAL AT OVER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to 'Truth,' I will try and tell the truth. The two men whose names appear as ringers of one bell do not expect to be credited with a peal. A rather funny point arises in putting the peal on record, but not if looked at in a right and true spirit. Should any other point be raised, we were not in any competition. The band rang a very good peal, and when the change-over took place only an expert could have detected it. Further and lastly, I shall answer only letters from those people who sign their names.

FRANK WARRINGTON.

Over, Cambs.

'A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT.'

Sir,—Your correspondent, 'Truth,' raises a rather unique point, and one very worthy of careful consideration. It certainly was said that the performance in question was something of a 'novelty,' but in pursuing this statement to its logical conclusion it is really surprising to find what egregious anomalies arise. Supposing, for instance, eight ringers entered a church steeple and commenced to ring an eight-bell peal; after fifteen minutes (by previous arrangement) another relay of eight ringers entered the steeple and relieved the former eight, and so on, at regular intervals of 15 minutes throughout the peal. Assuming the peal was successfully rung in the space of three hours, twelve relays of eight ringers would then have taken part, thus completing the peal with no less than 96 ringers and twelve conductors! How exceedingly novel!! and yet, although the peal had been successfully accomplished, nobody could claim to have rung a peal and nobody could claim to have conducted one!! Indeed, it would be necessary to increase 'The Ringing World' from its present size to that of our leading national newspapers once 'novel' performances became a regular feature!

It has already been pointed out that the recognised exceptions are usually due to either a bad going bell or an outside, both of which may justify a double-handed effort, but, like your correspondent, I am of the opinion that to extend this concession to 'novelties' and 'freak' performances is, in effect, creating a dangerous precedent, as an unlimited field is at once opened up. Personally, I am unaware of any definite ruling on the matter by the Central Council, and should my surmise prove correct, would respectfully suggest that measures be taken to review the position and adopt the necessary action.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to the ringers' opening of Bow bells having been arranged for July 8th, the summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which had been fixed for the same date, has been postponed to July 22nd. It is to take place at Leatherhead and Ashted.

Great credit is due to Mr. H. Carter, the conductor of a three method peal of Minor at Colne Engaine on Saturday. He had only rung one peal previously. This one was a birthday compliment to him. He received the hearty congratulations of the band and also their thanks for his kind hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

In connection with the new ring of ten bells at Duffield Parish Church, it is remarkable that the new bells were cast by Mr. Smith, head foundryman at Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s, who also cast the previous peal of eight in 1884.

Another noteworthy fact was that Mr. John Jagger, who was present at the dedication on June 3rd, was also present at the dedication of the octave in 1884. Both are still wonderfully well preserved men and very active.

The Salisbury Guild meeting arranged for Pewsey to-morrow has been cancelled.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO YOUNG RINGER. TRAGIC DEATH OF A PROMISING BOY.

As the result of colliding with a motor bus while riding a bicycle on Monday, June 12th, Master Raymond Thompson, of Whickham, County Durham, was taken to the Whickham Cottage Hospital and died there about four hours later. His loss is not only keenly felt by the local ringers, but by the whole of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

He was only in his 16th year, but could handle his bell with the best of them, and was so keen that he used to turn up at the Newcastle Cathedral practices when he was free of night classes and took his turn at any method that was going on any number from six to ten bells, and struck his bell well and truly. He had rung five peals in Minor methods. The funeral took place on Saturday, June 17th, and was attended by many ringers of the district, both his father and uncle being keen ringers. The deceased lad had also been in the choir of the Parish Church till his voice broke, and the church was packed by relatives, friends and sympathisers with the parents in their terrible bereavement. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. John Anderson (president of the association), R. S. Anderson, J. E. Keen and W. J. Davidson. Later a peal of Minor (recorded in another column) was rung muffled to his sweet memory.

C. L. R.

A CHURCH'S JUBILEE.

RINGERS TAKE PART IN A PAGEANT.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, accompanied by Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught and Princess Patricia, attended a special service at Bagshot, Surrey, Parish Church on Sunday afternoon to celebrate the jubilee of the church. The Duke of Connaught laid the foundation stone, with full Masonic honours, in 1883, and others who were present on that occasion and were at Sunday's service were Lady Elphinstone and Mr. Thomas Gould, one of the ringers who was a member of the choir of 50 years ago.

Before the commemorative service, which was conducted by the Rector (Canon Stuart), and at which the preacher was the Bishop of Guildford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, in which Mr. Gould took part, despite his 76 years and the fact that, being crippled, he has to support himself on a crutch. The ringers were H. Hall 1, C. W. Denver (Aldershot) 2, J. Corbett 3, F. Nye 4, T. Gould 5, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking, conductor) 6, H. Gould 7, E. Comer 8. The service was attended by people of all denominations and representing the various religious, civic and social bodies of the parish.

The commemoration was continued on Wednesday, when among the festivities was a pageant of scenes from local history. In this two of the local ringers took parts for which in face and figure they were admirably fitted. Mr. J. Corbett (who incidentally is hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) was the Abbot of Westminster, who received from Edward the Confessor in 1055 the grant of the lands of Bagshot to the monks of Westminster. Mr. Fred Nye was the landlord of the White Hart Inn in a scene which recalled Bagshot's coaching days and a duel of 1763.

THE 42-METHOD PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I point out (if necessary) a bob is omitted in the last lead of No. 1 extent, given in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' May I also suggest that No. 1, from lead end 43652 in the first part, and from lead end 53462 in the second part, be rung as Cambridge not Primrose. In No. 2, from lead end 23564, should read Edinburgh, not Pembroke, and from lead end 53246 read Pembroke. These alterations will simplify the extents somewhat.

Here are two more six-methods extents: By leaving out the odd method in groups 6 and 7 of the peal rung at Chelford, Treble Bob: British Scholars No. 12. Third's Place Delight: Conisborough No. 24, Richborough Delight No. 23 and Woodcock's Victory Treble Bob No. 11 will splice into these two groups. This will give the conductor seven six-methods extents.

Killanmarsh.

C. SEVERN.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, it was stated that the Council had had correspondence over the bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London, and the final result was that the church was going to be rebuilt in the new district of Kingsbury and the bells were to be hung in the new tower when erected (applause).

The minutes were adopted.

The next business was the 'report of the hon. librarian.' The President said the Standing Committee recommended that a financial report only be presented to the Council. It had not yet been possible to go through all the various papers which had come on from Mrs. Jenkyn.

The hon. secretary stated that the receipts from the sale of publications was £17 18s. 5d. The number of publications sold was 354, chief among them being 58 copies of the Collection of Doubles and Minor and 125 method sheets. The expenses, including advertising, had been £10 15s. 3d., leaving a balance on the sale account of £7 3s. 1½d. There were 3,790 copies of publications in hand of a nominal value of round about £195.

Mr. J. A. Trollope pointed out that copies of recent publications by the Council did not appear to have been sent to the Library of the British Museum and other great national libraries. They ought to do this, not only to preserve their copyright, but in order that the books might be preserved for those who in the future might desire to do research work and might want to consult them.

The report was adopted, and it was decided to send copies of the publications to the British Museum, the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and the library at Trinity College, Dublin.

DELAYED SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The hon. secretary and treasurer presented the statement of the Council's accounts, which had been audited by Messrs. A. A. Hughes and W. A. Cave. The balance at Whitsun of 1932 was £61 11s. 1½d. The receipts were: Subscriptions, 1931-32 £4, 1932-33 £31; hon. members, £2 2s. 6d.; interest on 3½ per cent. Conversion Stock, £2 9s. 8d.; on 4 per cent. Consols, £2 10s. 4d.; balance of sale of publications, £7 3s. 1½d. The expenses included £10 10s. to the Davies Memorial and £13 16s. 1d. the balance of the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration account. Other items amounted to £18 19s. 3½d., leaving a balance at Whitsun, 1933, of £67 12s. 2d. The Council has investments of £50 3½ Conversion Stock and £50 4 per cent. Consols of a present market value of £138 3s. 9d. The hon. secretary pointed out that the subscriptions of the London County Association and the North Notts Association were received too late to be included in the balance sheet. Subscriptions to the Council were due on January 1st, but he received only two in January. The others were received as follows: February, five; March, nine; April, nine; May fifteen; and the rest on June 1st and 2nd.

The balance sheet was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Cave.

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young reported for the trustees of the Carter ringing machine that it was carefully inspected and was operated on May 27th by the demonstrators, Messrs. Fardon and Sharman. It then rang several small efforts and a course of Grandsire Cinques. The machine was in better order than when they reported a year ago. On the previous day the machine was again demonstrated as part of the entertainment of the visitors. Fifty or more attended and once more the machine was set working and rang two or three times a course of Grandsire Cinques, and everyone seemed pleased with what they heard and saw.

Mr. A. Walker, who said he was present on the previous afternoon when the machine was demonstrated, congratulated the trustees and those associated with the machine for the improvement made in it. It was now practically perfect in striking. He had known the machine for about 20 years, and the preceding day was the first time he had heard it strike perfectly. It was now in a condition such as John Carter would have wished them to have it (hear, hear).

The trustees' report was adopted, and the usual fee of a guinea was voted to the demonstrators.

STANDING COMMITTEE'S CONSTITUTION.

The Standing Committee reported that it had considered the question of its constitution, and recommended that it consist of: (1) The president, hon. secretary and treasurer, hon. librarian and the conveners of committees ex-officio; (2) twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than 12 names are proposed); the committee shall have power, in the event of the services of any other member of the Council being considered by them desirable, to co-opt not more than two members. The twelve retiring members to be the first names to be proposed.

With regard to the other committees, the Standing Committee recommended that the Council should appoint the conveners in the first instance, but changes may be made at any time by the committees.

The retiring elective members were the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, J. Griffin, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, J. D. Matthews, A. Paddon Smith and E. Alex Young.

Canon Elsee proposed and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill said as he had been unable to attend any of the country meetings for many years, it was fair to the Council that he should resign from the Standing Committee. There were other members who could attend, and he, therefore, tendered his resignation in order that somebody should be elected who could regularly attend the meetings.

The President said the Council would have heard Mr. Cockerill's statement with a good deal of regret, and he thought they would like to keep Mr. Cockerill's name on the committee for another three years at any rate. The committee would like to have Mr. Cockerill's services. It was quite possible there might be meetings called in between Whitsuntides, and in that case those meetings would almost certainly be held in London, and Mr. Cockerill might be very useful.

The report was adopted and the retiring members of the committee re-elected.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE REORGANISED.

For the Peal Collection Committee the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported by letter that, as he explained last year, the single-handed charge of his parish and various diocesan work, including the secretaryship of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, made it practically impossible for him to settle down to any outside work, and he would be grateful if the Council would appoint another convener of this committee.

The retiring members of the committee were the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, the Rev. E. S. Powell, Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. J. A. Trollope.

The President said the Standing Committee proposed the re-election of the committee, with the addition of Mr. G. R. Pye and Mr. G. Lindoff, and that Mr. Lindoff be asked to act as convener.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he was elected on to this committee at the Salisbury meeting, eight or ten years ago. He believed he had done some work for the committee before he was a member of it, but since he had been a member of the committee he had done no work whatever for it, and he had had no official communication from the committee. He suggested he should be taken off the committee. To put him on was simply a farce. If he could be of any use it would be another matter.

The President suggested that Mr. Powell's name should be left on until he had tried twelve months with the new convener. A lot of the trouble was that some conveners did not convene, and it was for that reason the Standing Committee had proposed that the Council should appoint the conveners.

The committee, as proposed by the Standing Committee, was elected.

EXTENDED DEFINITION OF A METHOD.

The Methods Committee reported progress. Mr. J. A. Trollope called attention to the proposed addition to the definition of a plain lead, reported in the minutes of the last meeting, which the Council was asked to consider and vote on. He formally moved that the words be added to the statement under the Council's 'definition of a method.'

This states that 'Methods are formed from principles in two ways,' and explains the two lines of development. The committee suggested the addition of '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, but, properly speaking, they are in logical succession of such methods as Bob Major. 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; an Alliance method is one in which the hunt has a composite path, comprising portions of more than one principle.'

The Rev. E. S. Powell seconded the motion, which was carried.

THE BOOK ON TRIPLES METHODS.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said progress on the book on Triples methods, which the committee were last year authorised to complete and send to the Standing Committee for publication, had not, for various circumstances, been as fast as they had hoped it would be, but that was not for the first time in the history of the Methods Committee (laughter). Except, however, for a few small items—the writing of the introduction and a couple of quarter-peals which had to be composed, the book was almost ready for typing and getting into final shape. The methods included were, of course, Stedman and Erin and all Triples methods with two hunts symmetrical about the leads, but none that were unsymmetrical. Of methods with one hunt they only proposed to publish eight out of nineteen which run to the natural six leads. They were not publishing methods which had adjacent places or any unsymmetrical methods such as methods which would run only to three leads. Three-lead course peals of Grandsire Triples could be described as a peal in a method in which the plain Triples consisted of the three bob leads. With regard to compositions, they were printing about eight quarter-peals and six peals of Stedman and several shorter touches: Erin, two quarter-peals and three peals; Grandsire and Reverse Grandsire, about twelve quarter-peals and ten peals. Contrary to what they proposed last year, they had decided that Holt's Ten Part ought to go in; not that it was likely to be rung to any very great extent, but because it was composed for Grandsire and it had got to be used as the foundation of peals in other methods in which the common single could not be used. In

Double Grandsire they proposed to include one quarter and two or three peals; and in methods with one hunt, one quarter and two or three peals of each.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

Out of this there arose another question, said Mr. Powell, on which the committee not only wished to make a report, but desired, if possible, to set up a precedent. Most people recognised nowadays that real originality, in the sense in which it was regarded 50 or 60 years ago, did not exist in compositions of peals, say, of Major in any method and of ordinary length. Probably, also, in the case of Triples it was very unlikely that any really completely new composition, in the sense that Parker's twelve-part was new, was likely to be obtained in the future. For the purposes of this book the committee had had to produce compositions for the various methods, and they had had assistance from outside. That assistance they felt should be recognised, and recognised publicly by the Council, by putting the names of the composers at the foot. Some of these peals were composed 35 or 40 years ago; in days when there was a good deal of originality in composition. But there were several compositions specially composed for the book. With the Council's permission they were proposing to establish what amounted to a precedent, and it was a precedent that did not just consist of the publishing of this book. There had grown up in recent years the expectation, if not the demand, that any peal published in 'The Ringing World' should bear the name of the composer. The only ground for that demand was as to the proof of the composition. All, or nearly all the associations, now took steps to ensure that, where a composition was new or had not been published before, the figures should be open to them before they accepted the peal for publication in their reports, and he thought that would get over the whole difficulty. At any rate, the Methods Committee suggested that the Council should permit them to publish their compositions without any name, and if, as was probable, any of them were rung afterwards, they hoped the compositions would be referred to by the number that was given to them in the book. If the truth of their work was challenged, the figures would be there for any composer to test. This was a gesture on the part of the committee; it was one that others might be glad to follow. He had himself been at times in difficulties. When he wanted to call a local peal of Grandsire Cinques at Exeter Cathedral he had not got a large number of compositions available. He wanted something simpler than any he saw, and he put together a peal which stood as composed by him. He had since been called over the coals by a gentleman who suggested it was a composition by Mr. Hattersley. It was no more similar to that peal than it was similar to a great many others. They had to put it under some name and he had to put this peal down to himself. On what was a rather historic occasion he did not feel he could establish a new precedent and say, 'Here is a peal composed by nobody,' for the first peal rung on the twelve bells rung at Exeter by a band resident in the diocese. He moved that the book, as soon as completed, should be sent on to the Standing Committee with the condition he had put before the Council.

Mr. Trollope seconded.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith asked that the Council might be assured that the compositions, already recognised under the names of well-known composers, such as Holt and Parker, should continue to have the authors' names attached.

The Rev. E. S. Powell gave this assurance, and said that the composers' names would also be added to those peals which outside persons had contributed to the book. For instance, Mr. A. J. Pitman had specially composed peals for this book, and it would certainly be most improper to publish them without attaching his name to them. The only compositions which would have no names would be those which had been produced by one or other members of the Methods Committee.

The recommendations of the committee were adopted, and, on the motion of Mr. S. F. Palmer, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, the committee, consisting of Mr. J. A. Trollope (convener), the Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. S. H. Wood, was reappointed.

TWO COMMITTEES AMALGAMATED.

When the report of the 'Variations' Committee was reached, the President said the position was rather difficult. The committee was appointed to deal particularly with the question Mr. Newton raised at the Liverpool meeting, and it was suggested that a short pamphlet should be got out explaining exactly what was meant by variations. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was appointed convener, but at the end of the first year he said he was unable to tackle the work and proposed that Mr. H. W. Wilde be made convener. Mr. Wilde died last October and the committee had been left with only Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Fletcher, the latter's part being mainly the labour of typing. They had, therefore, come to a deadlock, and the Standing Committee recommended that this committee be amalgamated with the Peals Collection Committee (of which Mr. Lindoff was now appointed convener), with the addition of Mr. G. R. Newton to assist especially in this particular work.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved the necessary resolution to amalgamate the two committees. He pointed out that the remaining members of the Variations Committee, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mrs. Fletcher, were also members of the Peals Collection Committee, and as there was considerable relation in the work of the two committees, it would be an advantage to amalgamate them. He also moved the

addition to the committee of Mr. G. R. Newton and of Mr. C. W. Roberts, one of the most versatile of the young composers, who had that day been elected an honorary member of the Council.

Mr. W. A. Cave seconded and the motion was carried.

'SILENT' AND 'NON-CONDUCTED' PEALS.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the Peals Analysis Committee's report, which was published in 'The Ringing World' of May 26th and June 2nd.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett seconded.

Mr. P. J. Johnson called attention to a paragraph in the report referring to 'the first "silent" peal of Kent Treble Bob-Royal (on handbells), rung by the Yorkshire Association, who also rang a non-conducted peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.' The Double Norwich, he said, was both silent and non-conducted, and the association would like it noted. They held that a non-conducted peal had no virtue at all if it were not 'silent.'

The President said the Analysis Committee would be prepared to alter their report to fit in with the wishes expressed by Mr. Johnson, but unless a peal was silent it could not be non-conducted.

A member: Cannot someone put a trip right?

The President: That would be conducting. I may be old-fashioned, but I never dreamt that any peal would be published as 'silent' or 'non-conducted' if one single word was spoken or sign made (hear, hear). Any other interpretation is unthinkable to my mind.

Mr. Johnson: You can easily get over it by saying it was 'silent and non-conducted.'

Mr. C. T. Coles said a recent peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Birmingham was described, 'No bobs were called throughout this peal.' There were about two words spoken in the peal, otherwise it would have been 'non-conducted.' He considered it was the correct way to describe such a peal, 'no bobs were called.'

The President: I was struck with the honesty of the people who sent in the report.

Mr. A. Walker said it was intended that it should be a silent peal. Only two words were spoken, and as regards the bob bells there was no mistake, but he sent in the report to 'The Ringing World' with the footnote that 'no bobs were called.'

Mr. Johnson said the silent and non-conducted Double Norwich was a peal to be proud of, and they felt it was something about which the Council should draw a definite line. It was what they in Yorkshire held ought to be the definition of such a peal.

The President: That, I think, is what is generally accepted.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert said that bob calling was not necessarily conducting. A man might call every bob in the right place, but not be capable of getting the bells out of a muddle.

The report, with the necessary amendment, was adopted, and the committee re-elected as follows: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (convener), Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. G. L. Grover and Mr. C. Dean.

(To be continued.)

'BITTER TREATMENT.'

Dear Sir,—The report of the election of honorary members of the Central Council makes rather poor reading, and it is unlikely that the prestige of the Council will be much enhanced by the rather bitter treatment of one of its late honorary members.

One would imagine that the recommendations of such members as Canon H. J. Elsee and Alderman J. S. Pritchett would have been sufficient to sway the Council to act graciously in this particular case, and no doubt the individual concerned would have been prepared to make the amende honorable—but it would appear that the spiteful element in the Council gained the day.

I entirely concur with the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards' remarks, and agree that in 20 years' time, when these things come to be reviewed dispassionately, the Council could not be said to have dealt with this case in a really dignified way.

It is interesting to note from the discussion which took place on this matter that at last members are to be judged and elected according to 'what they have done on the Council!' I can readily appreciate that not a few of the members of this august body are already beginning to feel uncomfortable!

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Bolton.

A letter from Mr. James George was received too late for insertion in this issue.—Editor, 'Ringing World.'

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Gateshead on Saturday, June 10th. Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland, presided over a short meeting after an excellent tea, and the Rector and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells, and the ladies for their kind services in connection with the tea.

The next meeting of the Western District is to be held at Tanfield on July 8th, and the Eastern District at Sunderland on July 22nd.

The association secretary announced that the Dean of Durham, Dr. Alington, had consented to address the members on the occasion of the annual festival at Durham on the 30th September, and the service is to be held in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. on that day. The new secretary of the Wednesday Guild, Mr. W. Sheraton, also announced that he was arranging for a meeting at Houghton-le-Spring on June 28th, and asked the members to make it as widely known as possible.

A JUBILEE CELEBRATED AT PENZANCE.

DR. SYMONS PROVIDES COMMEMORATION DINNER.

One of the most interesting events in the annals of Cornish ringing history took place at Penzance on Tuesday, June 6th, when Dr. Symons, president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, entertained a party of ringers and friends to dinner at the Western Hotel to commemorate the first peal in Cornwall by a resident band, rung 50 years ago—June 4th, 1883. There were present Canon F. R. Carr (Vicar of St. Mary's, Penzance), the Rev. C. E. S. Buckley (Vicar of Gulval), the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (general secretary of the Guild), the Misses Symons, Dr. Godfrey Symons, Mr. A. S. Roberts, Mr. William Wood, the full company of Gulval ringers and Mr. George Sellers, who, apart from Dr. Symons, is the only other surviving member of the band and who has reached the advanced age of 89.

After an excellent repast, Dr. Symons, in proposing the health of Canon Carr, gave a most interesting account of the early ringing history at Penzance. He mentioned that the bells were opened in 1861, the first change ringing, Grandsire Doubles, was accomplished in 1866, the first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1872 and a half-peal in the same method in 1873. Up to this time the band had been under the leadership of Col. Trelawney. In 1879 came a change in the leadership, and they started practising hard to score a peal. Early in 1883 they rang 4,000 Grandsire Triples in 2 hours 36 minutes just by way of practice; they did not want to ring a peal that day. On June 4th, 1883, came the great accomplishment, and they scored the long desired peal, the tenor being rung by the curate at that time, the Rev. Berry, who rang excellently, but who went home and went straight to bed. 'And when do you think he got up?' asked Dr. Symons. 'Thursday morning.' This peal when known brought them several visitors of fame, as in time Col. Troyte, Wm. Bannister and John Carter visited them.

Dr. Symons thanked Canon Carr for his assistance in the recent restoration of the bells and for allowing the Gulval band to ring at St. Mary's on the first Sunday in each month. He then read portions of a most interesting letter which he had received many years ago from Squire Leonard Proctor, in which he related the story of a visit to Mr. (afterwards Sir) A. P. Heywood, and described the wonderful ringing and enthusiasm which he found at Duffield. He mentioned an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob at that church and how the tenor man was tripped off the box by the rope, knocking over the seventh ringer.

Replying, Canon Carr thanked Dr. Symons for all he had said. He was not a ringer himself, but nevertheless had not shirked trying to learn several years ago, when Vicar of Kea, but the bell had got the better of him. He mentioned there was still a small balance to be met on St. Mary's bells, and hoped the Guild might be able to do something to reduce it.

Dr. Symons then proposed the health of Mr. A. S. Roberts, who had conducted a peal at St. Mary's on Easter Monday, and with this he coupled the name of the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella.

Both replied, the former remarking that it was splendid to have a link with the peal rung 50 years previously by the fact that Miss Eileen Symons took part on Easter Monday last.

During the evening songs were rendered by the Rev. C. E. S. Buckley and humorous stories told by Drs. J. and G. Symons, whilst Mr. George Sellers, despite his great age, delighted the company with his own poem, 'St. Mary's bells.'

EARLY STRUGGLES.

In the late seventies, residing in the historic town of Stratton, situated 'far from the madding crowd' in the extreme north of Cornwall, and destitute of all such amusements as 'pictures' and 'jazz,' bellringing appealed to Dr. Symons as an attractive pastime on the old peal of six by Pennington in 1778, subsequently augmented to the octave by a new treble and tenor from the Whitechapel Foundry in 1878.

Rounds and call changes, rising and falling in peal were alone practised on the church bells, and Dr. Symons' first introduction to change ringing was by coming across Hubbard's 'Campanologia,' from the study of which various touches of Bob Major were accomplished by 'tapping' on handbells.

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DR. JOHN SYMONS.

NEW BELLS FOR MOULTON.

MEMORIAL TO MISSIONS PIONEER.

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Moulton on Saturday, June 10th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and at the service Canon A. Nugee, of Little Houghton, was the preacher, the Rev. J. White, of Pitsford, Rural Dean, read the prayers, while Dr. S. Madge, of London, read the lessons, the last named being the donor of one of the new bells, which arrived on June 1st from Taylors' Foundry, Loughborough. The Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Turner), with his band of handbell ringers, led the singing on the four octave set of bells, accompanied by Mr. W. Busby on the organ. There was a large congregation, ringers coming in from all parts. The Rev. Nugee preached an impressive sermon from I. Corinthians, 4, 7: 'What hast thou that thou didst not receive?'

An excellent tea was arranged by the ladies in the Church Room, Mr. Weaver, Vicar's warden, paying expenses, so as to make a clear profit, which will be devoted to the new bell. The Rev. Canon J. P. Fred, Rural Dean, from Collingtree, and the Rev. R. H. Palmer, of Brafield, were present.

After tea, at which the grace was sung to the music of the handbells, the Vicar invited the Guild to hold their business meeting on the Vicarage lawn, whereupon they streamed from the room to that pleasant meeting place. Mr. F. Wilford, Master Ringer of the Diocese, was present at this meeting.

Mr. J. Dean was elected Branch Master Ringer for the year, Mr. J. Taylor resigning, to the regret of the meeting.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Dr. Sidney Madge for his kind gift of the new treble bell, which he wishes to be dedicated to William Carey, the great pioneer of modern missions, who was Baptist pastor at Moulton, where he thought out his schemes of world evangelisation. The centenary of his death is June 9th, 1834.—This was seconded by Mr. F. Browning, the Guild secretary, and supported by the two churchwardens, Messrs. F. Weaver and G. Smart, who were present, and the vote carried with acclamation.

Dr. Madge responded with a most interesting speech on the Moulton bells and Dr. William Carey.

Ringing was then resumed in the belfry, while handbell experts indulged in change ringing on the lawn.

The new bells were on view and the following are the inscriptions:—
No. 1.—*Ad maiorem Dei gloriam et in memoriam illustrissimi viri Guilelmi Carey ejus animum dulci sono pervenire solebant antiquae campanae Moultonenses hanc novam dono dedit S. J. Madge MCXXXIII.*

(Composer's translation) To the greater glory of God and in memory of the illustrious Doctor William Carey, whose soul was often stirred by the sweet sound of the old bells of Moulton, this new bell has been given by S. J. Madge, 1933.
No. 2.—Motto of William Carey (died June 9th, 1834).

Young people
Expect great things from God.
Remember.
Attempt great things for God.
Carey.

The initials form Carey's name reversed.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church on Saturday, June 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Howell 1, J. Hanson 2, Reg Robbins 3, R. Baird 4, A. W. Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Charles Wallace, a promising young local ringer and a member of the Swansea and Brecon Guild.

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Migrating in 1879 to his native town, the ancient and westernmost borough of Penzance, the opportunity of becoming associated with the band at St. Mary's, with eight bells by Taylor, 1865, was embraced. Not being satisfied with the ever repeating plain course of Grandsire Triples, a little more enthusiasm was infused into the band, and with the assistance and guidance of Col. H. R. Trelawney, an old change ringer, some longer touches and even quarter-peals were soon accomplished.

The ambition of every change ringer is to accomplish the full extent of changes on their peal of bells, and with a steady and unaided perseverance their efforts culminated on June 4th, 1883, in a 5,040 of Grandsire Triples, as the first peal rung in the county of Cornwall and by an entirely new band.

Frequent and valuable assistance in the practice of Stedman and other methods were willingly accorded by William Banister, Col. C. A. Troyte, John Carter and many others, whose memory is ever revered by the sole survivors of the first peal.

On Whit Sunday, June 4th, at the Truro Cathedral Church, for festal evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 minutes: Miss E. Robinson 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, Miss L. Willoughby 3, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 4, H. Williams 5, F. W. Marshall 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, H. Stephens 8. This was rung as a compliment to Dr. J. Symons, president of the Diocesan Guild, on the fiftieth anniversary of the first peal rung in Cornwall by a resident band on June 4th, 1883.

A CHURCH COUNCIL'S DECISION.

RINGERS TO BE CHARGED FOR USE OF BELLS.

Between 50 and 60 ringers were present at Sevenoaks at a meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association on Saturday, when they received a welcome from the Rector and were entertained to tea by Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Taylor. The towers represented were Benenden, Horsmonden, Shipbourne, Crayford, Leigh, East Peckham, Seal Chart, Bromley, Merstham, Tonbridge Wells, Lamberhurst, Rainham, Tonbridge, Beckenham, Chislehurst, Penshurst, Brasted, Cranbrook, Buckfastleigh (Devon), etc.

The ringing during the day included methods from Grandsire up to London Surprise. The majority of the present bells date from 1769, when they were put in by the Whitechapel Foundry, and the first recorded peal on them was one in which James Barham took part. The lofty tower dates from about 1450, but other portions of the church go back to the latter part of the 13th century.

The association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar, who dealt in his address with the ministry of ringers.

Tea in the Church Hall was served by Mrs. Taylor, assisted by a number of helpers, including Mrs. E. H. Lewis. Mr. Lewis, who is a vice-president of the Kent County Association as well as president of the Central Council, presided, and among those present were the Ven. Archdeacon of Tonbridge and the Rector of Sevenoaks.

An interesting matter arising out of the business was further correspondence in connection with a decision of the Church Council at Brenchley to charge visiting ringers 5s. for the use of the bells, to limit the period of ringing to two hours and the number of visits to six per year. The district had taken the matter up through the general secretary of the association (Mr. F. M. Mitchell), who now wrote that he had been successful in getting the time limit of two hours extended so as to allow of peals being rung, but the decision to charge 5s. per visit for the use of the bells was unaltered. 'To get the time limit altered is something to be thankful for,' Mr. Mitchell added.

Mr. G. B. Lucas, of Walthamstow, was elected a non-resident life member, and the election of Mr. F. B. Smeaton prior to a peal was confirmed.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and his curate, to the organist and to Dr. and Mrs. Taylor for their hospitality and to their helpers was cordially passed.

A CAUSE OF BAD RINGING.

Mr. Latter, the district secretary, thanked Mr. Ford, the local secretary, for the arrangements made, and, in thanking Mr. Lewis for presiding, announced that the next meeting would be held at Brasted on July 15th, when Mr. Lewis had kindly promised to entertain them to tea.

Mr. Lewis, replying to the vote of thanks, hoped the members would manage to get to Brasted, where they had a peal of six, which, thanks to the sympathetic method in which Mr. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, had tuned them, had been made into a very nice ring indeed. Mr. Lewis referred to the forthcoming publication by the Central Council of the pamphlet on how to handle a bell rope, and hoped it would be widely distributed in Kent, where, from his experience, such instruction as it would give was much needed. The pamphlet was to be published at 2d. There were, he said, complaints from the public in these days about the ringing of church bells, and some fear that legislation might be passed restricting ringing. The best counter action they, as ringers, could take was to ensure that, when they did ring, their striking was accurate. That was only to be achieved by the correct handling of the ropes. There was too much ringing with ropes too long at the tail and sallies too low. If steeplekeepers would keep the sallies well up and the rope end short, people would have to ring with their arms at full stretch and in that way would have full control of the bell. Many ringers rang with bent arms, and that was one of the things which produced bad striking. Mr. Lewis added that he hoped the associations would make arrangements to buy the pamphlet in bulk and distribute it to their members.

BRISTOL RINGERS' WELCOME TO NEW BISHOP.

On Sunday, June 11th, at St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members of the St. Ambrose Guild: A. C. Baker 1, A. Knight 2, Mrs. F. Skidmore (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, F. Skidmore 4, A. T. Maggs (conductor) 5, S. Phillips 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, G. S. Wiltshire 8. This quarter-peal was attempted on Friday, June 9th, but came to grief through a rope breaking half-way through. It was arranged as a welcome to the newly-appointed Bishop (Canon C. S. Woodward, M.A.), who was enthroned at Bristol Cathedral on June 9th.

OXFORD SOCIETY OUTING.

The Oxford Society visited Frome, Mere, Westbury and Newbury for their annual outing on Whit Monday. They were very kindly received at all the towers, and rang touches in various methods. At East Garston the party was met by the Misses Jenkyn, who much appreciated a tribute of respect paid to the memory of their brother when four members of the society rang a course of Grandsire Triples over his grave.

AN 'IMPOSSIBLE' TOWER.

SILENT LONDON PEAL TO BE CHIMED.

On Saturday, May 20th, the back six of the ring of eight at St. Michael and All Angels, Star Street, Paddington, one of London's 'impossible' towers, were rung by the following: R. H. Dove 1, R. Davies 2, F. G. Woodiss 3, C. H. Kippin 4, E. G. Talbot 5, D. Cooper 6. Anxious as to the safety of the tower, also the difficulties of ringing, limited the ringing to plain courses of Grandsire Doubles and Rob Minor.

Although the bell-chamber is only 10ft. by 14ft. and the brick walls barely 2ft. thick, nevertheless, a ring of eight (by Warner, 1851), with a tenor, is hung in a massive two-tier structure 'four on four,' 70ft. above the ground, and it is not to be wondered at that the tower 'rolls' badly under the strain, especially as all the bells swing in one direction. The band do not recommend this as an ideal tower for a long peal, nor for a summer meeting. The ringing room has no means of ventilation except via the staircase, and there is only one tiny window on a level with the floor.

As on the day in question the temperature was in the region of the eighties in the shade and the electric light in the tower fused, ringing conditions could hardly be described as comfortable. To enable the bells to be heard it has been decided to install a chiming apparatus (by Taylor and Co.), which will at any rate be an improvement on one bell 'clocked' as at present, for the expense of making this tower fit for ringing is beyond the means of a poor parish. Other 'tower grabbers' who may wish to visit this church should bear in mind that they must provide their own ropes.

DEATH OF A SEDBERGH RINGER.

Sedbergh mourns the death of its oldest ringer, Mr. W. Pennington, which occurred on June 4th at the age of 80 years. When the bells were opened in 1897 he became a ringer and took on the duties of steeplekeeper, which he performed until seven years ago, when, to his infinite regret, he was obliged to resign owing to ill-health. He consoled himself with the thought that his two sons were regular ringers, and lately was very much pleased when his granddaughter, Miss Harrison, took up ringing and joined the band. He rang a few peals, but his best effort was in February, 1909, when he took part in eight different methods for the eight services in that month. His favourite methods were Sledman and Superlative, and he was always keen and ready to tackle a new method. He was greatly loved and respected by all.

The funeral took place on June 7th and was taken by the Vicar, Canon Walker, assisted by the Rev. A. J. K. Martyn. Four ringers acted as bearers. In the evening a 720 Bob Minor was rung with bells deeply muffled by H. Dawson 1, J. Smith 2, T. Sisson 3, H. Haresnapo 4, E. Jennings 5, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor) 6.

GAINSBOROUGH RINGERS' OUTING.

The thirteenth annual outing of the Gainsborough Parish Church ringers was held on Whit Monday. The first call was made at Boston, where, after looking round the beautiful church, the ringing members of the party climbed the famous 'Stump,' and change ringing was indulged in on the new peal of ten bells, which have recently been recast and hung on ball bearings. The next call was Holbeach, and as the weather was rather hot and the bells did not go too well, everyone was quite ready to leave at the appointed time.

Edenham was reached in the afternoon. On this splendid ring of eight various methods, which included Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, were rung. Tea was taken at the old-fashioned Greyhound Inn. Afterwards the handbells were rung on the lawn and later the tower bells were set going. Home was reached about 11 o'clock, after a most enjoyable and successful outing.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

TOWCESTER BRANCH.

By kind invitation of the Rev. R. Howes, hon. secretary of the Towcester Branch, the annual meeting of the branch was held at Cold Higham on Saturday, June 10th. The bells, a handy ring of six, were available from 11 a.m., and were made good use of during the day. Luncheon was partaken of in the Schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held. The officers were re-elected and places of quarterly meetings arranged for the next year. The Rev. J. T. Russell, vice-principal of Cuddesdon College, preached an admirable sermon at the subsequent service.

Thanks are due to the Rev. R. Howes for his hospitality and arrangements.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

On Tuesday, May 27th, members of the local company, assisted by ringers from Lavenham, met at the Church of St. Lawrence, Little Walsingham, Suffolk, and rang several six-scores of Plain, Old Bob, St. Simon's and Grandsire Doubles to celebrate the 65th birthday of Mr. Walter Head, captain of the local band. Those taking part were S. H. and D. A. Symonds and L. Fryke (Lavenham), W. Head, H. Day, J. Andrews and B. Cornell (Little Walsingham). The party were afterwards entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. W. Head, which was followed by handbell ringing, in which a lady ringer, Mrs. Griggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Head, took part.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — The meeting at Pewsey, advertised in last week's paper, has been cancelled. Further announcements will be made as soon as possible.—A. W. Deane, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough, Wilts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 29th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on 27th, 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore, June 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Short service 6 p.m. Please notify Mr. A. J. Abrams, East Park Street, Chatteris, for tea. I would appeal to all district ringers to make a special effort to attend. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Bus service from St. Albans and Dunstable—connections with other routes. Come prepared for a variety of methods.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 310th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Service 12.30. Hot lunch (2s. 6d.) at 1.15.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall. A service will be held at 7.30, to which the Vicar gives a cordial invitation to all ringers and friends.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, June 24th, from 3 p.m. onwards, at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (8 bells). The bright young people ARE coming. Don't be missing.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmsford, on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Nominations are to be in at this meeting for secretary and committee-men.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LAVERHAM ANNIVERSARY will be held on Saturday, June 24th. The bells will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 to 9 p.m.—A. Symonds.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—A combined meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Bruce, at Marazion.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Selborne on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (5) available from 2.30, also Newton Valence (5) 1½ miles distant. Service in St. Mary's, Selborne, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in the Parish Hall. Business meeting follows.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—The dedication of the peal board recording a peal rung on March 19th, 1932, will take place on Saturday, June 24th, at 2.30 p.m. All visiting ringers welcome. Bells open after service.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24th, at Idle. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 24th, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. R. S. McDowall) and friends. Tower opens 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea. A good attendance is hoped for on this occasion. All ringers welcomed.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—A meeting will be held at Matlock (bells 8) on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. — A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Meeting in the church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (1s.) in the grounds of Higham Hall, this meeting being held jointly with the Deanery Missionary Pageant. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, June 24th. Ringing at All Saints' 3 p.m. Tea 5.45. Evensong 6.45. St. Paul's bells available in the evening if sufficient numbers present. — W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hethersett on Saturday, June 24th, 3.30 p.m. — W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, June 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Rawmarsh Church (8 bells) on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each. For tea please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by June 28th. The Rectory grounds will be open to visitors. —M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clement on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome —E. Barker, Branch Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Misson, near Bawtry, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells open 2 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. S. W. Law, Willow House, Misson, Doncaster. All welcome.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Easttrington on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (at 1s. 6d. each) at 5; please notify Mr. J. P. Powls, Easttrington, Howden, by Thursday, June 29th. All ringers welcome.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Grayshott on July 1st. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 6d. each, but only for those who apply for tickets, and send CASH to me BEFORE the 27th June, otherwise 1s. will be charged as usual.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Lawrence on Saturday, July 1st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) at the Parish Hall at 4.30. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. L. Porritt, 23, Grosvenor Road, Ramsgate, not later than Thursday, June 29th? Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—First quarterly meeting at Creswell, Derbyshire, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) open 2.30 to 7 p.m., also Clowne (6) in evening. Committee meet 3.30. Tea, 1/3 per head, in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea must inform Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmdon Road, Creswell, near Mansfield, not later than June 29th, to prevent disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Cardington on Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., Dunstable.

WHAPLODE, LINCS.—The dedication will take place on Saturday, July 1st, at 7 p.m., of the peal of six bells restored and augmented by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755)—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Castle Bromwich, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All intending to be present kindly notify T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1/3 per head). All those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1/6).—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12 Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcomed.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting of the above will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Please let me know by June 28th how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 401, London Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cross Stones on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dersingham on Saturday, July 1st.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Litlington on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea on Vicarage lawn.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemingford Abbots on July 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. Ransome, Hemingford Abbots, or H. Parker, Branch Sec., Great Staughton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ever-shot on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Other towers open: Rampisham. Notifications for tea to C. H. Lathey, Sec., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

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ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—Ringers' Opening.—On Saturday, July 8th, the day following the dedication, there will be a general ringers' meeting, by kind permission of the Rector and churchwardens. Programme: 2.30, ringing. 4 p.m., short service (the preacher will be announced later). 5, tea at Messrs. Selfridges, Oxford Street, by kind invitation of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge. 6.30, ringing. 8.30, social at the Cannon Street Hotel. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea are asked to send in their names, not later than July 3rd, to the Vestry Clerk, St. Mary-le-Bow, 61, Cheapside, London, E.C.2.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Christchurch, Hants, on Saturday, July 8th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual shield contest will be held at Darfield on Saturday, July 8th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Entries close on July 1st. For tea please notify Mr. T. Hilton, Stoneleigh, Barnsley Road, Darfield, near Barnsley, by Tuesday, 4th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Streatley on Saturday, July 8th. Ringing at Streatley from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.: Guild members 6d.; non-members 9d. Goring bells (8) are available after tea. All ringers are welcome. Please notify Mr. H. Perry, Thatched Cottage, Streatley, by July 4th number for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (9d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify the Rector, Halewood, Liverpool. Make an effort to attend and notify Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool 16.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Wednesday, July 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., by kind invitation, followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival at Swansea, Saturday, July 15th. 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. Mary's Church, Swansea (Preacher: Canon W. T. Havard). 4 p.m.: Tea at Curran's Restaurant, Heathfield Street (by kind invitation of Canon W. T. Havard). 4.30 p.m.: Business meeting. Please let me know the number for tea by Saturday, July 8th, without fail. — L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual summer festival, to be held at Leatherhead and Ashstead, has been postponed to Saturday, July 22nd. Full particulars will be published later. — J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

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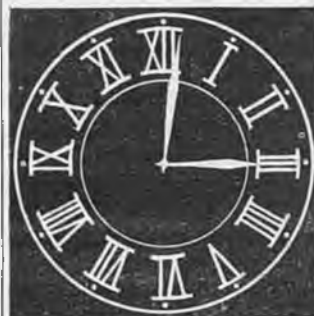
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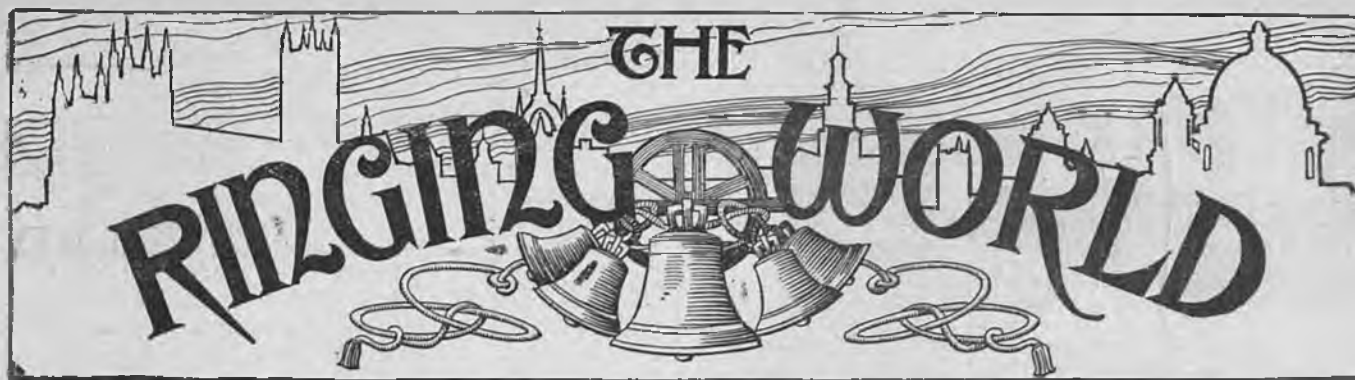
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A short but none the less important discussion arose unexpectedly at the Central Council meeting, on the subject of 'silent' peals, and it ventilated a matter that it is just as well should be made clear. The Analysis Committee had recorded as 'non-conducted' a peal of Double Norwich Major rung on handbells by the Yorkshire Association; the association asked that it should be recorded as 'silent and non-conducted.' Ringing terms and descriptions are notoriously 'loose'; they have grown up out of use among men who paid little heed, in many cases, to the subsequent construction which might be put upon them; or they have been employed with varying meanings among different people. 'Silent' and 'non-conducted,' as applied to peals, have been regarded by most ringers as synonymous terms, but that there is room for the belief that there is a difference between them is manifest from the request of the Yorkshire representatives. A 'silent' peal is obviously 'non-conducted,' for any spoken word breaks the 'silence,' but, presumably, not everyone looks upon a 'non-conducted' peal as necessarily silent; in other words, they consider 'non-conducted' as indicating that no bobs are called, but that trips may be corrected. Although we imagine the majority of ringers do not accept this view, it is pretty clear that it exists, and as the Council have definitions of many things concerning peals, they might make clear what is to be understood by 'silent' and 'non-conducted,' and what, if any, difference there is between them.

And this leads us to another matter. A great deal of extra merit attaches to a 'silent' peal, and even a peal in which no bobs are called is worthy of a good deal more credit than an ordinary performance. In view of the standard which has been reached by many bands, we wonder why there are not more peals attempted without the services of a 'conductor.' Many peals are now rung by bands, the members of which are all capable of calling. It is an established practice that someone shall be deputed to call the bobs, but we imagine there would be a good deal more interest if all the band had to 'call' their own peal. No one denies the fact that 'conducting' in the true sense requires more knowledge of a method than the mere ability to ring it; therefore non-conducted peals ought to raise the standard of method knowledge. It would give the mentally 'lazy' ringer more to think about; and the ringer who is anxious to learn more would be given the opportunity of doing so. We do not for a moment suggest that 'silent' peal ringing could be generally adopted, but if those bands—and

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*FRANK DEWEY ... 3	JOHN W. WOOD ... 8
*WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 4	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 9
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... 5	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the patronal festival. 50th peal by the ringer of the 3rd.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

THOMAS J. HULL ... Treble	†SIDNEY CARTER ... 6
*STANLEY A. CARTER ... 2	†JOHN WELCH ... 7
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 8
†REGINALD DORE ... 4	†JOSEPH LADLEY ... 9
BARNARD PATMORE ... 5	†SYDNEY C. ROCHESTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First attempt for a peal on ten bells. † First attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal contains all 56's, 54's, 65's and 64's in the tittums and all 65's and 64's in the handstroke home position.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS K. DRIVER ... Treble	*WILFRED STEVENSON ... 5
NORMAN HEAPS ... 2	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 6
THOMAS JONES ... 3	WILFRED J. MOSS ... 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGRON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GUDGRON.

* Hails from Macclesfield.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 15, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

*CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	*WILFRED J. MOSS ... 5
NORMAN HEAPS ... 2	†HARRY MELLOR ... 6
IVAN KAY ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
HAROLD HAMER ... 4	†THOMAS COCKING ... Tenor

Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

* 25th peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.)

MISS G. BURCHNALL ... Treble	*HAROLD DENMAN ... 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2	*ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... 6
*ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	*LEONARD PIERREPONT ... 7
*GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 4	†J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor, also for the association. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. H. Underwood, secretary to the Church Council. A birthday compliment to ringers of treble, 2nd and 6th and N. Moxon, a local ringer.

KNARESBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
FRED DUNKERLEY ... 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... 6
JOSEPH OGDEN ... 3	WILFRED J. MOSS ... 7
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 4	HARRY MELLOR ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

The conductor would like to take this opportunity of thanking the band for helping him to realise this ambition, and particularly the owners of the 'runabouts.' According to local information, this is the first peal in the method on the bells.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

JOHN W. HOBSON ... Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 5
WALTER GODDARD ... 2	*GEORGE DOBBS ... 6
*JOHN W. TOMLINSON ... 3	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
†CECIL CORRICK ... 4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. The opening event in Barton in marking the centenary of the great church revival of 1835.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

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

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOODY ... Treble	*GEORGE L. HALL ... 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	*GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 6
*GEORGE E. FEARN ... 3	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7
FRANK LORD ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBBY.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First 'Spliced' peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM M. STONE ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
JOHN P. PELLOE ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 4	GEORGE W. STEERE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

J. P. Pelloe's first peal of Surprise.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

RICHARD PAINE ... Treble	THOMAS W. THIRKELL ... 5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... 2	WALTER LINTER ... 6
FREDERICK S. PASKINS ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
*AUBREY L. BENNETT ... 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Bob Major. Mr. A. L. Bennett hails from Buckfastleigh.

HARMSTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 21, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*KENNETH W. WRIGHT ... Treble	*DONAVON R. WHITE ... 5
†HERBERT LOWMAN ... 2	JOHN WALDEN ... 6
*ARTHUR W. BUNN ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4	GEORGE CHESTER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. SWINFELD'S ODD BOB TEN-PART, No. 2. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... 2	NORMAN G. LEECH ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 4	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. This peal was rung at the request of the wardens to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the building of the church.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE MAYERS ... Treble	CYRIL CROWE ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 6
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 3	GEORGE H. MOORE ... 7
ALBERT E. BRACEY ... 4	CHARLES H. MOORE ... Tenor

Composed by Wm. E. BASON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This composition, containing all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, is now rung for the first time.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED DUNKERLEY 1	Treble	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 5
HAROLD HAMER 2		WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
MISS ROSE BELL 3		CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
*MISS HEATHER BELL ... 4		SAMUEL HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
*GUY R. AMBROSE 2	GEORGE MORROW 6
JOHN BURLES 3	GEORGE BUTCHER 7
CHARLES R. GOODBURN ... 4	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged and rung as a 'farewell' to Mrs. Walden and Miss Mennie, daughters of the late Rector, who have been associated with this church for 33 years, and, on the death of their father, have left the parish for New Barnet.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 1	Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2		WALTER ALLWOOD 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS 3		EDWARD F. GOBEY 7
WILLIAM J. TRYNG 4		JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

First peal of Spiced Treble Bob Major by all except the 2nd and 7th. Rung on St. John the Baptist's Day and the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. It was also a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM

* First peal of 'Surprise.' Rung to celebrate the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

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FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	GARHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS J. ELTON Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
JOHN C. ADAMS 2	HARRY BOSWELL 6
*WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	BERT HORTON Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Major. Mr. Beniams hails from Ludlow, Shropshire. Believed to be the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

BOLTON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL... .. 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... .. 6
ROBERT WALLWORK 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7
THOMAS WALLWORK 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of London on the bells.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD H. SPICE Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
*MRS. E. H. SPICE 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
GEORGE KENWARD 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
EDWARD J. BEER 4	WILLIAM J. BEER Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal in the method.

EDMONTON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES 5
*MISS G. CHURCH 2	GEORGE RADLEY 6
GEORGE B. COLLINS 3	JAMES PARKER 7
FRANK C. SHORTER 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER.

* First peal.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
ALBERT RELFE 3	LUTHER J. HONES 7
HARRY BAKER 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Mr. C. H. Sone has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 1; $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOWE Treble	*ALFRED L. POPE 5
AUBREY L. BENNETT 2	ARTHUR T. TRIDMAN 6
EDWARD W. BIFFEN 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 4	ARTHUR H. GOAD Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the eve of the celebration of the 800th anniversary of Exeter Cathedral.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

INWORTH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twenty-four six-scores Grandsire, 18 six-scores Bob Doubles, eight different callings. Tenor 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.

BERT WINGER Treble	ERNEST MINGAY 3
JOSEPH BROWN 2	REGINALD GRAINGER 4
GEORGE KNIGHT Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MINGAY.

First peal on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. First peal as conductor. All except the 4th ringer are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD WHITE Treble	*WILFRED REDDING 4
JONATHAN HONEY 2	*WILLIAM CUDDE 5
JOHN NOBES 3	*FRANCIS J. HONEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since a new treble was added by R. White, of Appleton, Berks.

BIGBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Spliced Oxford and Kent, and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM MIDDLETON Treble	GEORGE BLANCHARD 4
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK 2	JOHN NEVIN 5
ELVIN HOSWAM 3	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

First peal in three methods by all except the ringer of the 4th. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

TANFIELD.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

HARRY TYSON Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON 4
HERBERT P. CLIFF 2	*ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 5
KENNETH W. CHEERSEMAN 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. G. Hunter, who was churchwarden at the above church for many years.

BANBURY.—On Wednesday, May 17th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Higham 1, W. Watson 2, F. Selwyn 3, L. J. Malings (Deddington) (first quarter-peal) 4, T. Impey 5, W. Tandy 6, H. Impey (conductor) 7, W. Aston 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5003 CHANGES;

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3-4	EDWARD J. BEER 7-8
EDWIN BARNETT 9-10	

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire—Mrs. George H. Cross.

First peal of Grandsire Caterers as conductor and first in the method by the rest of the band. Edwin A. Barnett's first peal on ten bells, and first 'in hand' on ten by E. Barnett and E. J. Beer.

BARNETBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 22, 1933, in One Hour and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. BLANCHARD, 57, SILVER STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK 1-2	ELVIN HOSWAM 3-4
GEORGE E. FEARN 5-6	

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

Umpire—George Blanchard.

First peal 'in hand' by all. First peal as conductor.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*JOHN P. PELLOE 1-2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	MAURICE SMITHER 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal away from 7-8.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. E. J. BEER, 25, WOODFIELD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*GEORGE J. BUTCHER 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
*EDWARD J. BEER 3-4	*HARRY HOVERD 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Witnesses—Mrs. E. J. Beer and Mrs. G. H. Cross.

* First in the method 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.' First handbell peal rung in Gravesend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION MEETING AT HEPTONSTALL.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Heptonstall on Saturday, June 10th. Although there had been a considerable cooling off in the weather, about 30 members took the advantage of being able to ring on this fine peal of bells, made famous by the long peal of Treble Bob and the unsuccessful long peal of Double Norwich. The towers represented were Armley, Almondbury, Brighouse, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Holbeck, Halifax, Keighley, Leeds, Lindley, Northowram, Pudsey, Queensbury, Selsden and the local company. Friends from Cross Stone, Todmorden, Milnrow and Bolton were also welcomed. The bells were kept going in the afternoon in various methods from Grandsire to Superlative Surprise, and a bounteous tea was served in the schools.

The business meeting followed. Owing to a family bereavement, Mr. P. J. Johnson was unable to be present, and Mr. J. Cotterell occupied the chair, and the secretary was requested to send a letter of condolence to Mr. Johnson.

Mr. J. Heaton, of Selsden, was the only new member to be elected. An invitation to hold the September meeting at Ilkley was accepted. Mr. J. Cotterell proposed and Mr. J. F. Smallwood seconded that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood, in proposing a vote of thanks to the local company, spoke of the pleasure it had given him to be able to be present, and assured them that the bells were worthy of all the good things he had heard about them.—Mr. F. Robertshaw responded for the local company and assured the meeting of a hearty welcome any time they wished to visit Heptonstall again.

This concluded the meeting, and the tower was again visited for further ringing.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

JUBILEE MEETING.

This is the jubilee year of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Reference to this auspicious event was made at the annual meeting on Saturday week, and a dinner in celebration is to be held later in the year. In the course of the 50 years there have been five presidents, but only three lay secretaries. The first was Mr. W. A. Wood (1883-5), who is now Mayor of Lichfield and was present to give the society a welcome to the city for their jubilee meeting. The second lay secretary was Mr. Samuel Reeves (1885-1908), and the present secretary Mr. Herbert Knight, who has given 25 years' service, is the third.

The number of members on the books at the end of the first year of the society was 65, and one life member; to-day there are something like 280 ringing and 210 life members; but alas! the number of hon. members is deplorably low, there being only seven, whereas in the second year the number was 22. The first Ringing Master of the society was Mr. James E. Groves, who was elected in 1907, and held office until 1910. Those who succeeded him were: Thomas J. Elton from 1910-12, George Hughes 1912-14, William Fisher 1914-22, Thomas J. Elton (second time) 1922-26, Christopher Wallater 1926-27, Robert Pickering 1927-28, John C. Adams 1928-29, John Perry 1929-30, William A. Cooper 1930-31, John Warilow 1931-32, and Robert Pickering (second time) 1932-33.

The annual meeting, held at Lichfield, proved to be quite a success, more than 100 being present. Besides a good representation from affiliated towers in the Archdeaconry, there were visitors from Harlow (Essex), Coalbrookdale, Coventry, Stoke, Northampton, Birmingham, Derby, Loughborough, Old Hill, etc. The bells of the city—the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's—were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

The service in the Cathedral was impressive. The first lesson was read by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th. (clerical secretary and treasurer of the society), and the second by the Very Rev. Dean Savage. In his address the Dean took for his text, 'It is a day of blowing trumpets unto you,' Num. 29, 1. He likened the ringing of bells to-day—for great national events—to the trumpets of the days of pre-Christianity. He also spoke of the beginning of change ringing—of Fabian Stedman and the 'sixes,' and remarked that his hearers might smile at that to-day, in the present advanced stage of the science. 'Scientific change ringing is a real church work,' he said; 'it is a great service, a service of real art and to the glory of God.' In conclusion, the Dean congratulated the members upon having a society which had lasted for 50 years, and hoped that many of the younger ones present might live to see the centenary celebration.

WELCOME TO THE MAYOR AND THE DEAN.

A beautiful tea was prepared in St. Mary's Parish Hall by Mrs. Cresswell (wife of the Rev. H. J. Cresswell, Vicar of St. Mary's) and a band of willing helpers. Before tea was begun, his Worship the Mayor (Alderman W. A. Wood) addressed the assembly. After giving the company a welcome to Lichfield, he recalled the fact that for the first two years of the society's existence he was the lay secretary. He also gave a brief summary of his ringing in those far-off days, and remarked that he knew of no work which was so keenly done by individuals as bellringing. He was sorry he could not stay for the tea, as he had some other duties to attend to.

Not long after the departure of the Mayor, the Dean arrived, and stated that he would like to say how heartily glad he was to welcome the society. He explained how difficult it was to 'hold the balance'—inferring that the bells were somewhat disturbing to those who lived in close proximity—hence the curtailing of the use of the Cathedral bells. He concluded by saying he hoped the members would have a really good day. He, too, apologised for not being able to stay any longer, as he had five or six hours' work to do before Sunday morning.

At the general meeting, which followed tea, the Ven. Archdeacon Bright presided. After the report and statement of accounts had been read, the Archdeacon moved the adoption of both, which were received with applause. He congratulated the members on holding the jubilee celebration, and totalled up the presidents since the inception of the society. They were Archdeacons Isles, Scott, Hodson, Blakeway and himself. He struck an average of each one's office, viz., ten years, and as he had done his 'quota,' he considered his time was up (laughter).

Three officers were re-elected, except the Ringing Master, Mr. Robert Pickering, who retired. There were three nominations for this office, and, on a show of hands, Mr. Bert Horton was declared elected.

The following places were chosen for the coming meetings: Bloxwich in September; Coseley, January; Brewood, April; and Lichfield (annual), June.

It was resolved that a dinner be arranged to take place in October in connection with the jubilee celebration.

A vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his presence in the chair, and to Mrs. Cresswell for catering, brought forth applause. In reply, the Archdeacon invited all to visit his garden, which many did.

The committee in their report referred to the meetings held during the year, and expressed gratitude to the various incumbents for so readily granting the use of their bells, and for the helpful addresses given by them. Bell restoration had taken place at Tamworth, where the front seven had been recast and the whole octave hung in

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH INVITATION MEETING AT BERE REGIS.

Through the kind invitation of Mr. Wm. Bedford—an hon. life member of the Salisbury Guild—members attended a special meeting at Bere Regis on Saturday, June 17th. The bells were available during the afternoon, and some good practice was obtained by the learners. The Guild service was held in the famous church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. W. Taylor), the address being given by the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey). After the service, tea, kindly provided by Mr. Bedford, was partaken of at the Village Hall, the chair being taken by the Rev. E. S. Tarrant (Vicar of Wool and chairman of the branch). The party numbered over 70, including representatives of the Dorchester branch from Bere Regis, Buckland Newton, Dorchester, Puddletown, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis, West Dorset branch from Bridport and Evershot, Wimborne branch from Bourne-mouth and Poole, and North Dorset branch from Kingston Magna. Among others present were Messrs. A. A. Hughes (Mears and Stainbank, London), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon) and I. Setter (Yeovil). Among the apologies for absence was one from the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), who was taking the opportunity to go to the joint meeting of the Devizes and Salisbury branches at Amesbury.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed on the motion of the chairman, seconded by the Rev. A. S. Bryant, to Mr. Bedford for his kind invitation to Bere Regis, his hospitality in providing the tea, and for the great interest he takes in the Guild and his own band, and, following this, he was going to conduct the members over his wonderful extensive gardens.

Hearty votes of thanks were also expressed to the Vicar for conducting the service, to the Rev. A. S. Bryant for giving such an original address, to the organist, choir and blower.

Replying, Mr. Bedford welcomed the members, and mentioned he was proud of the fact of the service of the present ringers, which was: T. Boyte, 41 years; P. Hewitt, 40 years; I. Miller, 40 years; J. Jones, 38 years; G. Farr, 33 years; A. Jones (steeplekeeper), 22 years; H. Pitfield, 12 years; E. Rawbone, 6 years; J. Cleall, 6 years; H. Hann, 2 years. Mr. Bedford also gave details of the inscriptions and weight of the bells: Treble (no weight stated), inscription 'Pax,' 1919, Mears and Stainbank; 2nd, weight 8 cwt. 12 lb., inscription 'Although I am but small, I be heard among them all. A. L., J. D., C.W. Anno Domini, 1656. Anthony Lamb, John Daw, churchwardens'; 3rd, 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb., inscription, Taylor and Co., Bell Founders, Loughborough, 1875 (this bell was recast); 4th, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb., inscription, 'Praise the Lord'; 5th, 13 cwt. 3 qr., inscription, 'Robert Frampton, Thomas Frampton, Thomas Knight, William Knight, Anno Domini, 1709'; tenor, 18 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb., inscription, 'Justergen Ekins and John Haggard, Churchwardens, Job Augherlouy, Vicar: the gift of Mary Dyot. Clement Toscar cast me in 1698.' A warm welcome was extended to all the visitors, and Mr. A. A. Hughes replied on their behalf. They were fortunate, he said, in having such a man as Mr. Bedford, and he was always struck with the kindness and hospitality he always met with in their beautiful county of Dorset.

The meeting ended, the party was conducted round the famous farms and gardens of Messrs. Bedford and Jesty, where agriculture and horticulture dovetail one with the other. Strawberries, black currants, apples and pears, cultivated blackberries and a large acreage of watercress beds keep something like 200 employees in full work right through the year.

Good practice was obtained until late in the evening with the able assistance of Messrs. W. Shute and J. Ralph (North Dorset Branch), Miss M. White and Mr. A. Rose (Wimborne Branch) and Mr. A. A. Hughes. One party went on to Milton Abbey, while others rang at Puddletown. Thus ended a memorable meeting.

The quarterly meeting of the branch will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 15th, and due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

CORONATION DAY.

On Thursday, June 22nd, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, in celebration of Coronation Day, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Boh Major (1,280 changes): C. Edwards 1, Miss H. F. Mills 2, J. Read 3, C. Wells 4, T. Upshall 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8. On Friday, June 23rd, in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 504 Stedman Triples.

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a new iron frame. Bloxwich eight had also been relung. Gradually much-needed restorations were being accomplished, but there were several more places where the bellhanger's services were desirable. The committee were fully aware of the difficulties of raising funds for this work—especially at this time when there is so much distress—and hoped that ere long times would be brighter and the desired improvements would be made.

The number of peals rung during the year was 33 and the conducting had been shared by 12 members. Those who had rung their first peals numbered eight. The committee recorded with regret the death of John William Perry, of Brewood; Edward F. Mitchell, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; Albert E. Parsons, of Old Hill; and Henry W. Wilde, of Pulford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTHERN BRANCH.

A Grimsby district meeting was held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, June 10th when a large number attended and enjoyed a ring on the fine peal of eight, a light ring, but very musical, hung in the ancient old Church of St. Peter. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and also after the meeting. The service was conducted by the curate, who gave the members an interesting address. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ. After service tea was served in the assembly rooms, 46 members and friends sitting down. Towers represented were Bigby, Barton-on-Stather, Ulceby, Thornton Curtis, Scunthorpe, Killingholme, Barrow-on-Humber. Unattached members from Grimsby, the Rev. G. H. Legge, of Killingholme, Dr. F. P. H. Birtwhistle, of Barton-on-Humber, Messrs. G. Williams and Hobson, of Hull, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bramwell, of Cleethorpes, Mrs. Rushby and the local ringers were also present.

The president of the district (the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry) presided over the meeting, at which four new members were elected from Scunthorpe and Barton-on-Humber.

The district bell fund collection was given to the Rev. Law James Memorial Fund.

The president gave the members an outline of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting.

The Vicar of Barton (the Rev. W. E. Varah) spoke on the coming centenary celebration of the Oxford Movement, and said that ringers had that movement to thank for the conditions of the churches and belfries as they are to-day. He hoped peals would be rung in honour of the great men who started the movement and those who carried it on.

Mr. J. Bray proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, Mr. Rushby for playing the organ and Mr. Bramwell for acting as blower; to the caterers and all who had made the arrangements. Mr. Martin Walker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the president for taking the chair. Afterwards the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing. The next meeting is on Saturday, July 15th, at Thornton Curtis. Particulars will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

FIRST LOCAL C.E.M.S. QUARTER-PEAL IN WALES.

The first quarter-peal by a local band of C.E.M.S. members in Wales was rung at St. Peter's Church, Pentre Rhondda, on Saturday. This was Kent Treble Bob Major by H. Crabbe 1, W. Palmer 2, W. Cross 3, G. Palmer 4, G. Wines 5, H. Davies (conductor) 6, J. Lovett 7, F. Lasbury 8.

UP FOR T' COUNCIL.

YORKSHIRE VISITORS TO ST. ALBANS.

A party of Yorkshire ringers spent a very pleasant week-end at St. Albans, prior to attending the Central Council meeting in London on Tuesday, June 6th. The party was arranged by Mr. Maude, of Pudsey, and consisted of the following members: Mr. and Mrs. Maude, Mr. and Mrs. Cotterell (Bradford), Mr. Hardcastle (Bradford), Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, Leeds, Mr. Fearnley (York), Mr. and Miss Naylor (Lightcliffe), Mr. Pratt (Calverley) and Mr. Austin (Gloucester).

Ringling commenced at St. Peter's, where the local company had arranged for the visitors to ring at 8.15 p.m. for the King's birthday, and the local company at the Abbey had also arranged for the visitors to ring for morning service, when several touches were brought round.

Mr. Walter Ayre invited all the visitors to tea on Sunday afternoon at his home at Leverstock Green (which was rather 'rough' on his good lady, owing to her having such short notice), but when they arrived they found a real Yorkshire lady, with a real Yorkshire tea. After tea, handbell ringing was indulged in, and Mr. and Mrs. Ayre also entertained the visitors with some songs, which were greatly appreciated. The party's best thanks are tendered to both for their kindness.

Mr. Debenham, jun., had kindly made arrangements for a tour on the Monday, when Harpenden, Luton and Dunstable were visited, and touches in various methods were rung at each place. Mr. Debenham acted as guide, and a splendid guide he made, as he took no risks and landed the party safely back at St. Albans at 6 p.m. They had intended visiting Hemel Hempstead, but, owing to lack of time, this had to be cut out.

Mr. Debenham, sen., kindly invited all the party to dinner at his home in the evening, when they sat down to a sumptuous repast. After dinner was over, there was handbell ringing on the lawn, which was led by Mr. Ayre, Mr. Debenham taking a pair in a touch of Grandsire Caters, and, although he has not rung handbells for a considerable time, proved that he could still ring well.

The party wish to tender their best thanks to Mr. and Miss Debenham for their kindness in giving them such a hearty welcome. They also wish to thank the Vicars at various churches and all the members of the local companies who met them and had the bells in readiness. Some of the party were sorry they had not seen the member of the St. Peter's band who initiated them into the art of 'deep sea fishing' on their previous visit.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been entrusted with the order to relang the heavy ring of twelve bells at the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on ball bearings. The tower itself has recently been under restoration.

The 400th anniversary of the building of the church at Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs, was celebrated by a procession, with tableaux, etc., and drew together a large number of people from neighbouring towns and villages. A peal of Sledman Triples was also rung.

Ringers sometimes do funny things. Recently a party arranged to meet for a peal of Treble Bob at a tower in the North Midlands. When five of them arrived at the church, a wedding was in progress. They rested content until the ceremony was over and then wondered where the other three members of the band were? After talking matters over—how the absentees' ears must have burned!—the party found out they were at the wrong tower. The one they wanted was four miles further south! Eventually they reached the right tower three quarters of an hour late, but finished a very good peal just before service time.

Ringers who propose to attend the official opening of Bow Bells on Friday, July 7th, should note that the service will commence at 3.30 p.m. Applications for tickets for tea on Saturday, July 8th, must be made not later than Monday next. Full details will be found in our notice columns.

One of a celebrated family of ringing brothers, Mr. David G. Wightman, of Suffolk, has passed away at the age of 71 years.

MR. JAMES GEORGE AND THE COUNCIL.

A STATEMENT REPUDIATED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have carefully perused the account of the Central Council meeting in 'The Ringing World' of June 16th.

I am greatly hurt and surprised at the untruthful statement made by Mr. Coles. I have never thought such a thing, let alone told him or anyone else that I wished the Painswick ringing to be commemorated by a tablet. I challenge him to bring anyone forward who can TRUTHFULLY state that I have ever made such a statement, and I shall expect him to withdraw it. It is a pure invention on his part and was meant to do me an injury.

I have said, 'I object to various people calling it a "PEAL TABLET," as the word "PEAL" is not mentioned on it, and a note at the bottom should have been added that the composition was false, as it might be misleading to future generations.'

For the information of the Exercise I send you an extract from my letter to Mr. A. Wright on September 11th, 1932: 'I consider you have caused me sufficient pain by making me ring a false peal of such a length and cutting me out of the Central Council after 14 years as an honorary member through placing an unnecessary tablet in the belfry which I knew nothing about until after it was fixed.'

My jealous enemies (and I know them) can be counted on the fingers of one hand, but I have numerous kind and sincere friends, which is proved by this week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' I am deeply moved by the unexpectedly kind remarks of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Mr. James Hunt, the Rev. F. L. Edwards and the Rev. Canon Elsec. I sincerely thank them, the Rev. H. Drake, who seconded my nomination, and the numerous members of the Central Council who voted for me on this occasion.

You will observe from my letter to Mr. Wright that I was ignorant of the tablet being fixed. If something could be done to get it either taken down or got my name erased from it I should be thankful.—Yours faithfully,
JAMES GEORGE.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The June meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Idle, near Bradford, on Saturday, June 24th, when about 20 ringers were present from Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Headingley (unattached), Northowram, Shipley, Sowerby Bridge and the local company. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and was continued until 9 o'clock. At the business meeting, held in the tower, Mr. C. E. Lawson was chairman, and it was decided that the next meeting should be held at Headingley (St. Chad's) on July 29th.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens and the local company for allowing the use of the bells and for the general arrangements was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. S. Batrop.—Mr. T. Hill (churchwarden and ringer) replied.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Branch was held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, June 24th. During afternoon and evening about twenty members were present, and some good practice in the following methods took place: London, York, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob, also 120 of Stedman Doubles. The Vicar (the Rev. E. Atkins) gave an inspiring address. He also welcomed the ringers to Chatteris. Mr. A. J. Abrams (local captain) saw to the needs of all, a measure of thanks being due to him for his interest.

The next meeting is to take place at Soham at an early date. Due notice will be given in the proper columns of 'The Ringing World.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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BELL BROKEN BY ELLACOMBE HAMMER.

The following report of the Towers and Belfries Committee was submitted by the President, the acting convener: During the year this committee has lost its convener by the death of the Rev. G. W. O. Jenkyn. In his position as Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild he was consulted in many cases of restoration in that diocese, and was always ready to give sound and practical advice to the local authorities. The committee has held no meetings because until late in the year no questions of principle had arisen in the various towers where the help of individual members was sought. The three remaining members of the committee gave evidence in at least 17 instances, in most cases after visiting the towers, in the remainder by correspondence. Recently two matters of principle have been raised, and it is desirable that the committee should consider them at an early date. A case has been reported where a bell has been completely broken in two by being rung with Ellacombe hammers in gear. Several other bells have been reported as chipped from the same cause. Until the question has been further considered, the committee would like to call attention to the need of an official being appointed who shall be responsible for seeing that Ellacombe hammers are left out of gear, in every tower where they are fitted. The other cause of damage which has been reported was due to the method sometimes employed of lowering bells out of a tower by means of tackle attached to the cast-in clapper staple, about which the committee wish to make further inquiry.

The President added that the Boston job had been completed practically as the committee recommended it should be done, and anyone who had rung there would agree it was quite successful. The Newbury restoration had rather tragic memories. It was one of the cases which he examined and recommended the addition of two new bells which would reduce, rather than increase, the motion of the tower. As they knew, the bells were put in and the effect on the tower was as predicted. It was after going to hear these new bells that Mr. Jenkyn suddenly passed away. There had been a case brought to their notice within the last fortnight where the question of deadening the sound of the bells had been held up for years because the local architect, who carried much weight with the clergy and churchwardens, said that if they closed the windows and confined the sound to the tower, it would disintegrate the walls of the belfry and soon damage the tower itself. He (the president) wrote back and pointed out, as politely as he could, that that was absolute bunkum (hear, hear, and laughter). They could block up the windows to within 3ft. of the top, and, if that was not enough, they could block them up altogether and open a hole in the roof. He believed the architect had now been outvoted by the parochial committee.

TOWERKEEPER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Major J. H. B. Hesse (a member of the committee) referred to the case that had recently occurred of a bell being broken completely off through an Ellacombe hammer being left in gear. He wondered whether they, as a committee, with the help of the bellfounders, could ask people not to have chiming hammers put in. This case was in Somerset, where there was a complete family of Bilbie bells, all good. The history of those bells was now broken. They could get a new bell just as good, but it was not the same thing. His own grandfather was Rector at this church for 40 years, and arrangements had been made to have the bell recast. This case proved more than ever the necessity of instructing towerkeepers to see that all hammers were out of gear. He believed the late Mr. J. W. Taylor used to prefer to see bells clocked, if they were clocked properly. The chiming apparatus in this church would not go back, and they would swing-chime two bells if they could not get enough ringers. There was another case, said Major Hesse, in which a bell had been broken by being lowered out of a steeple by the crown staple. The bell was upside down and got a cross strain on the staple, which cracked the crown. He thought they might ask the bellfounders to watch this matter in future and see what they could do to stop it.

Mr. E. A. Young (also a member of the committee) said they must not stultify themselves over the question of 'clocking,' but there were other ways of chiming than by hammers. It was important that they should see if they could do something to prevent such a thing occurring again. Mr. Young added that he had inspected in two cases in Bedfordshire. In one case he was able to save a rather good oak frame, as far as the material was concerned, by recommending that it be turned upside down. The bells, which used to run anti-clockwise, now run clockwise.

Mr. C. F. Johnston said it was sometimes difficult to fit Ellacombe chiming hammers. There were many places where a parson wanted the bells rung on Sundays, but wanted the bells chimed in the week, and it sometimes took a little thinking out to evolve something which was nearly fool-proof. Meanwhile, he thought the bellfounders might collaborate to provide a clearer notice of warning in the tower to the effect that the hammers must be removed before the bells were swung. There were some machines where the hammers could be easily detached and some which were not so easy. Mr. Johnston said with regard to the accident in lowering a bell from the steeple that the person responsible ought to be speedily retired from the bellringing fraternity. Proceeding, he said he would like to express appreciation,

as one who had had contact with the committee, of the helpfulness of the committee. On at least two occasions during the last four months they had been most useful. Mr. Lewis had been able to bridge the gulf between the bellfounder and the architect.

Canon Coleridge emphasised the need for care in regard to chiming apparatus, and instanced a case of many years ago where, after the apparatus had been put in, the new cords shrank in wet weather to such an extent that the hammers, although supposed to be out of gear, were against the bells.

ELLACOMBE HAMMERS SAFER THAN 'CLOCKING.'

Canon Elsee said Ellacombe hammers had saved a great number of bells from being cracked, whereas clocking had certainly been responsible for damage to a great many. As far as he knew, the actual number of cases of damage done by Ellacombe hammers was very small. Lovers of bells had a good deal of cause to be thankful to Canon Ellacombe for his invention, and, on the whole, they were as good a system for chiming as could be found.

The Rev. E. S. Powell suggested that the hammers should be fixed, as clock hammers were, to strike on the outside of the bell and be so arranged that they struck on the side contrary to the way in which the bell swung. It was, he believed, Canon Ellacombe himself who, at Clyst St. George, fitted the clock hammer on to the tenor so that the hammer never need be pulled off. They could raise the tenor without it touching the clock hammer at all.

Mr. Johnston said this might be possible, although it might take a little thinking out. It was a matter of leverages and might increase the work of the chimer considerably.

Mr. E. A. Young asked what happened when the bells were rung.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he had never been into the bell chamber to see what happened to the hammer when the bells were rung.

Major J. H. B. Hesse: Isn't there a likelihood of its being broken off?

Mr. S. F. Palmer said they had experience of a tune playing apparatus at Sheffield Cathedral. Tunes were played every three hours and there was a great conglomeration of wires and hammers. Occasionally there was trouble and they would find a hammer broken. But they got over the difficulty. When the bells were taken down to be tuned and rehung they had to remove the chiming apparatus—and they forgot to put it back (laughter).

Mr. E. M. Atkins said when a chiming apparatus was installed it was a mistake to make the shanks of the hammers too strong. It was a point whether they could not be made of wood, as a stay was made. It was a mistake to think that chiming apparatus should be done away with. There were many occasions when the bells were needed and when it was impossible to get a band of ringers together. It would be wrong for the Council to put forward the suggestion.

Mr. J. W. Jones referred to a case in the Llandaff and Monmouth diocese where the incumbent had introduced the clocking system. He (Mr. Jones) had pointed out the danger of cracking the bells, but the incumbent had replied that it answered his purpose as well as having the bells rung. Further efforts failed to convince him, and he said that it was all piffle. What, asked Mr. Jones, did the Council suggest could be done in this case?

The President: I suggest you send him away for a holiday and forget to bring him back (laughter). The President went on to say that the Towers and Belfries Committee did not suggest doing away with Ellacombe hammers, but that the whole question be looked into. If the Council reappointed the committee, they would consider the subject and consult the bellfounders over it. The Standing Committee, he added, suggested that the committee (the president, Major Hesse and Mr. Young) be reappointed, with the addition of Mr. James Hunt, of the Bath and Wells Association.

This was agreed to, and Mr. Lewis was appointed convener.

THE STEDMAN MEMORIAL.

The hon. secretary presented the final report of the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration Committee, and this consisted of a financial statement. At the last meeting of the Council, £50 13s. 6d., the balance of account, was owing to Mr. W. Sindall, the builder, and there were also outstanding the treasurer's expenses, £2 10s. At that time there was £19 8s. in hand, and since then £19 7s. had been received in subscriptions, 12s. by sale of ash trays and 5d. for postages. The accounts had been paid and there was now a deficit of £13 16s. 1d., which had been advanced by the Council. The whole statement of accounts was as follows: Receipts: Subscriptions and donations, £507 6s. 4d.; interest on bank deposits, £4 16s. 9d.; souvenir booklets, ash trays and blocks, less cost, £9 17s. 9d.; advanced by the Council, £13 16s. 1d.; total £535 16s. 11d. Expenses: J. Taylor and Co. (bellfounders), £289; W. Sindall (builder), £182 13s. 6d.; F. W. Troup (architect), £21 19s. 3d.; Birmingham Guild, Ltd. (for memorial tablet), £22 3s.; cost of faculty, £5 5s.; printing, etc., £6 9s. 6d.; hon. treasurer's expenses, £2 10s.; Commemoration Day expenses, £3 6s.; postages, £2 3s. 8d.; sundries, 8s.; total £535 16s. 11d.

The President, in proposing the adoption of the accounts, pointed out that the present position was that the Council had paid £13 16s. 1d. to square up the accounts. He proposed that the whole business be now closed by the Council voting this sum, and, if any further subscriptions were received, they should go into the Council's funds.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith seconded.

Mr. E. M. Atkins having raised the question of ringing on the Stedman bells at St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, the President said

he understood the bells were available to anybody who wanted to ring them, but the difficulty was to find ringers. It was not what had been said about the ringing of the bells which was the cause of their not being rung. Other ringing in Cambridge had been almost closed down, and it was very difficult to get anything done. He had no doubt if things were more alive in Cambridge they would improve at St. Benedict's.

Mr. Atkins asked if the Council were satisfied that the bells were hung in such a way that beginners could be taught upon them? The impression had got about that the bells were hung in a very 'tender' way so that if the stay and slider were bumped there was a danger of breaking the canons, and that the committee had not done its job properly in seeing that the bells were properly hung.

The President said the committee were quite satisfied that the bells were properly hung. If reasonable care was exercised, there was no danger. Wherever they had got bells which were valuable, in fact, any bells at all, they should use discretion in teaching beginners, but, provided there was a thoroughly responsible person in charge, the committee saw no reason why beginners should not be instructed at St. Benedict's.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: What has happened to the band that was being instructed there?

A BELLFINDER'S VIEWS.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor said he still protested against beginners being taught upon Stedman's bells. They were a very valuable relic from the past, and he did not think it was a place where beginners should be taught. They were old bells with canons and had been quarter turned, and there was a danger, if they were violently bumped, of breaking the canons off. He did not think it was a place at which to teach beginners.

Asked to explain the present position at St. Benedict's, Miss K. Willers, who was largely responsible for forming a band of learners at the church after the opening of the bells, said some of the pupils seemed to get on very well at first, but then got a bit slack. When they found the Council did not approve of beginners being taught on the bells, they felt a little discouraged and there was no ringing being done there now.

Mr. P. Johnson said it seemed to him a repetition of the story of the old lady who told the boy not to go near the water until he could swim. He had never had a single experience yet where a pupil he had been teaching had thrown a bell over. He thought it was largely a question of the tutor. That, said Mr. Johnson, is my personal opinion as a practical ringer. I don't speak as a bellhanger—thank heaven (laughter).

The President: Are you satisfied, Mr. Atkins?

Mr. Atkins: No, I am not. The Council should either endorse Mr. Taylor's remarks or do the opposite. They should say whether the bells should be closed on all but special occasions, or whether the Cambridge ringers should be encouraged to start again and be encouraged, also, by the fact of knowing they have the Council behind them in ringing for the Sunday service (hear, hear). That is what we restored the bells for (hear, hear). They put the bells back in the church, said Mr. Atkins, to be rung in the same way as the bells in any other church, and they, as a Council, should encourage the ringing of them by a local band. As long as the local people felt that the Council were against that view, they never would have a band there.

Mr. C. F. Johnston said there were canons and canons. Perhaps Mr. Taylor would tell them if the canons were specially liable to be broken off by rough usage. There were canons which, by normal use, took a lot of bumping off.

Mr. Taylor said he would not say that the canons at St. Benedict's were weaker than ordinary canons, but these bells were certainly more valuable than ordinary bells. They might ring them as much as they liked with a good band of ringers, but he stuck to his point that they should not have beginners practising on them.

Mr. J. Parker: If we do not have any beginners we shall soon have no ringers (hear, hear).

Mr. J. A. Trollope said, as far as he was concerned, the value of the bells entirely consisted of their use in the services of the church. So far as their historical value as a memorial to Fabian Stedman was concerned, there was a great deal of sentiment. There was not the slightest proof that Stedman ever went into the tower; it was more likely that he did most of his ringing at St. Mary's or at Holy Trinity. The only historical association between St. Benedict's and Stedman consisted of the statement, made nearly 200 years afterwards, that the College Youths visited Cambridge and rang Stedman's principle at St. Benedict's. As there were in Stedman's time eight bells at St. Mary's, he would think it a most extraordinary thing if Stedman did not do most of his ringing at Great St. Mary's, but they had to put their memorial somewhere, and it was as well in St. Benedict's tower as anywhere.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor said the present Bishop of Derby was formerly Vicar of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, and he did a great deal of searching among the records there. The Bishop had told him that Stedman's name was in the records there as being parish clerk and that he spelt his name Phabian.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith also stated that there was reliable information in the parish records that Stedman was parish clerk of St. Benedict's, which was pretty good evidence that Stedman rang at this church.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards hoped the Council would do something to encourage the beginners at St. Benedict's.

Mr. E. M. Atkins moved 'That this Council expresses the hope that the Stedman bells will be rung regularly to the glory of God by a local band of ringers.'

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded.

Replying to Mr. W. Ayre, the President did not think it was entirely the remarks made by Mr. Taylor at Plymouth and at the Midland Counties Association meeting that was the cause of the trouble. There were apparently other local ringing troubles in Cambridge.

The motion was carried and the report adopted.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The report of the Literature and Press Committee, read by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, was a lengthy document, which dealt first with the new text books on ringing published during the year. These included 'The Ringers' Handbook,' by the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, and 'Village Bells,' by the Rev. R. Howes, published specially for the beginner; and, for more advanced ringers, 'Cambridge Surprise,' by Mr. W. A. Cave, and 'Cambridge Minor and Major Simply Explained,' by K. Quick. The committee expressed the hope that the enterprise shown by these authors would reap the reward which their courage and labour, as well as their desire to forward the art of change ringing, deserve. A number of articles by experts, said the report, had appeared in various and sometimes unexpected quarters. Several events had occasioned references to bells and ringing in the Press at large, and such references as had come under notice had, for the most part, been of an accurate and favourable character. The removal of the canons from a bell in Wiltshire called forth a leading article in 'The Times,' which was followed up by considerable correspondence under the heading, 'Reconditioned bells.' The committee's report went on to refer to the strange refusal of the Crown Lands Commissioners to allow the erection of a bell in a new Roman Catholic Church at Mottingham, Kent, and quoted the Parliamentary questions which were asked. The explanation offered was that the restriction was only imposed by the Commissioners in the interests of the occupiers of neighbouring houses and was expressly agreed to before the contract for the purchase of the site was made. There was no question of religious tolerance or discrimination. It would be well, added the committee's report, to keep a watchful eye on any such high-handed action. The dispute at Minety, Gloucestershire, where a disgruntled household showed their disapproval of the midnight ringing on New Year's Eve by creating a din with horns and trumpets close to the church during divine service on New Year's Day, found wide publicity in the newspapers. It was satisfactory to be able to report that the Rector of the parish received strong support from the Bishop and Archdeacon in upholding the right of the ringers to discharge their accustomed duties.

In the case of the complaints about the ringing of the bells at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, the report referred to the discussion in the Town Council on the subject of the ringers' weekly practice, when a proposal was submitted by the Finance Committee that steps should be taken to get the bells muffled on practice night. Eventually the minute was referred back for further consideration, but nothing further seemed to have transpired. The deplorable case of Llanstephan bells was also mentioned. This Carmarthenshire village possesses not only a ring of eight bells, but also an endowment to provide for their being regularly rung. Unfortunately, it also possesses an incumbent who refuses to have the bells used in any other way than by means of a chiming apparatus, and the money provided specifically for 'eight men to ring' is diverted to the pockets of three or four persons who manipulate the apparatus. In this case, as in the two former, a representative of the Council's committee had been in communication with those interested. Full information had been obtained and it was a matter calling for the intervention of the Central Council, if any means can be found of taking effective action.

BROADCASTS OF BELLS.

The report continued with the following reference to broadcasting:—

In accordance with a recommendation made by this committee last year, the secretary of the Council wrote to the B.B.C. expressing the Council's appreciation of the various broadcasts of change ringing and asking the Corporation to give the national art of bellringing a more frequent and prominent place in their programmes. Two suggestions were put forward: (1) That broadcasts of bells should always be advertised in 'World Radio' as well as in 'Radio Times'; (2) that B.B.C. should make a special feature of a broadcast of some well-known peal of bells—independently of any religious ceremony—for about 15 minutes on Christmas Day, Easter Day and the King's birthday. The first suggestion was accepted and carried out with commendable promptitude. To the second B.B.C. replied that they had found broadcasts of bells not to appeal to the taste of listeners except for about five minutes in connection with a religious service.

We are glad to note, however, that more prominence has, in fact, been given to bellringing, both in the programmes and in the letterpress. One or more ring of bells has been broadcast on most Sundays and duly advertised in the radio publications. In a sacred play on All Saints' Eve very effective use was made of St. Hilary's bells, Cornwall, both open and muffled. Bells were conspicuous in the midnight broadcast on New Year's Eve, and were introduced with romantic effect in a talk on Wales, when the speaker was referring to

St. David's Cathedral. A week of Lincolnshire programmes ended with the dedication of Boston bells. Both 'Radio Times' and the special announcer, Mr. S. P. B. Mais, referred to the pealing of the bells from the historic Boston Stump as a fitting climax to the week's celebrations, and the fine tone of the recast peal came over the ether with grand effect. Best of all, a radio week devoted to Leicestershire included a broadcast from Loughborough Foundry, and thus enabled Mr. Taylor to give an admirable description of change ringing with illustrations for the enlightenment of the general public.

Under the heading, 'A Carillon of Bells,' 'World Radio' of Jan. 13th published an article by Jay Coote. From one sentence it appeared that the writer imagined change ringing to be done from a keyboard, but otherwise the article was well written and full of interest.

Readers of 'Radio Times' may often find amusement and delight in the clever parodies of Pops' Diary, written by R. M. Freeman. In one of these ingenious paragraphs he explained the difference between ringing and chiming, and in a further reference to the subject spoke of himself as being taught to ring. Inquiry elicited the fact that this diverting author was actually taught to handle a bell at Norton St. Philip by H. Hamilton Palairot, a former Master of the Salisbury Guild. Another issue of 'Radio Times' contained a request from ringers at Blandford for longer broadcasts of change ringing.

We recommend that the Council thank the B.B.C. for carrying out their request to include broadcasts of bells in the programmes published in 'World Radio,' and express their appreciation of broadcasts of change ringing given during the past twelve months, with special reference to the bells ringing in the New Year, at the same time calling attention to the strange absence of bells from the Easter programmes, and suggesting that the programmes on church festivals should always be so arranged as to include at least one peal of bells, preferably on the National wavelength.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, thanked those members of the Council and other ringers who had been sending him extracts from the Press from time to time.

The report was adopted, and the committee, consisting of the Rev. F. L. Edwards (convenor), Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, C. H. Howard and A. Paddon Smith, were re-elected. Mr. W. Willson, having ceased to be a member of the Council, was not re-elected.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards suggested that a separate Broadcasting Committee should be brought into being. It needed a committee, he said, of three or four members whose circumstances would enable them to listen regularly to broadcasts of bells. His idea was that the committee should keep a watchful eye on the programmes and notice any improvement that might be introduced to the B.B.C. for making more effective use of church bells; also to take careful note of the broadcasts that were given and draw up a report, recommending any improvements that might be made, so that the broadcasts would give a better impression of ringing. The committee should be given power to take over the broadcasting side of the Literature and Press Committee's work, and he suggested that Mr. Albert Walker would be a useful member of such a committee.

Mr. E. M. Atkins said he believed more notice was taken by the B.B.C. of communications from the public than from committees. The best thing a committee could do was to find out what gave the best results and try and get every ringer in every Guild to write and say, 'This is what we want.' The way in which the B.B.C. gathered what was most popular among the public was from their postbag.

At the suggestion of the President, it was decided to give the Literature and Press Committee power to co-opt two or three wireless experts to take over the broadcast side of the work.

(To be continued.)

AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. E. S. Powell stated at the Central Council meeting that real originality in peals of ordinary length does not exist nowadays. Many of us have been aware of that fact for a good number of years. He further states how he 'composed' a peal of Grandsire Cinques and was 'called over the coals' because it was a composition by Mr. Hattersley. This is not correct. The peal 'put together' by the Rev. E. S. Powell is not original and contains no new features; in fact, it contains very old going off and homing courses, to say nothing of the interior, and when I pointed this out to him I certainly did not suggest it was a Hattersley composition. It has similar features, however, and I would suggest that all such 'put together' compositions should be recorded as a composition 'arranged and conducted by "so and so."'

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he had to put the peal down as being composed by himself. Why? Surely it should have been credited as a variation of the composer whose principal features were used, and not claimed as an original composition.

W. SHEPHERD.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On Wednesday, June 7th, for the fourth annual combined choirs festival, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Keeble (composer and conductor) 1, R. Grainger 2, C. W. Burton 3, F. Claydon 4, F. Ridgwell 5, W. Elliott 6, G. Hayward 7, W. Arnold 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HON. SECRETARY CRITICISES CENTRAL COUNCIL DECISION.

There was sufficient rain on June 24th to damp the ardour of the most enthusiastic of ringers; consequently it was pleasing to find some 36 or more braving the elements on an English summer afternoon to attend the meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Stanmore on that date. Indeed, ringing started almost punctually at the advertised time, and continued until 5 o'clock, when the usual service was held. The Rector (the Rev. W. A. Hewett), in his address, gave the association a welcome to Stanmore, whilst Miss Atkinson added harmony to the proceedings with a well-rendered solo.

After a good tea had been 'cleared away,' the business meeting was held, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president). The hon. secretary drew members' attention to the loss they had sustained through the death of Mr. R. Kilby, of Willesden, which took place on May 4th. To show their sympathy with his relatives, which had already been conveyed by the hon. secretary, the members present stood in silence for a few moments.

After three new members had been elected, the hon. secretary gave a brief account of the recent meeting of the Central Council in London. He drew attention to the forthcoming publication of a pamphlet upon the proper way to handle a bell rope, which would be published at the popular price of 2d. per copy; and to the approaching completion of the new book on Triples methods. He also pointed out that the report of the Peals Analysis Committee was passed without comment being made on the fact that it contained certain five and six bell peals not conforming with the Council's definitions—later in the day the Council decided that these compositions were not fit to be classed as peals. This was the general attitude of the Council on this important question, always 'yes' before lunch, always 'no' afterwards.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS IN UNSATISFACTORY POSITION.

Referring to the resolutions before the Council, the speaker was somewhat critical of the president's ruling on the Minor controversy, the amendment, as the substantive motion, being declared lost because of the rule that it should be carried 'by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the meeting,' together with the entering of the names of the voters in the minute book. He had no recollection of that rule ever having been acted upon at a previous meeting, and he was not sure that the previous resolution would have been carried had that rule been put into operation. The speaker added that the question of the five and six bell peals was left in a most unsatisfactory position—the only satisfaction he could get out of the debate was that only one speaker had referred to these peals as being false, whereas four years ago they were so described by most of the speakers. Mr. Coles stated that the social arrangements were the best that London had yet produced, and that the association's invitation to the Council to tea had been accepted by some 90 members, who, with their friends and some of the society's officers, made up a party of 144.

A discussion took place on the suggestion to make an alteration in the name of the association, which produced some interesting observations by Messrs. E. M. Atkins and G. R. Goodship.

It was announced that the usual joint meeting between the Hertford and Middlesex Associations would be held at Hadley on July 15th, also that members had received a general invitation to attend the ringers' opening of Bow Bells on July 8th. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Willesden in August.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address at the service and for the use of the bells; to Mr. Springell, the organist; to Miss Atkinson, the soloist; to the ladies who had provided tea; and to Mr. G. Hughes. The vote was carried unanimously, and the latter gentleman replied.

Subsequently ringing took place until about 8.30. Most methods from 'rounds' to Bristol and Loudon Surprise were rung, including an excellent touch of Spiced Surprise in four methods, with some quite unexpected participants.

RINGER STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

COMPANION KILLED.

Mr. William Manning, who is a much respected member of the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society, had an unfortunate experience on Monday, June 19th, in the storm which broke over Epping Forest. Whilst sheltering under a tree, he was struck by lightning and sustained leg burns and general shock. Mr. Manning's companion, a young man of about 20 years of age, was killed outright, as also was a large Alsatian dog which Mr. Manning was holding.

Mr. Manning, who is 74 years of age, was taken to Whipps Cross Hospital, Leyton, where he is making good progress. His many friends in the Ancient Society of College Youths, Essex, Hertford and Middlesex Associations and ringers generally will sympathise with him in his unpleasant experience, and wish him a speedy recovery.

SHILDON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. John's Church on Monday, June 12th, by the local ringers, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Taylor 1, S. Bryant 2, J. West 3, G. W. Hutchinson 4, J. Pentland 5, R. B. Robinson (conductor) 6. The first 720 in any Surprise method by all and the first on the bells.

A YORKSHIRE SIX-BELL CONTEST.**MELTHAM WIN KEEN COMPETITION.**

Ten companies entered for the Hoylandswaine Society's annual open six-bell contest, which took place at St. John's Church, Hoylandswaine, on Saturday. Each set had to ring 504 changes in any method, and all of them got through their allotted task. The ringing commenced at 3 o'clock and concluded about 8.30 p.m. There was a large number of listeners, including many ladies, and they were treated to some excellent striking, particularly by four of the companies. The judges were Messrs. Walter Idle, of Dewsbury, and George Lewis, of Ecclesfield, with Mr. J. H. Sykes, of Penistone, as 'marker.' The order of ringing with the number of faults was as follows:—

1. Friesland, 114 faults.
2. Liversedge, 155 faults.
3. Sandal, 178 faults, including 25 penalties.
4. Kirkburton, 122 faults.
5. New Mills, 56 faults, including 5 penalties.
6. Shelley, 56 faults.
7. Meltham, 41 faults.
8. Stainland, 176 faults, including 10 penalties.
9. Holmfirth, 63 faults.
10. Wath, 235 faults.

The winners were Meltham, who received the silver cup, to be held for the year, and the special prizes provided by the local ringers. Shelley were second and also received prizes.

Before the prizes were distributed, the local company presented the Vicar (the Rev. J. Hewitson) with a group photo, framed in oak, of the local company and the Vicar and his two sisters to show their appreciation of the interest that he has taken both in the ringing and ringers. The Vicar, who was taken by surprise, heartily thanked the local company for their kindness and gift.

Mr. C. D. Potter, of Royston, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the hearty welcome he always extended to visiting ringers, and wished him many happy and peaceful years in retirement.—Mr. J. W. Moxon, of Sandall, seconded.

The local company wish to thank everybody who helped to make the contest a great success, especially the ladies who catered for the tea, to which 100 sat down.

THE LADIES' GUILD TITLE.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT DECIDE AGAINST CHANGE.**

The little village of Seale, Surrey, which boasts of an ancient church which lay in the track of the Canterbury Pilgrims on their way from Winchester, was the venue on Saturday of a joint meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Southern Branch of the Ladies' Guild. Nearly 50 ringers, including 15 members of the Ladies' Guild, attended, from Aldershot, Ash, Cranleigh, Farnham, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas), Pirbright, Seale, West Clandon and Worplesdon.

The Rector (the Rev. R. S. Arrowsmith) conducted the Ladies' Guild service, and the ringers were afterwards kindly entertained to tea with strawberries and cream by Mrs. Bruce (vice-president of the Ladies' Guild), who was cordially thanked for her hospitality, on the motion of Miss H. F. Mills, seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

The Farnham District meeting, over which Mrs. Bruce presided, fixed July 29th for a meeting at Crondall, and voted a further half-guinea to the Admiral Walker Memorial Fund. In addition, a collection for the same purpose amounted to 13s. 6d.

A vote of thanks to the Rector was accorded on the motion of Mr. C. W. Denyer (district secretary), and the nine-year-old son of Mr. W. Denyer, John, who can already ring a bell, was elected a member of the Guildford Guild.

The Ladies' Guild elected Miss M. P. Kingdon, of Woking, as a member, and the retiring officers were re-elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Bruce; hon. secretary, Miss H. F. Mills; committee, Mrs. Whittington, Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Melville and Miss Fisher; representatives on the Central Committee, the vice-president and the hon. secretary.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. Nicolas' Guildford, in June, 1934.

The meeting considered the question of the revision of the service form, and recommended that there should be a greater choice of hymns, including the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God.'

With regard to the change of title to 'The Women's Guild,' suggested by the Northern Branch, the meeting voted in favour of leaving the name as it is.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Bruce for presiding concluded the meeting.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH CHAIRMAN RETIRES.**

The annual festival of North Bucks Branch was held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 17th, when a good number attended, representing the following towers: Bletchley, Beauchampton, Bradwell, Penny Stratford, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, Olney, Shenley, Simpson, Stoke Goldington, Stony Stratford, Whaddon and Newport Pagnell. The visitors included Miss V. Robinson, of Wokingham, Miss Davis, Bucklebury, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock, Abingdon, and the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert). Previous to the service the bells were kept going to various methods. In his address the Rev. H. Adeane Byard (Vicar of Newport Pagnell) gave a very hearty welcome to the branch, and paid tribute to the work that such organisations did. He hoped that their meeting would promote the highest interests which they had in their minds.

After service, owing to the unsettled state of the weather, tea was taken in the schools instead of on the Rectory lawn. Between 70 and 80 sat down as the guests of the retiring chairman (the Rev. L. Moxon). Before the meeting, feeling reference was made by the chairman to the loss of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and of Mr. H. Justice, one of the Whaddon ringers, who died after a short illness. The meeting stood in silence as a last tribute of respect.

Mr. W. Sear (hon. secretary) presented the balance sheet and a report on the work of the branch, which showed it to be in a sound financial position, with a membership of 197 and 26 towers in union with the Oxford Guild. It was very much regretted that the branch was losing its chairman (the Rev. L. Moxon) after ten years' good service owing to his having left Newport Pagnell, but it was fortunate also that the new-Vicar of Newport (the Rev. H. Adeane Byard) had consented to be elected chairman.

This appointment was approved with acclamation, and Mr. W. Sear was again re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert addressed the meeting, giving good advice to the members to support the secretary in maintaining such a good branch, and another very interesting event was a presentation to the retiring chairman (the Rev. L. Moxon). This was made by the newly-appointed chairman, who paid a great tribute to the work his predecessor had done for the good of the branch.

The gift took the form of a silver bell inkstand, suitably engraved, and a briar pipe in case, subscribed for by the members of the branch.

In accepting the gift, which was a great surprise, the Rev. L. Moxon thanked the members for their gift and kind action, which he valued very much.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Newport Pagnell and others responsible for making the arrangements.

The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

CENTRAL BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Central Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Winslow on Saturday, June 10th, and was well attended. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and the Rev. G. Dixon dedicated a peal board hung in the ringing chamber to record the first peal rung by members of the Central Bucks Branch on Whit Monday, May 16th, 1932 (this branch is the baby branch of the Guild, having been formed only a few years ago), and the first peal on the bells. The ringers who took part were W. Bauner 1, H. France 2, P. Gibbard (conductor) 3, W. Jones 4, W. Hawkins 5, E. French 6.

The Guild service followed and was conducted by the Rev. G. Dixon. The Rev. S. H. C. Wynne, Rector of Grendon Underwood, gave the address, and made an impressive allusion to the sad loss the Guild had sustained by the death of the Master.

Tea was served in St. Laurence room, after which the Chairman (the Rev. G. Dixon) opened the business meeting by saying he was pleased to see such a good number present, and spoke of the sudden passing of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. The secretary produced a balance sheet which was considered satisfactory and reported that the branch was steadily growing.

It was agreed that £3 from the branch funds be subscribed to the Waddesdon Bell Fund when that fund had reached the £100 mark, and it was reported that this was not far off.

The chairman (the Rev. G. Dixon) and secretary (Mr. F. Gibbard) were again re-elected.

The Guild General Secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) complimented the branch on its steady growth and thought they were wise in re-electing their chairman and secretary again. He also urged all ringers present to look forward and continue to go ahead and further the art of ringing.—Mr. A. J. Wright, the Guild treasurer, made some comments upon the Guild finances. He urged all to pay their subscriptions in good time and referred to the branch being in a satisfactory financial position.

Night new ringing members were elected. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the welcome received, to the organist, Mr. Thompson, to the organ blower and to the ladies for preparing the tea.

The ringers numbered about 35 in all, and came from Waddesdon, Steeple Claydon, East Claydon, Nether Winchendon, Great Horwood, Maids Moreton, Aston Abbots, Bicester, High Wycombe and the local company.

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NOTICES.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Rawmarsh Church (8 bells) on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each. The Rectory grounds will be open to visitors.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5 p.m. 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 Terrington St. Clement on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Branch Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Misson, near Bawtry, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells open 2 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. S. W. Law, Willow House, Misson, Doncaster. All welcome.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastrington on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (at 1s. 6d. each) at 5. All ringers welcome.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Grayshott on July 1st. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Lawrence on Saturday, July 1st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) at the Parish Hall at 4.30. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—First quarterly meeting at Creswell, Derbyshire, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) open 2.30 to 7 p.m., also Clowne (6) in evening. Committee meet 3.30. Tea, 1/3 per head, in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by general meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Cardington on Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., Dunstable.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Castle Bromwich, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All intending to be present kindly notify T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcomed.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. 3d. per head). Half rail fare to members (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

WHAPLODE, Lincs.—The dedication will take place on Saturday, July 1st, at 7 p.m., of the peal of six bells restored and augmented by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting of the above will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 401, London Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cross Stones on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dersingham on Saturday, July 1st.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Litlington on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea on Vicarage lawn.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemingford Abbots on July 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. Ransome, Hemingford Abbots, or H. Parker, Branch Sec., Great Staughton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 1st. Cathedral bells (12) available during the day; also St. Maurice's (6). General meeting in St. Maurice's Hall at 2.30. Tea at 4.15. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15. Hursley (8) and Twyford (8) will be available from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowden Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poynton on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—The ring of 12, restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., will be dedicated by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury on Friday, July 7th, at 3.30 p.m., and the bells will be rung on that occasion by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—Ringers' Opening.—On Saturday, July 8th, there will be a general ringers' meeting, by kind permission of the Rector and churchwardens. Programme: 2.30 p.m., ringing; 4, short service; 5, tea at Messrs. Selfridge's, Oxford Street, by kind invitation of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge; 6.30, ringing; 8.30, social at the Cannon Street Hotel. All ringers welcome. The

towers of St. Giles'-in-the-Field and St. James', Clerkenwell, will also be available for ringing at 2.30 and 6.30. Transport from Cheapside to Selfridge's by Underground from the Bank to Bond Street, or by bus. Will those requiring tea now send their names AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and not later than July 3rd to the Vestry Clerk, St. Mary-le-Bow, 61, Cheapside, London, E.C.2.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gillsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yelvertoft (5) on Saturday, July 8th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday previous?—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., Welford, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Streatley on Saturday, July 8th. Ringing at Streatley from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.: Guild members 6d.; non-members 9d. Goring bells (8) are available after tea. All ringers are welcome. Please notify Mr. H. Perry, Thatched Cottage, Streatley, by July 4th number for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (9d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify the Rector, Halewood, Liverpool. Make an effort to attend and notify Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool 16.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (1s. per head) 4 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock, followed by meeting. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, July 5th? Gentlemen heartily welcome.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, July 8th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 5th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kilmersdon on Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. All intending to be present kindly notify G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Fawley on Saturday, July 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Number for tea by July 6th, please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual shield contest will be held at Darfield on Saturday, July 8th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Entries close on July 1st. For tea please notify Mr. T. Hilton, Stoneleigh, Barnsley Road, Darfield, near Barnsley, by Tuesday, 4th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Davenham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify me before Thursday, July 6th, for tea arrangements?—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Northwich.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tanfield, St. Margaret's (tenor 13½ cwt.) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available after 2.30. A good attendance is desired. Tea at 5 o'clock in the school, 1s. to those who inform me. Vicarage Garden open to ringers.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bromborough on Saturday, July 8th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea at the Angel Inn at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Please remember date, Sat. July 8th.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please send number requiring tea to me by Wednesday, July 5th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Lenham on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak on July 8th at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, July 10th, at 8.15 p.m., when rules for the handbell contest will be discussed. Practices will be held July 10th at 7 p.m. and July 24th at 7.30. Sunday service ringing at 10 a.m. All above at St. Clement Danes'.—C. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 67, Canonbie Road, S.E.23.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Wednesday, July 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., by kind invitation, followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Swansea, Saturday, July 15th. 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. Mary's Church, Swansea (Preacher: Canon W. T. Havard). 4 p.m.: Tea at Curran's Restaurant, Heathfield Street (by kind invitation of Canon W. T. Havard). 4.30 p.m.: Business meeting. Please let me know the number for tea by Saturday, July 8th, without fail. — L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival. — This will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. each to members; 3s. to non-members. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary by Wednesday, July 12th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Restoration Fund. The G.W.R. and the L.M. & S. Railway will issue cheap tickets to Oxford from any station in the diocese. Will members please note that vital business will come before the meeting on this date. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brasted on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of E. H. Lewis, Esq.) at Moorcocks after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 11th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 15th.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of these associations will be held at Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, 1s. each. Please advise Mr. C. T. Coles not later than July 12th. Barnet bells open for ringing from 3 to 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4; W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Flixton (8 bells) on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Special practice, Miles Platting, Tuesday, July 11th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION will hold the annual meeting, and a six-bell contest, at Meltham on Saturday, July 15th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, must send word not later than July 8th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Leatherhead and Ashted, Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing at both towers from 2.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at Leatherhead at 4.30 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 6d. per head) at the Institute, Leatherhead, at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must be sent to me not later than Tuesday, July 18th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Kirdford on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock till 9. Short service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Half Moon, 1s. each. All those intending being present kindly advise me by Tuesday prior to the meeting. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

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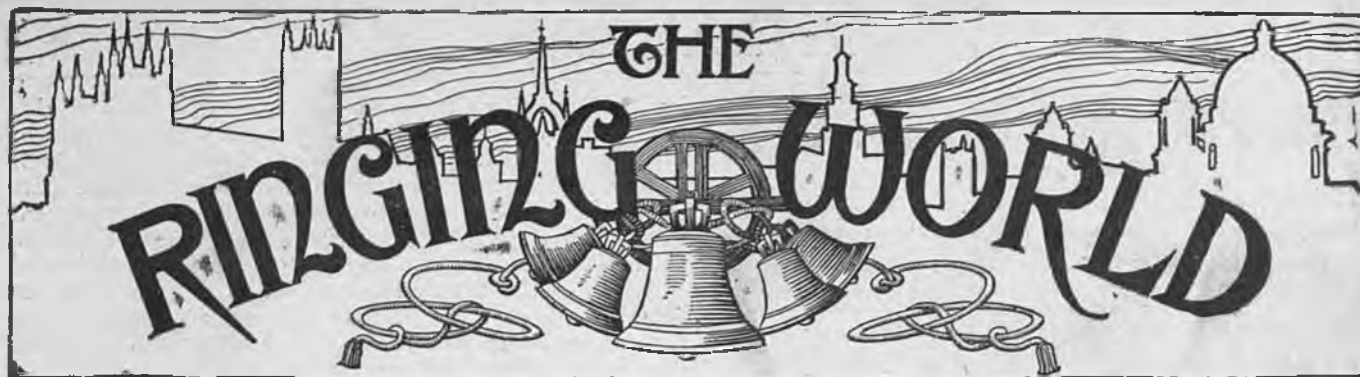
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On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt, 11 lb. in E.

ALBERT L. WARD 2	...Trebble	JOSEPH S. CARTER 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2		HAROLD J. POOLE 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3		JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 4		FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

First peal rung in this method, which is by J. S. Carter. Rung on the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Harold J. Poole.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES 2	...Trebble	EDWARD F. MAWBY 5
WILLIAM BRAMMER 2		ERNEST SEDDON 6
PERCY RUSHTON 3		CHARLES OLLIER 7
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD 4		FREDERICK PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. WOOD. Conducted by F. PAGE.

First peal in the method in the tower. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 1, 2 and 8. All are members of the local band except the treble ringer. Rung as a birthday compliment to the president of the local band, the Rev. F. Cottier, and Mrs. Barnes, wife of the treble ringer.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE CASE Treble	BERTRAM HEAD 5
*BERTRAM H. HEAD 2	*C. FRANK COTTRELL 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	WILFRED OVERTON 7
JOHN ELCOCK 4	HORACE W. OVERTON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with bob bell. First peal of Double Norwich by the whole band and on the bells. First peal of Double Norwich by a local band in the Hereford Diocese. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, also to Messrs. J. Elcock and B. Head.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
JOSEPH MARKS 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FERRIS J. SHEPHERD Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
EDMUND H. LINDUP 2	OWEN H. GILES 6
KEITH HART 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM Treble	ERNEST BRETT 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
E. CHARLES PATTEN 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

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

This peal was rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. Thomas Underhill to the living of the above church.

ECCLES, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS JONES Treble	NORMAN HEAPS 5
FRED DONKERLEY 2	*WILFRED STEVENSON 6
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
WILFRED J. MOSS 4	†JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method and 14th attempt. † First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. H. Bent, of Prestwich, and Miss Renshaw, of Walkden, which took place at Walkden on the previous Saturday.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Wednesday, May 24th, in honour of Empire Day, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and 540 of Plain Bob, in 43 mins.: H. Gibbard 1, J. H. Musson 2, V. Allen 3, A. Scott 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, C. Wilkinson 6.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On St. Peter's Day, June 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY J. DYKE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
GEORGE R. LIMMER 2	†EDWARD L. A. HUDSON 6
GORDON W. LIMMER 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
*JOHN F. JONES 4	ERNEST LOCK Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' Arranged and rung on the 731st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, June 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS 2	ROBERT PICKERING 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 7
W. HAROLD JONES 4	H. LESLIE FLAVELL Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first general meeting of the society. H. Boswell has now completed the 'circle' in this tower.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD SKETCHBY Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
JOHN W. WARD 2	FREDERICK DENCH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal in the method by the association and in the county. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARWELL, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANCIS E. MAY Treble	JOHN P. PELLOE 5
HARRY MILES 2	RICHARD A. POST 6
*FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung with the best wishes of the ringers to the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Cohen, who is leaving Harwell at the end of July to work with the Missions to Seamen in Holland.

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OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.
 First peal in the method as conductor and first in the method on the bells. Rung for the patronal festival of the church.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

PERCY GREEN ... ..Treble	† HAROLD PENNACK 5
* ALBERT G. BARTHOLOMEW 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
 * First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BISHOP'S CAUNDLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings.
 Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

* LEONARD HOPPER ... ..Treble	† E. T. PAUL FIELD 3
HAROLD C. R. VINE 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4

† D. W. CHARLES CHANT ...Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.
 First peal on the bells. Rung for the King's birthday and as a compliment to Mr. F. Butt and Miss P. M. Jenkins, who were married in the church that day.

HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being seven true extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES ... ..Treble	ROBERT HEAZEL 4
ALBERT RAINBIRD 2	CHARLES E. PRYKE 5
FRANK G. RINGE 3	HARRY TURNER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

First peal on the bells, which were recently augmented to six and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Robert Heazel on the 27th anniversary of his birthday. The Rector, the Rev. G. R. Nesbitt, wishes to acknowledge through the medium of 'The Ringing World' his indebtedness to the above ringers, who have helped in the restoration of these bells and are assisting in the formation of a Sunday service change ringing band at this church.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being a 720 each of Hereward Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

* HERBERT P. CLIFF ... ..Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON 4
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... 5
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal on the treble.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 720 each of Cambridge, Surfloot, Beverley, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT JEFF ... ..Treble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
WILLIAM OLIVER 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
* RICHARD BUSBY 3	ROLAND PARK ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* THOMAS JENNINGS ... ..Treble	HARRY DRAYCOTT 4
WILSON ALLIN 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 5
ERNEST A. WILSON 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal.

WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY JOSEPH S. CARTER.

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 21354768
 12537486
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 23158764
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 43528671
 45326817
 54238671
 45328761
 54237816
 52438761
 25347816
 52437186
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 23547186
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 32146587
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 32148675
 31246857
 13426587
 31245678
 13254768

5,088
 BY A. J. PITMAN.
 23456 W 5/4 M

52436 —
 35426 —
 64523 — x
 35264 x
 42635 x
 36245 x —
 23564 — —
 53462 — —
 24653 x
 Twice repeated.

The first peal in this method was rung at Wigston Magna, Leicestershire, on June 24th, conducted by Frank W. Perreine.

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A ROUND OF ESSEX TOWERS.

On Wednesday, June 14th, the ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, had their annual outing. They were accompanied by the Vicar and Vicar's warden. Their first call was at Witham, where they were met by Mr. Evers and Mr. Mellins, members of the local band, and enjoyed a good pull. At Boreham they were met by Mr. Allen, and afterwards went on to Widford, where a good 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung. The next stop was at Writtle, where they were met by Mr. Lincoln, and then on to Chelmsford for lunch and to Galleywood for further ringing. A break in the ringing was then made by running down to Southend for a few hours. On the way home they called at Greab Baddow, and were met by Mr. Green and enjoyed the final pull of the day. Home was reached at 10.15 after a very enjoyable outing. The weather was all that could be wished for. The Vicar, on leaving the party, thanked them very much for the enjoyable day he had had, and said he felt greatly honoured in being asked to join them. The ringers would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all the incumbents for the use of the bells and those ringers who had everything in readiness for them. Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung during the day.

VETERAN SUFFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

The death took place at Brandeston, Suffolk, on June 14th, of Mr. David G. Wightman, at the age of 71 years, after a short illness. He was one of a family who took up ringing at Cretingham in the early eighties, and conducted his first peal, one of 21 methods of Doubles, on April 30th, 1883. He also conducted the first Surprise peal rung in Suffolk, a peal of Surprise Minor at Brandeston in 1888. In the same year he took part in a 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Coddensham, and in 1898 he conducted the first peal rung by six brothers. This was also at Brandeston. In all he had rung 168 peals and conducted 80. He had recently taken up handbell ringing at Monewden, and only on May 25th last he scored his first peal on handbells, ringing 5-6 to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

On June 21st the bells of St. Mary's, Monewden, were rung muffled as a last tribute of respect to deceased, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and touches of Cambridge, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob being brought round. Those taking part were Messrs. Alfred, George and William Wightman (brothers), W. J. Groom, J. Greasy, W. Miller, G. Pryke, J. Terrant, J. and C. Arbon and J. Thorndyke.

BENHILTON RINGERS' OUTING

All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey, ringers had their first ringing outing on June 17th last. The party consisted of eleven local ringers, accompanied by Mr. F. G. Woodiss, who has been of great assistance to them since the formation of the present band. A visit was paid to Turner's Hill, Coleman's Hatch, where ringing took place, and afterwards at Withyham, where everyone thoroughly enjoyed ringing on these beautifully toned bells. The visitors were also very pleased with the hospitality shown them by the Rector, who took them round his garden and round the church. This church has a beautiful chapel called the Sackville Chapel, and the fine chancel is flood-lit. The secretary soon availed himself of the opportunity to play the organ. The party then set out for Speldhurst, where tea was partaken of at the George. After tea ringing was indulged in at St. Mary's Church. Thanks are extended to the various incumbents, to the local representatives for making the party welcome, and congratulations are also due to the secretary (Mr. C. S. Poole) for so ably arranging this first outing, which went off without a hitch.

RINGERS SECURE 'ADMISSION TO HEAVEN'

BUT THE PARSON SECURES EXEMPTION FROM TEST.

The charming old city of Ripon and surrounding district was chosen for this year's outing of the St. Ignatius', Sunderland, ringers. The party numbered 20, including the Rev. P. E. Marples (senior curate) and five lady friends. The Rev. Canon Sykes, a former Vicar of St. Ignatius', was also invited, and joined the party at lunch. Arriving by train at about 10.30, the visitors were met at the Cathedral by Mr. F. Tingle, president of the Cathedral Guild, and the new bells were soon going to touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich, concluding with one of Stedman Caters, the latter going very well considering that some of the band had not rung on ten before. The ringing was much enjoyed, the tone and 'go' of the bells being all that can be desired.

After an excellent dinner at the Unicorn Hotel, the party proceeded by a comfortable motor bus to Kirkby Malzeard, and had the pleasure of ringing on the fine peal of six (tenor 17 cwt.) of this pretty village. The drive then took the excursionists through lovely moorland scenery, and, passing through Pateley Bridge and skirting the Gouthwaite reservoir of the Bradford Corporation, they arrived at How Stean, a beautiful rocky gorge on the River Nidd, where a very pleasant hour was spent. They then returned to Pateley Bridge for tea at the Crown Hotel, after which thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for their contribution to the expenses, to the visitors and ladies for their company, and to the secretary for the excellent arrangements he had made. Brimham Rocks was the next objective. These are huge masses of millstone grit, some of them 50 tons in weight, and many of very grotesque shape, scattered on the heath-clad moor. One of them, at least 20 tons in weight, is so well balanced as to be easily rocked by hand. The ability to squeeze through a narrow passage between two of the rocks is supposed to secure admission to heaven, and much amusement was caused by the remark of the portly parson of the party, who was unable to get through, that he had a private arrangement with St. Peter for exemption from the test. Unfortunately, time did not allow for a thorough examination of these wonderful rocks, and Ripon Station was reached at 8.35, with only a few minutes to spare for the train.

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LEYTONSTONE RINGERS' BUSY TOUR.

A 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Littleington enabled Mr. W. J. Nevard to ring in his 720th tower. He was on tour with the St. John the Baptist's Association, Leytonstone, who, as usual, spread their annual outing over two days. Mr. Nevard is 78 years of age and rang the tenor well. The headquarters for the outing were at the Green Man, Trumpington, Cambridge, and there the party arrived in time for supper on the Friday evening. On Saturday they had a charabanc tour, visiting in turn Ashwell (Herts), Littleington, Melbourn, Histon, Cottenham, Willingham (all six-bell towers, at each of which 720's or touches of Surprise Minor were rung), Over (for Grandsire and Stedman Triples and London Major), Swavesey (where 720 Southwell was rung), and concluding at Trumpington with a 720 of London Minor, non-conducted.

On Sunday the party arrived at Stapleford at 7 a.m., and on the light ring of six 720 of Surprise Minor was rung in six different methods. After breakfast a trip was made to Eaton Socon, Beds. This church was destroyed by fire a few years ago, and it is a pleasure to see how it has been rebuilt and completed with a splendid ring of eight bells by Taylor and Co. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Surprise Major were rung for the 11 a.m. service. After early lunch Wilburton and Haddenham were visited, and a 720 rung at each church. At Haddenham the visitors were kindly entertained to tea at the Vicarage by invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Kirkland). This over, a good 720 Ipswich for evening service completed the programme before the return to London at the conclusion of another very successful outing. The association wish to tender their best thanks to all the local ringers, who met them at every place visited and made them very welcome. It is worthy of note that at all the churches the party were met by the incumbents, who welcomed them to ring on their bells. Special thanks are tendered to the Vicar of Haddenham for his hospitality, and also to Miss K. Willers, who so ably assisted to make the arrangements for the very successful tour. It was regretted that Miss Willers was unable to accompany the party.

During the tour 720's of Beverley, Cambridge, Ipswich, Norwich, Southwell, London, Wells and York Surprise Minor as well as one in six methods were rung.

A THREE-COUNTIES TOUR.

On Whit Monday, June 5th, a party of Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton ringers, together with relatives and friends, set off from Nuneaton Church by motor-coach at 9 a.m. in glorious weather for a tour of Warwickshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. Members of the party were picked up at various places en route to Coventry, where the last one joined. The first stopping place was Lillington, near Leamington, which was reached after travelling through scenery typical of 'leafy Warwickshire.' Mr. H. C. Burt met the party, and touches of Stedman, Kent, Grandsire, Cambridge and Plain Bob were rung on the light eight. Ringing ended abruptly by the breaking of a rope.

Through Leamington and Warwick with a short stay at Stratford-on-Avon, the journey was continued, through Shipston-on-Stroud, Moreton-in-the-Marsh and Broadway to Winchcombe, where the party had a picnic lunch. On again over Cleeve Hill, where a wonderful view was obtained, through Cheltenham to Leckhampton, where the very light peal of eight was tried. A little difficulty was experienced, at first, but soon the bells were going with a swing. Stedman, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Cambridge were rung here. A peculiarity of the ringing circle is that it is situated between the nave and the chancel of the church. Mr. W. Townsend welcomed the party here.

Off again to Tewkesbury for a tour of the Abbey and the Old Mill. Then on to Worcester for tea, which was much appreciated. Mr. Sid Holt met the party here, joined them at tea and conducted them to the church at Claines, after picking up Mr. T. W. Chapman, of the Nuneaton band, who was staying in Worcester. Grandsire, Cambridge and London were rung at Claines, and then after a refresher at the Mug House, which is situated practically in the churchyard, the party said, 'Good-bye' to Mr. Holt with many thanks for all he had done towards giving them a happy time in Worcester and district. A journey through Droitwich and Bromsgrove brought the party to King's Norton, where several of the band had their first ring on ten bells. Mr. George Fearn had kindly made arrangements here and had gathered together a band of able ten-bell ringers, who were very willing to assist the visitors in touches of Stedman Caters and Kent Royal. All too soon it was time for the last stage of the journey, which lay through Solihull, Meriden and Coventry.

It was after 11 p.m. when the party dispersed, all having voted the outing a great success and expressing the hope that it would become an annual event.

D. E. B.

MEMORIAL TOUCH.

At St. Mary's Church, Newmarket, on Sunday, June 18th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor was rung with the clappers half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Leader, who met with a tragic accident while motoring home from Ascot. Mr. Leader was a sidesman at St. Mary's Church: G. Bonnett 1, Mrs. L. Warner 2, L. Moon 3, R. Heath 4, L. Warner (conductor) 5, S. Brown 6.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**COMMENTS ON THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.**

The summer quarterly meeting of the Guild was held on Saturday, July 1st, when a visit was paid to the old-world village of Castle Bromwich, which is now becoming quite well known as the place where the Midland section of the British Industries Fair is held and also for the Birmingham Aerodrome. Although only some six miles from the city centre, it still retains its rural appearance, and, the afternoon turning out fine and warm, a very pleasant and enjoyable gathering took place. The church contains a peal of six bells, and they were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. An adjournment was made at 5 o'clock for tea, 32 members and friends sitting down. This was followed by the business meeting, which was held in the garden of the village Post Office, at which the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., presided.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the Guild's representative on the Central Council, gave a resume of the recent Council meeting. In his opinion, it was the best meeting yet held, and the resolutions adopted were all good. He strongly advised every member to read carefully the full report now appearing in 'The Ringing World.'

The Chairman confirmed Mr. Smith's remarks, adding that the Skinners' Hall was an ideal place for the meeting.

Mr. Albert Walker (hon. member of the Council) thought it was a pity the resolution re Minor methods was not adopted.

The tower election of Mr. Ralph C. Parton, of the Lyc, was duly ratified, and Miss Kathleen Morris, of Shirley, was elected a ringing member.

Mr. Smith proposed and Mr. Walker seconded that the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 7th, be held at Solihull; whilst Mr. Haynes proposed and Mr. Johnson seconded that it be held at Edgbaston, pointing out that it was four years since the last meeting was held there.—On being put to the vote, Edgbaston was carried by a big majority.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells concluded the business.

The handbells were then brought out and several good touches in various methods were rung.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**TWO USEFUL SIX BELLS.**

In spite of the stormy weather and various 'outings,' the Leatherhead District meeting at Newdigate, a six-bell tower, was quite well attended on June 17th, ringers and friends coming from Capel, Cobham, Leatherhead, Wainham, London and the local band in full strength.

The bells were raised in peal (a Cobham speciality) soon after 3 o'clock, and were kept going until 4.30, when the Rev. J. W. Ward conducted the Guild's service and gave an address, in which he put the necessity for ringers to attend some of the services for which they rang in a fresh and more convincing style.

After the service a move was made to the Six Bells across the road, where about 25, presided over by the Rev. J. W. Ward, sat down to tea. The Rector also took the chair for the ensuing short business meeting. Two of the local band were elected members of the Guild. The secretary explained the postponement of the Guild's summer festival at Leatherhead and Ashted to July 22nd, and also stated that the district's joint meeting with the Surrey Association would be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, and not Rammore.

The Rector said how pleased he was to have the meeting at Newdigate again, and he hoped it would not be long before there was another there.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector and to the organist, who had had a long journey in the rain.

Ringing was afterwards resumed and good practice for everyone was got in during the afternoon and evening in a variety of Doubles and Minor methods, including a good 240 of Spliced Kent and Oxford, the only failure being a course of London for a young lady, which got 'stuck' about half-way, so that everyone was satisfied with the day when it was time to lower the bells at 9 o'clock. Then it was that the other Six Bells again came in useful.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild took place at Arley, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, June 17th. About 20 members were there from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Higham, Lillington, Nuneaton and Stoke, together with the local band, while a visitor from Cadeby, near Market Bosworth, was welcomed. The light ring of six (tenor 6½ cwt.) was kept going in various methods until 5 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the vestry, a building in the churchyard, but some yards distant from the church. Capt. Tremelling, a Church Army representative resident in the parish, welcomed the ringers in the absence of the Rector, Canon King, M.A. A splendid tea was served by ladies of the parish, and full justice was done to it.

A return was made to the tower and several novices were shepherded through their first touches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. Cambridge and London Surprise were rung by the more advanced.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Eastington on July 1st, and was attended by about 20 ringers from Goole, Hemmingbrough, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby, Thorne, Withernsea and the local company. Various methods were rung on the musical ring of six bells. Service was conducted by the Vicar, and Mr. Fox, of Kirk Ella, very kindly officiated at the organ.

An excellent tea, served in the Parish Hall, was followed by the meeting, over which the Vicar presided.

Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. H. Heptonstall, of Selby, and G. R. Merryweather, of Withernsea.

Middleton-on-the-Wolds was selected as the place of the next meeting in September.

Mr. Taylor, of Withernsea, gave a very pressing invitation to all ringers and friends to attend the informal meeting, to be held at Withernsea on Saturday, July 15th.

On the motion of Mr. F. Crier, seconded by Mr. W. King and supported by Mr. D. Meadley, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and local company.—The Vicar, in reply, said he hoped the association would visit Eastington again in the near future.—Mr. P. Powis responded on behalf of the ladies and local company.

Further ringing on tower and handbells ended a pleasant meeting in glorious weather.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS MEET.**ABSENCE OF STARS ENABLE LESSER LIGHTS TO SHINE.**

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 24th, and whether it be due to holidays, the Civic Week at Sheffield or another attraction at Doncaster, it must be said that the attendance was very disappointing, only about 20 being present. The towers represented were Rawmarsh, Tickhill, Doncaster, Arksey, Adwick, Eastwood, Killamarsh, Gainsborough and the local company. However, the absence of the 'stars' gave some of the lesser lights an opportunity to shine. They made very good use of the occasion, and a number of touches in various methods were successfully accomplished. A splendid tea, provided by the local company, assisted by the ladies, was thoroughly enjoyed, and, at 9d. per head, made one wonder how it was managed.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. T. Pascoe) presided at the short business meeting of the Southern District, which followed tea. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Tickhill on September 23rd. As no new members were forthcoming, the chairman stepped into the breach and was made an honorary member of the association, thus saving a blank.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and all his helpers concluded the meeting.

RINGERS' PRESENTATION TO RECTOR.

The combined practice ringers who meet at Deane, Haunts, fortnightly have made a small present to the Rev. Howell, Rector of the parish, who is retiring and going to live at Winchester.

The Rev. Howell has done much to help ringers in the Basingstoke district, putting Deane tower at their disposal at almost any time. He always takes great interest in the touches rung at the combined practices, and has shown as much pleasure as the ringers themselves when any new method has been brought round successfully. These practices have resulted in Surprise Minor methods on six bells being rung and have done much to stir up interest in the district generally, with the Rector setting a wonderful example of fellowship.

Mr. W. Hunt, of Oakley, made the presentation, which consisted of a silver bell inkstand, suitably inscribed, and all were very sorry to have to say 'good-bye' to the Rev. Howell. He departs with good wishes for a long and happy retirement.

IPSWICH RINGERS' TOUR.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held their annual outing on Saturday, June 24th. Leaving Ipswich at 6 a.m. by motor-coach, the party arrived at the Angel and Harp, Great Dunmow, about 8 a.m., and the breakfast served consisted of the well-known fitch, etc. Continuing the prearranged route, ringing was indulged in at Sawbridgeworth, Ware, Hatfield and St. Albans Cathedral previous to a wedding. On the journey home St. Andrew's, Hertford, and Holy Trinity, Bengeo, bells were rung, then Bocking, Essex, where the Dean had a chat with several members. Handbell ringing and a convivial half-hour at Stratford St. Mary brought the outing to a close. The society wish to thank all steepkeepers, incumbents and others for their co-operation in making the outing so enjoyable.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Saturday, June 24th, at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, for the Diocesan Missionary Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): *Rev. C. H. Barker 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2 *C. R. Collins 3, T. Smith 4, E. E. Speake 5, J. Whitmore 6, F. Brotherton 7, R. Pickering 8, W. H. Lawley 9, H. Boswell 10. *Longest length on ten bells.

A NEGLECTED SPOT.**LOCAL RINGERS ORGANISE A MEETING AT NEWMARKET.**

A very enjoyable joint ringing meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild was held at Newmarket on Thursday, June 15th. This town, lying as it does on the extreme border of Suffolk, is seldom, if ever, the venue of Suffolk Guild meetings, which are generally held in Mid or East Suffolk. The local ringers, therefore, decided on a joint meeting with their neighbours in Cambridgeshire, with the result that some 25 or more, including three lady members, arrived, the following towers being represented: Clare, Dullingham, Exning, Fulbourne, Mildenhall, Melbourn, Newton and the local ringers, who were also pleased to welcome a visitor from Walthamstow. The bells of All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (6) were available at 3 p.m., and touches of Plain and Treble Bob, Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Minor were brought round on the fine ring of six at St. Mary's (tenor 21 cwt. and a Loughborough gem). Many expressed their appreciation of the fine tone and easy handling of these bells, one of the ladies taking a turn at the tenor to Stedman. After tea All Saints' Church was visited. These bells (tenor 11 cwt.) are not renowned for their musical qualities, having been described by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson in his book, 'Among the Bells,' as a 'very discordant ring.' However, touches of Major, Grandsire and Bob Triples were rung before returning to St. Mary's Church, where ringing continued until nearly 9 p.m. The ringers desire to express their thanks to the Rev. J. Prankerd (St. Mary's) and the Rev. C. A. Barnes (All Saints') for the use of the bells, and hope that a similar meeting may be arranged at some future date.

FIFTY-EIGHT YEARS AT ONE CHURCH.

On Sunday, June 25th, at St. Marie's (R.C.), Norfolk Row, Sheffield, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to celebrate the 74th birthday of Mr. Dixon, who has been a ringer at St. Marie's for 58 years. Enjoying good health, he still continues in the employ of the Gas Company, with whom he has been for about 40 years. The ringers expressed their good wishes to Mr. Dixon: G. Lewis (composer and conductor) 1, J. Osguthorpe 2, T. O'Hara 3, George Holmes 4, J. A. Dixon 5, R. Harrison 6, R. Harrison, jun., 7, H. Hurst 8.

'FIRST' BY ALL.

At Ringslead, Northants, on June 22nd, 720 Netherseale Surprise Minor: G. H. Roberts 1, E. E. Whitmore 2, W. J. Whitmore 3, B. J. Stubbs 4, C. M. Whitney 5, W. Copperwheat (conductor) 6. First 720 in this method by all the band and on the bells, and believed to be the first 720 of Netherseale Surprise rung in the county of Northants.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**MEETING AT CLENT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Leonard's Church, Clent, on Saturday, June 24th, but, owing to the very inclement weather, a very poor number turned up. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. Thomas), who also gave a very interesting address. At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Roberts Memorial Hall, where the business meeting was held, at which the chair was taken by the Vicar, who gave a right cordial welcome to the members to Clent and his church.

Several new members were added to the roll, and it was resolved that the arrangements for the next meeting be left with the secretary. It was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Clent, with the consent of the Vicar and his ringers, the arrangements being left with the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.) and Mr. W. Short.

Apologies were announced from Mr. Harry Mason and Mr. John Goodman (Ringing Master) regretting their inability to be present.

Mr. Colclough, the Guild's representative on the Central Council, gave an explanation of his absence from the Council meeting in London on Whit Tuesday.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Townsend proposed and Mr. B. Richards seconded that best thanks be given to the Vicar of Clent for his kindness in giving permission to hold the meeting at his church, also for conducting the service, for his eloquent address, also for the use of the tower and bells. Gratitude and thanks are also tendered to Mr. W. Short for his great assistance in having everything in readiness and looking after the comfort of those present, to Miss Thatcher for her kindness in officiating at the organ, and to all who in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy and successful one. The bells were kept merrily going during the afternoon and evening.

MUFFLED RINGING FOR P.C. HERO.

On Tuesday, June 20th, at St. John's Church, Whittle-le-Woods, Lanes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells fully muffled by the following members of the Manchester City Police Bellringers: P.C. R. Benson 1, P.C. J. Mulliner 2, P.C. W. Robinson 3, P.C. W. Pye 4, P.C. G. Pye 5, P.C. J. Wilson 6, P.C. F. Page (conductor) 7, P.C. J. Turner 8. A touch of 504 Stedman Triples was also rung. It was on this day that P.C. Tom Williamson Jewes (who lost his life in an attempt to rescue a man from the River Irwell) was laid to rest in the churchyard. P.C. Jewes faithfully served under Supt. F. R. Williams, president of the National Police Guild of Bellringers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Three of the bellringers at Kirbymoorside, Yorks, who have put in long service in the belfry have also over 50 years' service in the choir. Mr. Arthur Wood has been a ringer for 58 years and a chorister for 54, Mr. J. Rickaby a ringer for 40 years and a chorister for 50 years, while Mr. J. Anderson has served for similar periods. In addition Mr. J. Sturdy has sung in the choir for 60 years, Mr. H. Rutter for 50 years and Mr. J. Walker for 46 years. A wonderful record!

The bells of All Saints', Fulham, and St. Mary's, Putney, were silent on Sunday owing to the serious illness of the Lord Bishop of London. The chimes are also silent during the night at Fulham.

The handbell peal at Crayford on June 21st was Grandsire Caters, not Stedman Caters as recorded.

AN EARLY LIVERPOOL PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have recently been asked by Mr. F. West, of High Wycombe, if I could tell him the name of the composer of the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Liverpool in June, 1814.

It was rung by members of the Birmingham and Sheffield United Societies and was conducted by Henry Cooper. There is no record in St. Nicholas' tower of this performance, and no one in Liverpool, as far as I can ascertain, knows who the composer of the peal was. The figures are given in Shipway and reprinted in the Central Council collection of peals, Section I.

Apart from Mr. West and myself, other members of the Exercise may like to know who composed this peal. Mr. West thinks it possibly might have been one of Mr. Cooper's own compositions, and I am inclined to agree with him, seeing that Mr. Cooper called his own composition of Grandsire Caters at Lichfield in the following year. However, I should be glad if any member of the Exercise can supply the necessary information. **GEORGE R. NEWTON.**

OXFORD AND OTHER CHIMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If you think the matter interesting enough, I might add some notes about the Oxford and other chimes to the information which has already appeared in your column. Your correspondent did not mention those at New College, which I like better than the Magdalen set. The latter are in a more prominent position, and so better known, and the tone of the Magdalen bells is certainly superior. Both towers have ten bells, but as only the back eight are used for the chimes, I number them as such:—

Magdalen: I. 21; II. 2184; III. 435637; IV. 43563721; the hour striking on 8.
New College: I. 37; II. 8734; III. 357468; IV. 867453241; the hour striking on 8.

The new chimes at Merton (eight) are as follows, the Roman figures showing the end of each quarter, the notes before being repeated each time:—

875 (I.); 4565 (II.); 568 (III.); 7545 (IV.); the hour being struck on 8.
The chimes at Carfax were composed by Stainer for a church in the Isle of Wight—Freshwater, I think.

The Cambridge quarters were arranged for Great St. Mary's by Crotch, then a chorister at King's, who took the four well-known notes from 'I know that my Redeemer liveth' for the first quarter. They are seldom heard given correctly, probably from the fact of their being so often adapted to a ring of eight, which makes it impossible for the hour to be struck on the key note. This is the third of the quarter bells, and the hour should be its octave, not its fifth, which is what you hear most commonly. They require a ring of ten, the bells used being 1236. The hour ends on 3, the key note, and then the tenor gives its octave. If anyone will try this on a piano he will find it much more satisfactory than the usual fifth. They may be heard correctly at St. Mary Abbots, London.

There are five quarters at Norwich Cathedral on five fairly heavy bells, which at first may sound unfinished, as they form what a ringer would call the top five of a ring of six. But they may be regarded as in the scale of the first ecclesiastical mode, and are then not unfinished, as the fifth is the final of that mode. They run as follows: I. 12345; II. 54123-25345; III. 54315-31243-54235; IV. 14325-43241-51234-23451; and the hour strikes on 5. **W. C. B.**

KELVEDON BELLS.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THE OCTAVE.

As recently announced in 'The Ringing World,' Mr. W. Elliott, who has been a ringer at Kelvedon for 54 years, has made an offer with the assistance of his family and relatives to present a treble bell towards completing the octave of this noble ring of six. There have been members of this well-known ringing family connected with this tower for considerably over a century. Many ringers who have visited Kelvedon have often remarked, 'Why not complete the octave?' Now is the opportunity. The Essex Association has generously promised a donation of £5 5s., and the following sums from ringers in the district have also been promised: Messrs. C. H. Howard (Master), £2 2s.; W. Keeble, 10s.; C. Botton, 10s.; A. J. Mason, 10s.; C. W. Burton, 10s. Any further promises of support or donations towards this very desirable object should be sent to Mr. W. Elliott, Brunswick House, Church Street, Kelvedon, who will gladly acknowledge same.

RE-OPENING OF BOW BELLS. TO-DAY'S CEREMONY—TO-MORROW'S FESTIVITIES.

The Lord Mayor of London and the Sheriffs will attend in State the re-opening of Bow Bells this afternoon, when the Archbishop of Canterbury will dedicate the work and give an address.

This is one of the most important events in connection with ringing that has occurred in the city, and is creating great interest, both in and out of ringing circles.

The church itself is of much historic interest. It goes back to early Norman times and was in existence in 1091, for, according to historians, it was badly damaged by a hurricane at that date. In 1271 a great part of Bow steeple fell down, killing 30 people. In 1512 a new tower was completed, but the church suffered total destruction in the great fire of 1666. It was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren and completed in 1680, and the steeple is one of the architectural gems of the city of London. The crypt of the church dates back to the 11th century, and is built of Roman bricks, which led the architect to believe that it was the remains of a Roman temple. The foundations of the steeple are certainly laid on the site of a Roman pavement. The Court of Arches, said to be so called after the flying buttresses of the steeple, was first held in Bow Church in 1172, and is still used for the confirmation of the election of Bishops in the Province of Canterbury.

The present restoration of the bells was made possible by the generosity of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge. Through dilapidation they had been silent for some years and their repair was part of a general restoration scheme, for which an appeal was made for £15,000 in 1930. As funds came in, the tower and steeple were first taken in hand. The damage by time and the atmosphere was found to be more extensive than anticipated, and the roof and many cracks in the walls had to be repaired and the foundations at the south-east corner strengthened. The restoration of the bells, however, was still held up until Mr. Selfridge generously undertook to meet the cost of this part of the scheme.

A massive grillage, weighing 3½ tons, has been fixed in the tower immediately beneath the old oak frame, which is anchored securely to it and has been strengthened with corner brackets in all directions and altered on one side to improve the circle of ropes. New headstocks and specially designed clappers have been fitted and the bells, of course, hung on ball bearings.

When removed from the tower, five of the bells were found to be cracked, and these, with the three trobles, have been recast, leaving only the 4th, 5th, 9th and 11th of the old peal. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

At to-day's opening the ringing will be done by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

To-morrow will be a ringers' day, and a gathering from all parts of the country is expected. Already more than 500 ringers have accepted the invitation to be present. The bells will be open from 2.30 to 4 p.m., when a short service will be held. At 5 o'clock Mr. Selfridge will entertain the ringers to tea at his Oxford Street store, and there will be further ringing from 6.30 to 8.15 at Bow Church. In addition, the bells at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. James', Clerkenwell, will be open from 2.30 to 6.30, and St. Clement Danes from 6.30 to 8.15. It is also hoped St. Martin's-in-the-Fields will be available.

The day will conclude with a social gathering in the Pillar Hall at the Cannon Street Hotel, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Further information will be found in our notice columns.

MIDSUMMER MERRYMAKING AT MAIDENHEAD.

A tropical thunderstorm with its attendant deluge opened the proceedings of the East Berks and South Bucks practice at Boyne Hill, but even this failed to damp the spirits of the party that gathered from numerous towers for the usual cheerful monthly affair that has assisted greatly towards the success of this branch. The secretary was a bit late in arriving, because the rain would have spoiled his curls. The Mayor was expected, but, having five other engagements, it was not surprising that he was unable to put in an appearance. Two of the visitors left early, to keep an appointment on the other side of the globe, we believe. Not having been a quartermaster, the universal provider was five out in his forecast for tea, although it was noticed that he tried to fill the gap himself. Unfortunately, the handbells were left at home (what a salesman to forget his wares), so that the usual after-tea harmony was not heard.

However, on returning to the tower, by kind permission of Jupiter Pluvius, those who were not already warm did their best to make up for lost time.

Many touches in different methods were rung, including several courses of London, Cambridge and Superlative.

One little disappointment was the fact that some of the charming young ladies who had promised to come did not put in an appearance.

It is hoped that the next practice will be at Penn, when something new in the spliced category will be expected from the 'hot pot' factory.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 411.)

THE NEW RULES.

The next report considered by the Council was that concerning the new rules. This report, which set out the Rules Committee's proposals in detail, was printed in 'The Ringing World' on April 7th and had been circulated to the members.

The draft report was presented last year criticisms were asked for. One or two criticisms were sent in, the committee had had those points under consideration, and had redrafted the rules in the form in which the Council now had them. They were published a few weeks ago so that the Council had had ample opportunity to study them. There was one point of criticism about which he would like to say something. It was suggested that if it were made compulsory for associations to pay fees for the members to which they were entitled, rather than merely for the representatives they sent, some associations might possibly feel inclined to withdraw from the Council. The committee were of opinion that it was unthinkable that any association should contemplate taking such action because they might have to pay an extra five shillings or ten shillings a year. The cost of the subscription, at any rate in nearly every case, worked out at less than a halfpenny per member on the number of resident members of any Guild, so that he did not think there was any substance behind that criticism. It was not necessary for an association, because it was entitled to send four members and paid for four, to send four members to a distant meeting—that was for the association to settle—but the committee thought that those who were entitled to a larger number of members ought to pay a corresponding fee. With regard to other criticisms, the proper alterations had been made to meet them. He proposed that the amended rules be adopted as the rules of the Council.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded.

The Rev. E. S. Powell asked if the actuarial work in computing the membership of the associations was to be left to the associations themselves or to a committee of the Council? It looked as if it should be done from a central source, otherwise mistakes might occur.

The President said he thought they could trust association secretaries to make what was a fairly simple calculation (hear, hear).

Mr. E. W. Marsh said they in Devon, besides the Devonshire Guild which was affiliated with the Council, had at least three associations of church bellringers. He asked whether, under the rule of affiliation, they could be represented on the Council, if so he welcomed the rule and hoped the associations would be canvassed. If they could get them to join they would be able to teach the representatives something which they could take back to their own associations.

The President said there was nothing whatever to prevent it under the rules. There was no definite ruling that affiliated societies must ring changes.

Mr. Marsh: May I suggest the secretary canvasses these associations and tells them they would be welcomed?

The President: That could be done.

Mr. Marsh: There are associations in Cornwall as well.

No amendments to the rules were proposed and they were agreed to *non conc.*

Replying to a question, the President said it would be competent by resolution to bring the rules into force for next year's meeting, as far as the general business of the Council was concerned. This course was thereupon agreed to on the motion of Mr. E. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

HOW TO STRIKE WELL.

Canon Coleridge reported for the committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare a pamphlet on good striking. Mr. Dyke, he said, had been mainly responsible for preparing the pamphlet, and it was in the hands of the secretary by last August, except for the photographs with which it was to be illustrated. These presented some difficulty, but eventually they were taken. There were four showing how the young practitioner should be taught to hold his rope and two showing the most frequent faults which prevent good striking. After the manuscript had been placed in the hands of the hon. secretary, he heard nothing about the pamphlet until the previous night. The secretary was not, however, to be blamed for the delay. Mr. Fletcher reminded him that at the last meeting of the Council there was an amendment proposed by the late Mr. Jenkyn that the pamphlet should contain hints and rules showing how to ring and conduct Doubles and Minor. Mr. Dyke did not write anything about that, and the reason was that after the last meeting Mr. Jenkyn had had correspondence with the editors of a small book which covered the whole thing, and, he thought, Mr. Jenkyn was inclined to let this side of the publication drop, although he never said so. Meanwhile, with this amendment on the books the secretary quite rightly held up the printing of the pamphlet until the matter could come before the Council. He (Canon Coleridge) was always most anxious that the book should contain nothing but the most primary and elementary instruction about holding the rope and striking properly. If they put in anything else he was afraid the whole object of the book would be defeated because the price would be far more. What Mr. Dyke and he would like was a pamphlet which might be a help to the youngest of ringers and also a help to certain instructors. They wanted to keep it as

as cheap as possible and to sell it at not more than twopence a copy. If the Council accepted it as it was now with Mr. Dyke's letterpress and the six photographs, it could be produced at about 2d. a copy, and he hoped the associations would buy it up in large quantities for distribution. He hoped at least 5,000 copies would be sold at once and every young practitioner given a copy. He was glad to have had a little hand in the production of the pamphlet, although the principal credit must go to Mr. Dyke. He moved that the pamphlet be accepted without any further addition so that it might be sold at as low a price as possible.

Mr. J. T. Dyke seconded.

The President said the Standing Committee's recommendation was that the sale price be not more than 2d. per copy post free, and that the book be confined to the material mentioned by Canon Coleridge, namely, the proper method of handling a bellrope.

Canon Elsee expressed the hope that associations would purchase a large number of copies in order to dispose of them again to their members. That, he thought, would be the best way to secure the pamphlet coming into the hands of the beginners by whom it was really needed.

The President said the Council would be selling actually at a loss by selling at 2d., but the Standing Committee thought it would be money well spent (hear, hear).

The resolution was agreed to and the pamphlet ordered to be printed.

This concluded the business of the committees, but the President said before they passed on to other matters it was only right they should thank the members of the various committees for the work they had done in the past three years (applause).

BREAKING UP OF OLD BELLS.

The Council then proceeded to the various motions which stood on the agenda. The first, which was in the names of Mr. P. E. Dawe and Mr. E. A. Young, was as follows:—

'That this Council deprecates the breaking up of church bells, renowned for their tonal qualities and historic interest, urges church authorities not to assent to their destruction except for the gravest reasons, and furthermore recommends that independent expert advice be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.'

Mr. Dawe, in proposing the motion, said it was a very important one and one that ought to have been discussed many years ago. They had now arrived at the parting of the ways; it would mean a battle royal between those who, like himself, were of an antiquarian turn of mind, with musical quality thrown in, and the up-to-date people who thought mostly of speed and noise, which they interpreted as music, and that abomination called football (laughter). There were thousands of rings of bells in these islands, and they came under three headings, good, bad and indifferent. There were many bells—not only individual bells, but rings of bells—that wanted baking, boiling, broiling and even drowning (laughter). On the other hand, there were bells which were wonderful productions. It would be out of place for him to attempt, out of the eleven hundred or twelve hundred peals of bells he had rung on and listened to, to tell them which were the best, but there were many that really ought to be preserved, cast 200, or 300, or even 400 years ago by hands now cold in dust, but hands which were master hands. These bells ought certainly to be preserved. It had been asked on many occasions, 'What is the good of the Central Council?' The idea of Sir Arthur P. Heywood, who was its founder, was that it should protect their rights and privileges and their interests in the future, and there was one occasion when the Council did something to justify its existence. There used to be about four rings of ten of great value; Coventry, Rotherham, Wakefield and Stepney. When the idea came about to destroy Coventry, the Council took up the cudgels under the leadership of Mr. Young, and at the Consistory Court did what they could to save those famous bells. Mr. Dawe said he attended the Court, where a gentleman who described himself as 'a professor of bells'—he did not know there was such a thing as a professor of bells before—went to the piano, struck a discordant note and said, 'Those are the bells you have in your tower.' He then turned with a self-satisfied grin and, striking a chord, said, 'Those are the bells you are going to have.' During lunch a high dignitary of the Church began to talk to him about the bells and asked what he thought of them. He (the speaker) replied that they were the sweetest and most beautiful ring of bells he had ever listened to. The dignitary said that was 'all rubbish,' which, proceeded Mr. Dawe, showed that some people unknown had been 'spoon feeding' the authorities. The dignitary said the bells were going away and were to be recast, and added, 'You must come and hear them.' He (Mr. Dawe) replied, 'I shall do nothing of the kind,' and they parted not such good friends as they met. Every old ring of bells of any note at all were valuable, but each had its own particular beauty; its own characteristic. If in future they were all going to be the same, they might as well walk to the Royal Exchange where the clock struck twelve and hear a tune played. After Coventry they came to Rotherham. They had been recast by generous donors—goodness knows where they came from, but they cropped up like mushrooms. Rotherham were a magnificent ring of ten, but they were not the characteristically tuneful, musical and harmonious ring that used to hang in St. Anne's tower. Then, said Mr. Dawe, they came to the greatest tragedy of all, and that was the wilful murder of Bow tenor. In his

opinion, Bow tenor no more wanted recasting than the sea wanted water. He did not know what bell metal was worth a hundredweight, but the actual value of Bow tenor was probably between £400 and £500. The intrinsic value of the bell, however, was as nothing to its historical associations and its pure, musical note. It never ought to have been destroyed. He dared say there would be good reason put forward for it, but he hoped some step would be taken that would prevent another such calamitous happening in future. He hoped they would never see the beautiful eleventh at Exeter, or the eleventh at St. Saviour's, Southwark, or Lavenham tenor, turned out to be recast and musically improved. His motion, added Mr. Dawe, referred to expert advisers. He did not think they could possibly associate with this a better name than that of their worthy president, who had proved himself so valuable to them in every shape and form.

'HALF THE BELLS IN ENGLAND NEED RECASTING.'

Mr. E. A. Young seconded the motion. He would not say, he remarked, that any of the remaining fine bells were in imminent danger of destruction. Had it not been for the Council they might perhaps have heard that the peal which used to hang at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, had been split up into separate units or recast, but partly owing to the Council's action last year they were to be retained as a peal. Those bells were worth saving. Then there was the famous eleventh at St. Saviour's, Southwark, where he was a member of the 'screw' during the war. How sad it would be for those ringers associated with that historic church to feel that in some circumstances out of their control that eleventh should be recast. What was really wanted was that when it came to a crucial point such as Bow, there should be someone, or two or three, or at any rate an authority, immediately available to give the casting vote between the conflicting interests as to which of those interests should ultimately prevail. It was difficult to know where they would find such men, men who were at fault with all the points of ringing and of musical and archaeological knowledge. The President had spoken of the glorious traditions of the past, and some of them felt that there had been men in the past who had handed down to them something worth preserving. He agreed with Mr. Dawe that in a case like Bow tenor it should be handed on, and that where any question arose, their hands should be strengthened by having someone capable who would be prepared to step in and say whether it was wise or not to break up such a bell.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said he hoped the meeting would not be led away by Mr. Dawe's sweet and seductive tones, followed by the depressing influence of gloomy forecasts. 'Do let us have our bad bells recast,' said Mr. Smith. 'I can see no use whatever in preserving an old thing, simply because it is old. If it is old and good, I will stand up for it with anybody, but if it is old and not good, let us recast it' (hear, hear). How these people of Mr. Dawe's views can mention Bow tenor in the same breath as the eleventh at Exeter I cannot understand. 'Good gracious me,' went on Mr. Smith, 'Exeter eleventh is one of the grandest bells that ever was cast, and in proof of that we have one of our modern firms of bellfounders, when there was recasting to be done a few years ago, very carefully preserving this bell and advising that under no circumstances should it be recast. Bow tenor was never a cover to the other eleven bells since the moment it was put there. I have it on good authority that the bell was very badly cracked. Why on earth, then, do we want to suggest that it should be taken out of the tower, dusted and put back cracked? (laughter). If we were to talk like that in the business world in my part of the country they would not hesitate to tell us we were 'balmy' (laughter). Mr. Dawe drew an imaginary line round the kingdom and told us that within it there were so many peals of bells, and I am prepared to say that at least half of them ought to be recast next week (hoar, hear). It would be one way of helping to solve the unemployment problem. But, when these things come up for decision, do not let us have a resolution such as this, which will be sent to every incumbent who is thinking of having his bells improved. It will delay and damn the project for ever. Do not let us pass such a motion which may prevent the improvement and recasting of the rottenest peal of ten in England, and that is in Birmingham (laughter and applause). Let us save anything that is worth saving, but don't cumber up a tower with anything that ought to be in a museum. We do not want bells which are no good to us just because Oliver Cromwell rang on them (laughter).

Mr. C. H. Howard, speaking as a member of the Chelmsford Diocesan Advisory Board, said they were safe in the hands of the advisory boards, who were very careful to preserve anything of real historic value. The difficulty was sometimes to see that unnecessary pressure was not put on church authorities by the Advisory and Central Advisory Boards to retain bells which were no good. It was not for that Council to prompt them to go further than they were going to-day.

(To be continued.)

CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

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GEORGE W. FLETCHER.

45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

THE DANGER OF 'CLOCKING.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While it is universally admitted that 'clocking' is liable to crack a bell, has it ever been scientifically explained why this is so? With a chiming apparatus the hammer comes up about where the clapper strikes in ringing, so that the bell can 'give'—you can see the ringing ropes move slightly. In clocking, unless the clapper has a lot of side-play, the sound bow is hit in about the same place, and again the bell can give to the blow. The only unorthodox strain would appear to be on the crown staple or the clapper itself, with no unusual strain on the bell. On the other hand, when the tower clock strikes the hours, the hammers come down, not only on the outside of the bell, which was never intended to be struck there, but also just below the stay, so that the bell cannot give at all: it appears to me that this should be far more liable to crack a bell than clocking.

Swanage.

J. B. M. RIDOUT.

MR. J. GEORGE AND THE COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. George's letter is couched in very strong language, which is quite unjustified. I cannot help his faulty memory, he has probably been so anxious to persuade himself that he made sufficient protest, that he has forgotten what he previously stated. His letter to Mr. Wright, from which he quotes, was written much too late to be of any use. The peal was rung in November, 1930, and in January of the following year it was reported to be false. In 'The Ringing World' of September 18th, 1931, it was announced that a tablet recording the peal was to be erected, and a strong protest was made. Mr. George must have noticed this. In 'The Ringing World' of October 2nd it was reported that the tablet had been unveiled. The report stated that Mr. George was present and had something to say, but not a word of protest. If he had disagreed, he could at least have kept away from that ceremony, and should have registered a public protest. He should, too, have insisted on his name not appearing on the tablet. In the following weeks many letters of protest from different people appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and on October 23rd a letter appeared, signed by myself, suggesting a reference of the matter to the Central Council. A leading article the following week contained a similar suggestion. I have searched for a protest from Mr. George, but fail to find one, and yet there was plenty of opportunity. Later on the Council met and passed a resolution. Mr. George was not re-elected to the Council, in any case it would have been an impossibility for him to sit in the face of that resolution. His letter of protest to Mr. Wright, written some months later, does not affect the issue, it was much too late. In these circumstances I still feel that my statement at the recent Council meeting was justified, especially in the light of a conversation I had with Mr. George shortly after the erection of the tablet. I cannot help it if he has forgotten. Actions, however, speak louder than words, and Mr. George's actions show ample support for any statements that have been made as to his connection with this matter.

For Mr. Smallwood's information I would like to say that honorary members are usually chosen for their ability and willingness to work for the Council. Nobody was able to say of Mr. George that he was ever willing to place any abilities he may possess at the disposal of the Council, and it is quite possible that this may have influenced many votes. Certainly the Council must choose men willing to work in preference to men who have been found wanting. I do not wish to elaborate this point, but there is ample justification for what I have said. If Mr. Smallwood desires to make comparisons, he should remember that honorary members are responsible to the Council, other members are responsible only to the societies they represent.

It is a great pity that this question was reintroduced. Mr. George's friends did him no service by bringing it up again. It was bound to lead to a protest and the raking up of a business unpleasant for all concerned. If it will help Mr. George I am quite willing to accept his word that he is now sorry for what was done, but I register a strong protest against his accusations. I have no wish to do him an injury, but I cannot let that wish influence my attitude and my vote in the Council chamber.

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.A.

July 1st, 1933.

TIPTON RINGERS IN DERBYSHIRE.

The ringers of the St. Martin's Church, Tipton, visited Derbyshire for their annual outing on Whit Monday. They were accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Mortimore) and friends, the party numbering about 20. They proceeded in motor-coach to Barton-under-Needwood, where they rang on the peal of eight bells and had lunch. They then continued to Ashbourne, where they had the pleasure of ringing again on another peal of eight. Afterwards they journeyed to Mayfield, where after tea ringing took place on the peal of six bells. Touches of various methods were brought round at all three towers. After a short interval, the tourists went on to Stapenhill, to pay a visit to the church and vicarage where the Vicar of Tipton is to take up the living. The tour was completed by the way of Lichfield. The ringers wish to thank all those who helped to make the outing a success.

THE BARNETT MEMORIAL.

The following subscriptions have been received for the Edwin Barnett Memorial: T. E. Smith, 10s.; F. White, £1 1s.; S. H. Green, £1 1s.; W. H. Finsell, 2s. 6d.; H. Barton, 2s. 6d.; E. Uckwell, 10s. 6d.; Mrs. Hayward, 5s.; the Ven. the Archdeacon of Rochester, 10s.; A. H. Pulling, 2s. 6d.; Miss Gedge, 5s.; Canon Coleridge, 10s.; Miss Miles, 5s.; Headcorn Ringers, 5s.; St. Nicholas at Wade, 5s.; St. Lawrence (Ramsgate), 10s.; Mrs. Remison, 2s. 6d.; Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, £1 1s.; West Wickham, 5s.; Mr. Evans, £1; Mr. P. E. Bex, £1; G. and A. Johnson, 2s.; G. H. Payn, 2s.; J. Heasman, 2s. 6d.; Dr. E. L. Taylor, £1; A. R. Brough, £1 1s.; Lamberhurst, 5s.; Speldhurst, 2s. 6d.; C. Slingsby, 3s.; R. K. Knight, 3s.; Rochester St. Margaret's, 5s.; A. G. Driver, 5s.; W. Pickworth, 5s.; J. Armstrong, 1s.; W. H. Attwood, 5s.; Charing, 5s.; Sittingbourne, 10s.; J. Avis, 3s.; Milton-next-Gravesend, 10s.; J. Jones, 2s. 6d.; S. R. Cooper, 2s. 6d.; F. Brett, 2s.; Northfleet, 7s. 6d.; St. Mary, Cray, 5s.; W. Haigh, 5s.; St. George, Beckinson, £1 1s.; All Saints, Maidstone, 15s.; G. R. Pye, 10s.; Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, 5s.; Lewisham St. Mary's, 10s.; Central Council of Church Bellringers, £3 3s.; W. S. Bradley, 5s.; E. Gibbs, 5s.; total to date, £23 2s.

Further donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. secretary, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT AT THANET.

The summer meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, July 1st, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Cowland Cooper. Over 40 members attended, including some of the St. Albans Cathedral Company and one ringer from Yorkshire. The Vicar conducted service and also gave a most interesting sermon. Tea, followed by the business meeting, in the Parish Room, were presided over by the Vicar, who gave a hearty welcome to the association, and, on behalf of the Canterbury District, gave a special welcome to the visitors from St. Albans. The captain of the St. Albans company thanked the Canterbury District secretary for making their summer meeting coincide with the St. Albans outing.

Mr. E. Spice, on behalf of the meeting, thanked the Vicar for the use of the St. Lawrence bells and for the service, also Mrs. Wilkinson for the musical arrangements, and Mr. Porritt, the local secretary, who had made the arrangements for the meeting. The Vicar suitably replied.

A proposition that Deal should be the place for the district's next by-meeting was carried unanimously.

After tea ringing continued until after 8 o'clock, the following methods being rung: Kent Treble Bob Royal and Major, Superlative Surprise, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Major.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A JOINT MEETING.

A meeting of the Salisbury and Devizes Branches was held at Amesbury on Saturday, June 17th. After ringing at various towers en route, the members arrived at the Church of SS. Mary and Melorins for the service at 4.30, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Moxon).

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, amongst those present being the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Guild), the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. general secretary), Mr. F. Green (assistant general secretary), Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary, Devizes Branch) and Mrs. West, Mr. F. G. Caple (chairman, Salisbury Branch), Mr. F. W. Romaine (hon. secretary, Salisbury Branch), Mr. E. F. White (vice-chairman, Devizes Branch) and others.

After tea the Master expressed the thanks of those present to the Vicar for allowing the meeting to be held at Amesbury and for taking the service.

The members then returned to the tower. A party also journeyed into Salisbury and enjoyed ringing at St. Martin's. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples and Doubles and Grandsire Doubles. It seemed that all attending thoroughly enjoyed themselves, some expressing a wish that this will not be the last of combined meetings between the two branches.

A WORCESTERSHIRE EXCURSION.

The outing of the Oldswinford ringers was held on Saturday, June 24th, their destination being Upton-on-Severn. Leaving the home of the local secretary, travelling by charabanc by way of Worcester, they visited the British Camp, which is on the top of Malvern Hills, but the view obtained was very poor owing to the rain and mist. A splendid tea awaited the party at the Cross Hotel, Upton, and afterwards permission was obtained from the Vicar to ring on the Parish Church bells. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were nicely struck. The ringers wish to thank Canon Edmondson for so readily acceding to their request, as they had not previously sought permission. They were sorry their friends the Upton ringers were not at home. The return journey through Hanley Swan, Hallow and Witley was very much enjoyed, although the weather was not too kind.

SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK TOWERS VISITED.

On Saturday, June 24th, All Saints' Guild, Feering, Essex, with friends from four adjoining towers, wives and the Vicar and churchwardens, left Kelvedon by coach at 7.30 a.m. for an excursion to Suffolk and Norfolk towers. At Dobenham they were met by Mr. W. Rumsey, and short touches of Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Bob Major enabled the visitors to admire the go and tone of this lovely peal. At Eye, unfortunately, they could not ring, so they passed on to Diss, where they were met by several of the local company, including the veteran, Mr. W. Ireland, who took part in a perfect touch of Stedman. After various other touches, lunch next claimed attention, and then the journey was resumed to Redenhall, where they again received a hearty welcome, and one of the local men demonstrated his power with the twig for finding water and metals. Pulham Market was next visited, the visitors being met by Mr. C. Roope, and then on to Pulham St. Mary, where tea was followed by touches on the bells, and a very cordial welcome was given by the Rector. Arriving somewhat late at Stowmarket, two short touches on this grand peal enabled everyone to ring. The number of changes brought round during the day was 3,816. Home was reached at 10.30 p.m. After 15 hours of travel and ringing, dining and sight-seeing, everyone felt they had enjoyed a pleasant and successful trip, and thanks are due to the various incumbents for the use of the bells and to all local men who assisted in the arrangements and several who met the party.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 24th, when the following towers were represented: Beeton, Bucklebury, Brightwalton, East Ilsley, Highclere, Newbury, Thatcham and Hungerford. Visitors were present from Overton, Basingstoke, Abingdon and Reading. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Wardley King), who gave a very interesting address. In the absence of the organist, the Vicar led the singing with a violin. Tea was served in the Church House by Mr. and Mrs. Reed, and about 30 sat down to an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed. The Rev. H. Wardley King presided in the absence of the chairman (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford), who sent an apology.

The next meeting was fixed for East Ilsley on Saturday, September 9th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his address and welcome to the ringers, also for playing the violin for the service; and to Mr. and Mrs. Reed for providing the tea.

Some good touches in the following methods were brought round: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. Hungerford bells are a very nice peal of eight, with tenor 13½ cwt.

V.W.H. BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Vale of White Horse Branch was held at Faringdon on Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing commenced about 2.30, followed by a short service in All Saints' Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Dunbar), who also gave a very interesting address. Mr. H. Mason was at the organ.

Tea was served at the Wheatsheaf to 32 ringers and visitors. The chairman of the branch (the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne) presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. J. W. Dunbar, the Rev. R. C. L. Newhouse, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer of the Guild), Mr. R. Gilling (branch secretary) and members from Faringdon, Buckland, Uffington and Shrivenham, with visitors from Swindon, Newbury and Stawlake.

The financial statement was presented by the branch secretary, showing a balance in hand of £6 3s. 10d. in the general fund and £3 10s. in the restoration fund.

The officers elected for the year were: The Rev. A. J. de D. Denne, chairman; Mr. R. Gilling, hon. secretary and treasurer; and Mr. F. Wheeler, branch representative. Three new members were elected—Mr. H. Townsend (Faringdon), Mr. A. H. Minns and Mr. A. W. Richens (Uffington).

The Chairman spoke very feelingly of the loss to the Guild caused by the death of the late Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and of the great work he had done. He hoped everyone would do their best to see it was carried on. This was also mentioned in the short talks given by Mr. R. T. Hibbert and Mr. A. J. Wright. A grant of £2 2s. from the restoration fund was made towards the cost of repairing the bell frame of Shrivenham Parish Church.

It was suggested that the autumn meeting be held at Uffington on October 7th.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar for allowing the meeting to be held at Faringdon and for his address. He also thanked the organist for his services and the ladies who served the teas. The ringers then made a move to the belfry, where ringing continued during the evening.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DOVER.—On Sunday, June 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's): S. A. Wells 1, T. Robinson 2, J. Eagles 3, H. J. Saunders 4, H. Whitehead 5, C. R. Millway 6, R. T. Clark (conductor) 7, C. Hardiman 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. A. M. Parker, who is leaving Dover for West Wickham. The conductor's first attempt for a quarter-peal.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 18th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evensong: *P. C. L. Gibbs 1, C. Webb 2, H. Haslam 3, V. G. H. Hemus 4, J. E. Eaton 5, C. H. Stanley 6, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 7, *K. J. Davis 8. * First quarter-peal. † First quarter 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Wm. Humphreys, aged 88 years, who was a very old parishioner and schoolmaster for many years.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, June 18th, for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Minor; for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,320 changes) of London Surprise Minor: C. Gimbert 1, P. Warrington (conductor) 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, M. Ginn 4, R. Knights 5, G. Few 6. Also 720 Cambridge Minor. The British Legion standard dedication services were held on this day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Dale 1, J. Cross 2, *A. Rolph 3, *J. Blay 4, E. J. Trimmer 5, *G. Playle 6, J. Cornford (conductor) 7, S. Miles 8. * First quarter Stedman.

SONNING, BERKS.—On Sunday afternoon, June 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Bolden 1, F. Cox 2, E. Smith 3, W. Porter 4, G. Cleeve 5, C. Shepherd 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, G. Wright 8. Ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 6 hail from Shiplake, treble, 2 and tenor local and the conductor hails from Forest Hill, London, and wishes to thank all for coming and the Vicar (the Archdeacon of Berkshire) for kindly allowing them to ring.

ROCHESTER.—On Sunday, June 11th, at St. Margaret's Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Kidd (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Hills 2, C. Norris 3, S. Shellock 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, W. Kidd 6, W. G. Wilson (Ealing) 7, A. Haylor 8.

FRINDSBURY.—On Trinity Sunday, June 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. A. G. Allen 1, Mrs. E. A. G. Allen 2, R. Humphrey 3, Miss H. Collishaw 4, T. Beaumont 5, L. Crouch 6, G. Philpott (conductor) 7, J. Aitkin 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church for Confirmation service on Sunday, June 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): W. J. Butler (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, A. Butler (first quarter-peal of Major) 2, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 3, A. E. Newman 4, F. Mursell 5, H. Reeves 6, N. Curtis 7, R. Brown 8.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, June 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): M. T. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. J. Andrews 2, A. Symonds 3, D. A. S. Symonds 4, W. Jarvis 5, L. Offord 6, L. Pryke 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday afternoon, June 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 46 mins.: H. Ridgeway 1, *J. A. Green 2, T. Roberts 3, L. Smith 4, E. C. Lambert 5, F. Case 6, R. Foddy 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. * First touch of Kent. Rung on the second anniversary of the rededication of the bells after rehanging by J. Taylor and Sons.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, June 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Springle 1, H. Hogarth 2, F. Belsey (conductor) 3, S. Shellock 4, W. Walker 5, W. Beaumont 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, for matins: E. Johnson 1, R. Grainger 2, J. Newman 3, F. Bennett 5, F. Newman 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, May 28th, for morning service, 1,251 Stedman Caters: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, W. Pickworth 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, G. Plater 5, D. Ovington 6, J. Miller 7, H. Miller 8, N. A. Tomlinson 9, A. G. Crane 10.

A QUARTER-PEAL AFTER THREE PRACTICES.

On Tuesday evening, June 20th, in the belfry of the Parish Church, Kettering, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung on the handbells: Miss D. Moir 1, H. T. Eastbrooke 2, A. S. Toseland 3, B. P. Morris (conductor) 4-5. This was the first attempt by all for a quarter-peal 'in hand'. The treble ringer had had only three previous practices in change ringing, and is to be congratulated on her performance.

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NOTICES.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—The ring of 12, restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., will be dedicated by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury on Friday, July 7th, at 3.30 p.m., and the bells will be rung on that occasion by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—Ringers' Opening. — On Saturday, July 8th. All ringers welcome. 2.30 p.m., ringing; 4, short service; 5, tea, by invitation of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge, at Selfridge's, Oxford Street (main entrance); 6.30 to 8.15, ringing; 8.30 to 11.45, social at Cannon Street Hotel (Pillar Hall), part of Cannon Street Station. The towers of St. Giles-in-the-Field (8), St. James', Clerkenwell (8) will also be available at 2.30 and 6.30. Transport from St. Mary-le-Bow to Selfridge's by Buses Nos. 7, 8, 23, 123, 184, 185 and 188, also from Bank Tube Station to Bond Street on the Central London Railway. Car park in Somerset Street. Tea tickets to be obtained on the day between 2 and 4 at St. Mary-le-Bow. Members of committee will wear a bell badge, their names being Messrs. G. A. Card, G. Cross, A. W. Coles, C. T. Coles, J. H. Cheesman, J. S. Goldsmith, F. M. Mitchell, A. B. Peck, T. H. Taffender, J. Trustram, A. W. Hersee and C. F. Johnston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yelvertoft (5) on Saturday, July 8th. Usual arrangements.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., Welford, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Streatley on Saturday, July 8th. Ringing at Streatley from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.: Guild members 6d.; non-members 9d. Goring bells (8) are available after tea. All ringers are welcome. — T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (9d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify the Rector, Halewood, Liverpool. Make an effort to attend and notify Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool 16.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (1s. per head) 4 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock, followed by meeting. Gentlemen heartily welcome. — Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Kilmersdon on Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. All intending to be present kindly notify G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Lenham on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, July 8th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Fawley on Saturday, July 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual shield contest will be held at Darfield on Saturday, July 8th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Entries close on July 1st.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea at the Angel Inn at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Please remember date, Sat. July 8th.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak on July 8th at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Wednesday, July 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., by kind invitation, followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on July 11, St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Swansea, Saturday, July 15th. 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. Mary's Church, Swansea (Preacher: Canon W. T. Havard). 4 p.m.: Tea at Curran's Restaurant, Heathfield Street (by kind invitation of Canon W. T. Havard). 4.30 p.m.: Business meeting. Please let me know the number for tea by Saturday, July 8th, without fail. — L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation. Business meeting after tea. Kindly inform me not later than Tuesday, 11th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival. — This will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. each to members; 3s. to non-members. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary by Wednesday, July 12th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at the

service for the Restoration Fund. The G.W.R. and the L.M. & S. Railway will issue cheap tickets to Oxford from any station in the diocese. Will members please note that vital business will come before the meeting on this date. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brasted on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of E. H. Lewis, Esq.) at Moorcocks after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 11th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 15th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of these associations will be held at Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, 1s. each. Please advise Mr. C. T. Coles not later than July 12th. Barnet bells open for ringing from 3 to 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4; W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Flixton (8 bells) on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Special practice, Miles Platting, Tuesday, July 11th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION will hold the annual meeting, and a six-bell contest, at Meltham on Saturday, July 15th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, must send word not later than July 8th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Denbigh Arms, with business meeting to follow.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at the Priory, Great Malvern, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Further particulars next week. Those intending to be present please notify me before Wednesday, July 12th. — F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Milton on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Usual arrangements. Will those who will require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 11th. — F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth District.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, July 15th. Bells, St. Leonard's (8), St. Mary's (6), available at 3 p.m. Tea, at the King's Head Hotel, at 5. Please send word to Mr. H. E. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton, or Mr. G. Case, 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please let me know by Wednesday, July 12th, if you are coming.—Kathleen Eastes, Hon. Sec., Holly Brox, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

LADIES' GUILD. — Northern Branch. — Meeting at Sutton-on-Trent, Saturday, July 15th; 3 o'clock. Gentlemen invited. Those requiring tea please notify Miss Burchnall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, by July 13th. — L. N. Cawthorne and I. B. Thompson, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — South and West District. — A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available from 3.30. Short service at 5. Tea in Church Hall about 5.30 p.m. Next meeting at Ruislip on Saturday, August 19th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. — A meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 2.30.—G. Preston, Christchurch.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Whiston on Saturday, July 15th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30, conducted by the Rector. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 11th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) will be available at 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Vicarage grounds, if fine, at a moderate charge. Business meeting to follow. *Please note:* Numbers for tea to the Rev. J. H. Park, Thornton Curtis Vicarage, Ulceby S.O., by the Wednesday previous. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8), also Abbotsbury and Upwey, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BRILL, BUCKS.—The ring of 6 bells, restored and rehung in a new oak frame, will be dedicated on Thursday, July 20th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be obtainable. Service in church at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., Central Bucks Branch of Oxford Guild.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Beddington on July 22nd. Ringing 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at Harvest Home 5.15. Business, ringing and social hour to follow. A nice run out to verdant fields. P.C.s re tea appreciated by J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5, at Gillings' Tea Rooms, Station Road, by kind invitation of the Rector, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 18th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Leatherhead and Ashted, Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing at both towers from 2.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at Leatherhead at 4.30 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 6d. per head) at the Institute, Leatherhead, at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must be sent to me not later than Tuesday, July 18th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Kirdford on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock till 9. Short service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Half Moon, 1s. each. All those intending being present kindly advise me by Tuesday prior to the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Adderbury, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Banbury (10) and Deddington (6) will be available in the evening. Good bus services. For tea, kindly notify.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By the invitation of the President (Canon C. C. Marshall) and the ringers of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, a summer meeting will be held at the above tower on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea (1s. each)

in the Schools at 5 p.m. No committee meeting or business meeting. The Vicarage gardens will be open to all ringers and friends. Please send in names for tea to Canon C. C. Marshall, St. Chad's Vicarage.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Saturday, July 29th, 2 to 9 p.m., at Callington. Bells: Callington (6), Linkinhorne (6), St. Mellion (6), Pillaton (6), South Hill (5). Service in Callington Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Will those who intend to be present notify me by July 17th?—Rev. H. Trehwella, St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.

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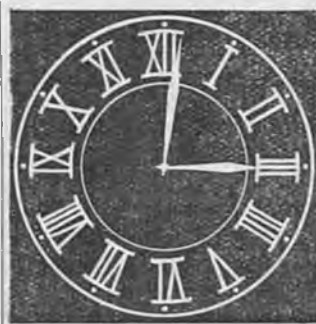
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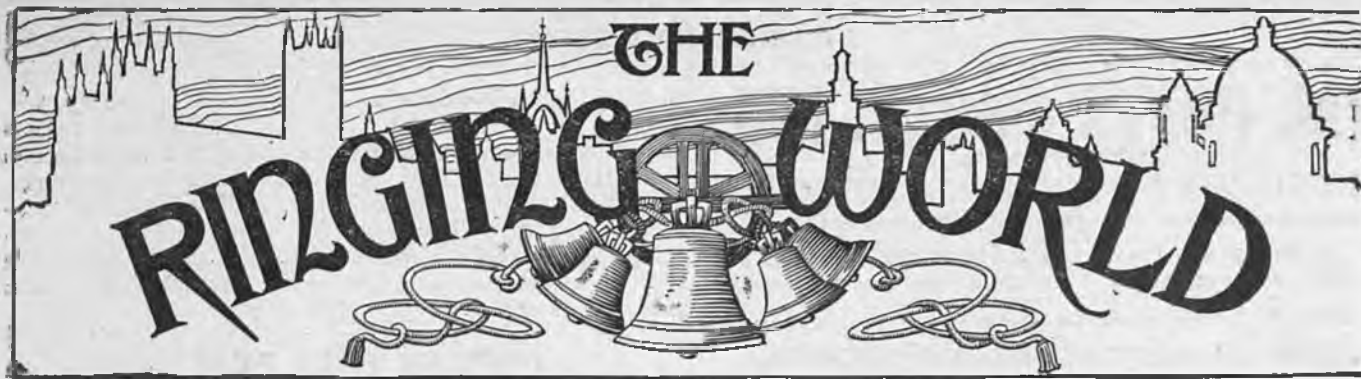
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From the ringers' point of view the restoration of Bow bells is a matter of gratification. It is always a subject for regret when a great and renowned peal is lying silent through dilapidation, and the return of Bow bells to a state of usefulness is in itself a subject for satisfaction. Certain phases of the restoration have been much discussed in ringing circles, and the breaking up of Bow tenor has been openly condemned as 'murder.' But those who have heard the recreated bell admire her new qualities, and so great an improvement has been made that many who are competent to judge are now lamenting the fact that, when so many of the old peal were recast, there was not a clean sweep and an entirely new ring erected. It is, however, too late in the day to discuss such a question, and while restraining hands prevented more being done than was actually accomplished, Bow is in possession of a finer peal than it had before, despite the limitations enforced by the retention of four of the old bells. It should now be the aim of London ringers to see that full use is made of these restored bells. There ought to be a serious effort made by someone to get the bells rung for the Sunday services with some regularity. We know the difficulties of organising bands for ringing in London on Sundays, and Bow bells are no peal on which to start a company of beginners. It ought, however, to be possible to build up a band. It has been done with remarkable success at the neighbouring tower of St. Lawrence Jewry; it would be good to hear that someone competent had taken up the task at Bow. The bells have been restored to be 'used in God's service,' and it would be a thousand pities if they are heard only

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On Saturday, July 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

HERBERT T. PIPER Treble	THOMAS HILL 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	DANIEL T. MATEIN 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	BERT HORTON 9
ROBERT PICKERING 4	WILLIAM FISHER 10
JOHN C. ADAMS 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
*HOWARD HOWELL 6	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Cinques. Rung to commemorate the jubilee of the above society.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5171 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 6
DR. STEDMAN F. POOLE ... 2	JOHN P. FIDLER 7
JOHN S. SADDINGTON 3	PERCY HARRISON 8
JOHN GRUNDY 4	HAROLD J. POOLE 9
WILLIAM WEATHERBY 5	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Specially arranged for Mr. Weatherby, of Market Drayton, Salop; also a birthday compliment to Mr. Fidler.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	WILLIAM RANFORD 8
THOMAS W. LEWIS 4	HECTOR G. BIRD 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

*G. DENNIS DRIGHTON ... Treble	AMOS SMART 5
*STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 6
†WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 3	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 7
BURLEY P. MORRIS 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WM. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal of 'Treble Bob.' † First peal of Major. A jubilee peal for the Guild, the first meeting having been held at this tower on Raunds 'Feast Monday,' July, 1883. Also rung to commemorate the patronal festival and the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Robinson, of Raunds.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two 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 3
MISS LUCY M. KELLY 2	FRED WATKINSON 6
*LIONEL PARKIN 3	*AMBERN WILSON 7
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 4	*JOHN MARSHALL... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled in commemoration of that day 17 years ago when the Sheffield City Battalion won for itself and its city immortal glory in its futile attack on the bastion of Serre, and scores of Sheffielders fell in the attacks which began the Battle of the Somme.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.On Wednesday, July 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD RENN Treble	WALTER D. JOLLEY 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD 2	†RONALD H. BULLEN... .. 6
ALAN R. PINK 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	*GEORGE W. ADCOCK Tenor

Conducted by MISS KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Miss Bradford's 25th peal and first as conductor.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.On Wednesday, July 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 8TEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB SIX-PART, NO. 12.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	EDWARD F. GOREY 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	WALTER WALLACE 6
J. CHARLES DICKEN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time and has 102 4-6's at backstroke.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.On Thursday, July 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ISAAC EVANS Treble	NORMAN G. LEECH 3
HARRY BOSWELL 2	JOHN T. DAVIES 6
WILLIAM T. EDGE 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
LESLIE C. TROBshaw 4	ARTHUR E. REED Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Albert Haddon, who was a former churchwarden of St. Giles', and was greatly interested in the ringers.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)On Thursday, July 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
†WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS... 2	*VICTOR J. F. BENNETT 6
†MISS M. E. REYNOLDS 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
FRANCIS E. MAY 4	RICHARD A. POST Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major. † First peal of Major away from treble. First peal of Surprise as conductor and first attempt. All the band are resident in Oxford, and this is the first local peal of Cambridge rung in the city for 40 years, the last having been rung on March 23rd, 1893, at St. Peter's-in-the-East.

PRESTWICH, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*HARRY MELLOR Treble	WILFRED J. MOSS 5
BOB BENT 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
EDWARD MAWBY 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	NORMAN HEAPS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the first birthday of Miss Wendy Dulton.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT & BOWDEN BRANCH.)On Thursday, July 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Four 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	JAMES MILNER 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN... .. 2	CHARLES OLLIER 6
JOHN H. BIERLEY 3	TOM WILDE 7
WILFRED STEVENSON 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of esteem and respect and in grateful memory of the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, for many years hon. secretary and treasurer of this Guild, and 'father' of the local branch.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)On Saturday, July 8, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY NEWTON Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
EDGAR G. SWIFT 2	*THOMAS J. FOWLER 6
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Arranged as a birthday peal for 'our George,' who was heartily congratulated by the band at the conclusion of the peal. It was his 350th peal and his 150th as conductor.

KIRTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

FRANK DEWEY Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSEY 5
GEORGE W. CREASEY 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES 7
HAROLD MARCON 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	WALTER H. SMITH 5
*GEORGE N. IVES 2	*HARRY G. FELTON 6
ALBERT WIFFEN 3	BASIL REDGWELL 7
GEORGE WIFFEN 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

* First peal. The ringer of the 7th has now 'circled' this tower. Rung on the occasion of the annual Sunday School treat of the Parish Church and St. Paul's Church.

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

On Saturday, July 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*DENNIS SAYERS Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	† WILLIAM LEWIS 6
*JAMES WOODYATT 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT 7
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. 4	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

* First peal of Major. † 100th peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SANDAL MAGNA, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Alban's Delight, Wragby Delight, Neasden Delight, London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal and Oxford.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHARLES E. NETHERWOOD Treble	ARTHUR GILL 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	ERNEST COTT 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by H. CHANT.

* First peal in seven methods.

TWYNING, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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 11 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
FRED HAWKES 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Fred Hawkes.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE FARNISH Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 4
JAMES BENNETT 2	*WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true extents, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*ROBIN G. LONG Treble	*AMOS R. GARDINER 4
GEORGE A. ANDREWS 2	HORACE A. WRIGHT 5
*GEORGE A. BUTTON 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells since they were retuned, quarter-turned and rehung with entirely new fittings by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, the tone and 'go' giving every satisfaction.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church on June 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Smith 1, A. King 2, T. Kendall 3, H. Walker 4, F. Walker 5, A. Rushton 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Inwood and Miss Gibbs.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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 Oxford Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Neasden, Wragby, College Bob IV., Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN. Treble	FRED HOLT 4
*STANLEY ARDERN 2	JOHN WORTH 5
ADAM T. MARSLAND 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor in seven methods. Rung with bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. A. T. Beeston.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES JEFFS Treble	WALTER AYRE 4
*THOMAS A. BLOW 2	*JOHN MALYAN 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	*FRANCIS KIRK Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

* First peal in seven methods. It is over 25 years since a peal in seven methods was rung in St. Albans.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFREY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1-2	*PERCY L. HARRISON 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	† COLIN HARRISON 7-8
ERNEST MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by the late J. E. GROVES. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS
Witness—Frederick E. Wilson.

* First peal with two working bells. † First handbell peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. Josiah Morris, father of the brothers Morris, who enters on his 67th year, the 'odd' changes coinciding.

BARNEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 9, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT 9, BEVERLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEORGE J. BUTCHER 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
† HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3-4	EDWARD J. BEER 7-8
HARRY HOVERD 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Witnesses—Mrs. G. H. Cross and Mrs. E. J. Beer.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal 'in hand.' First of Royal 'in hand' by the ringers of 7-8, 9-10. First peal in Barnehurst and first in the method in the parish of Crayford.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.—At Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples: J. W. Sykes 1, N. Westlake 2, Miss M. T. Benton 3, W. Bingham 4, J. Marshall (Edinburgh) 5, W. Biggin (Norton) 6, C. Bates (Norton, conductor) 7, Miss J. Dugdell (first quarter-peal) 8.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FALLING OFF IN PEAL RINGING.

The annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Winchester on Saturday, July 1st, when 100 members and friends visited the historic cathedral city from most towers in the two dioceses. The visitors included Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. R. Richardson.

The business meeting was held in St. Maurice's Hall, with Mr. G. Williams, the Master, in the chair.

The Master's report stated that the Guild's work for the year 1932 must be considered satisfactory again as regards finance, although the amount to the general fund was a trifle less than last year. The balances in hand of the districts showed an increase. The annual and district meetings had been well attended, and it was gratifying to note the amount of young blood that turned up at most of these meetings, considering the number of present-day attractions. There was still plenty of room for missionary work for members in the districts, to try and bring in more of the unaffiliated towers. The peal records for the year were somewhat disheartening, considering the number of members in the Guild, proficient in the higher methods. This year's list showed only three Surprise peals, compared with twelve in 1931, and the total falling from 36 to 25. 'Let us hope and endeavour,' said the report, 'not to let the Guild go back this year from the prestige it has held in the past.' Bell restoration had been fairly active during the year. Christchurch had been augmented to 12; St. Mary's, Portsea, recast and rehung in new iron frame by Taylor and Co.; Romsey Abbey, eight retained, the third, fifth and seventh recast and all rehung in ball bearings by Mears and Stainbank, while other minor jobs were about to be taken in hand. Thanks were due to the Barron Bell Trust for the help they had given during the year. In conclusion, the Master appealed to the more advanced members to try and keep up the prestige of the Guild, both in peal ringing and good striking, not forgetting the latter as the most essential work of the Guild for Sunday service ringing.

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 £56 18s. 5d. to £59 18s. 9d., while the special purposes fund, which began with a balance of £25 10s. 4d., now had a balance of £35 14s. 10d., the receipts having included £15 transferred from current account and 9s. 6d. interest. The expenditure was £5 5s. to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial Fund.

The officers were re-elected en bloc as follows: Master, Mr. G. Williams; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, the Rev. Evan Jones; recorder of peals, Mr. C. E. Bassett; auditor, Mr. G. Smith.

AFFILIATION FEES.

The recommendation by the Executive Committee to alter Rule 7 was unanimously adopted. This now reads: 'That each tower in the Guild's area shall be invited to subscribe, through the incumbent and Parochial Church Council, an affiliation fee of 5s. annually.' The draft copy of the proposed circular to towers inviting them to pay these fees, which had been drawn up by the Master, treasurer, secretary and Mr. Pullinger, was approved, and sanction given to proceed with the printing of same.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor (Loughborough) was elected a life member and the election of Mr. F. Hopkins (Christchurch) was also confirmed. Several full members were elected from Alton, Fareham, Hambledon and St. Mary's, Southampton.

REARRANGEMENT OF DISTRICTS.

For some time past the question of re-forming the districts in the north-west corner of the Guild (embracing the towers in the Alton District and North Portsmouth District) had raised serious opposition from some members and also the Bishop of Portsmouth, on the ground that the proposed new district would cover part of two dioceses. At the last annual meeting a motion that the transfer of the towers should be made provided equal voting, many abstaining. A subsequent motion that the matter should be considered after the views of the Bishop of Portsmouth had been obtained was put and carried. As a result of this, the Executive Committee recommended to the general meeting, a resolution brought forward by Mr. G. Pullinger in the following terms: 'That the towers of Blackmoor, Bramshott, Buriton, East Meon, Froxfield, Hawkey, Liss, Petersfield, Privett, Steep and West Meon, all in the diocese of Portsmouth, be formed into a Petersfield District. That the towers of Alton, Bentworth, Binsted, Chawton, Froyle, Newton Valence and Selborne, all in the diocese of Winchester, be formed into an Alton District. These two districts to be united for administration purposes until such time as they are more fully developed, and to be known under the joint title as "The Alton and Petersfield District." That the isolated tower of Ropley in the Deanery of Alresford be transferred to the Winchester District. That the tower of Upham in the Deanery of Bishop's Waltham be transferred to the Portsmouth District.'

This resolution was unanimously approved, and to operate from January 1st, 1934.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Petersfield on Saturday, July 7th, 1934, and to invite the Bishop of Portsmouth to be the special preacher.

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DEATH OF THE REV. A. T. BEESTON.

A FINE RINGER AND A GREAT SECRETARY.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death, at the age of 71 years, of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, hon. treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and formerly, for some 20 years, its secretary. Mr. Beeston, who retired a few years ago from the charge of New Mills Mission Church, had been living at Knutsford for about twelve months. For some time he had been in indifferent health, and he passed away on June 30th.

The funeral took place at the Knutsford Cemetery, on Monday week, after a service at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar of New Mills, assisted by the Vicar of Knutsford, the Rev. E. Ealand. There were present many relatives and friends, the Chester Diocesan Guild being represented by the Rev. C. A. Clements (Master), the Rev. W. R. Ingham (secretary), Mr. T. Wilde (secretary, Bowdon and Stockport Branch), Messrs. J. Fearnley, A. Barnes, W. Gordon, S. Hough, N. Hough, J. Johnson, A. E. Marshall, A. T. Marsland, G. Smith and J. Webb.

At the conclusion of the service at the graveside, a course of Grand-sire Triples was rung on handbells.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston, who was born at Wirksworth, Derbyshire, on December 2nd, 1861, learnt to ring a bell at a very early age, but it was not until the year 1895 that he took any serious interest in the art. Originally he intended to follow a commercial career and spent five years in business before entering upon a three years' course of preparation for Holy Orders. Ordained at Advent, 1890, in Durham Cathedral, he served in the parish of St. John, Hebburn, and in 1895 removed to New Mills, where his interest in ringing was stirred by the gift of a peal of six bells to the Parish Church in 1898. At the beginning of 1899 a company of seven commenced to learn change ringing unaided, and, despite the difficulties, in October, 1899, rang a peal in four Minor methods, Mr. Beeston having meanwhile rung his first peal—Bob Triples—at Wirksworth in the previous March, and his second, 8,288 Kent Treble Bob, at Bolsterstone, in May. His first peal of Double Norwich followed in December of the same year, Stedman Triples and Superlative in 1901, Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise in 1902 and Yorkshire and London Surprise in 1903. He took part in the first peals of Yorkshire and Peterborough Surprise and Double Oxford Bob Triples ever rung, and altogether had scored over 400 peals, which were rung in many counties in England, Ireland and Wales. For some years Mr. Beeston accompanied Mr. William Pye on his annual ringing tours, and in this way rang in many parts of the British Isles.

Capable as he was as a peal ringer, however, it was not in this that the Rev. A. T. Beeston rendered his greatest service to ringing. Having been hon. secretary of the Bowdon and Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild from 1904, he was appointed general secretary of the Guild in 1907, and filled the office with great success for something like 20 years, during which time he rendered valuable aid to the cause of ringing in the diocese by the encouragement and help which he gave to the members. It was due to him that the Norbury band took up the practice of Spliced Minor ringing many years ago, and thus opened a new avenue of interest in ringing. Mr. Beeston was a fine ringer and a great secretary.

As a member of the Central Council for many years, he did a large amount of painstaking work as a member of the Analysis and Records Committees, and his departure from that body, on his retirement from the secretaryship of the Chester Guild, left a sense of serious loss.

He was a lovable man, and his work for ringers and ringing was only one side of a life of service to his God and fellow-men. His memory will be perpetuated in the Chester Diocesan Guild through the gift, which he recently presented, of the Beeston Library.

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Votes of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral, the Rector of St. Maurice's and the Vicars of Hursley and Twyford for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

Tea was served in St. Maurice's Hall, after which members attended the Cathedral evensong, which was followed by further ringing at the towers mentioned.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the Southampton District was held at Fawley on Saturday, when members were present from Bishopstoke, Brockenhurst, Dibden, Eling, Fareham, Farnborough, Fawley, North Stonham, Swanmore, Wickham and Winchester.

Good use was made of the bells, which are a nice ring of six. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire, Bob and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Kent Minor were rung.

The Rector of Fawley was elected an honorary member, and three members of the local band joined the Guild.

After tea the bells at Dibden and Eling were available for ringing, and a good number of touches were brought round at both towers.

The next meeting will be held at Netley on October 14th. Due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 426.)

THE PRESERVATION OF OLD BELLS.

Continuing the discussion on the motion by Mr. F. E. Dawe, with regard to the breaking up of old bells of historical interest and good tonal quality,

Ald. J. S. Pritchett suggested that the proposer and seconder should agree to withdraw it. Mr. Dawe, he said, seemed to be under the idea that valuable peals of bells were in some sort of danger. He (the speaker) did not think they were. He did not think there were any instances on record of good bells being wantonly interfered with. When they were recast there was always some good reason for it. He was interested in the case of Coventry. There, there was a famous ring of bells which ought to have been preserved if they could have been preserved, but they had been silent for many years, and it would never have been possible to ring them again in that tower. The only way to have made them available would have been to build a fresh tower. The question was what should be done to make them usable, as the people of Coventry wished them put to good use. In his opinion—ringing being out of the question—the second best use was made of them. Bells of historic interest were already protected in various ways, and Mr. Dawe's motion was an alarmist resolution, because it suggested there were people going about anxious to interfere with good bells and destroy them. He objected to the word 'destruction.' Did it mean recasting, or breaking them up and selling them for old metal? He deprecated the breaking up of any old bell for the sake of selling it as old metal for any other church purpose, but he had no fear at all that any good ring or individual bell was in any sort of danger, and he thought it was quite unnecessary to pass that resolution.

Major Hesse said he did not believe anyone would wish to break up an old bell that was also a good bell. He agreed that to compare Bow tenor with the eleventh at Exeter was utterly ridiculous—a better bell than Exeter eleventh was never cast by anybody; it was almost perfect, and taking out a few more pounds by tuning made her more perfect. There were some other bells in the West Country—like Queen Camel tenor—by Bilbie and Purdue, that no one with an ear for music would agree to breaking up, but they did not want to preserve an old bell when it was bad.

THE 'MURDERER' OF BOW.

Mr. C. F. Johnston said as betrayer of Coventry and murderer of Bow (laughter), perhaps he would be in order in replying to the mover and seconder. The motion said that the Council deprecated the destruction of bells renowned for their tonal qualities. The question of tonal quality might be a matter of opinion, but he endorsed the remarks of those speakers who said it was ridiculous to compare Bow tenor with Exeter eleventh. Bow tenor was an unsatisfactory bell musically. It was badly cracked in the crown. It was carefully inspected by the architect of the church and by the adviser of the Diocesan Advisory Board, who were both satisfied that to replace it in its existing condition would be suicidal. The fracture went right through the crown, and he asked the Council would the authorities have been justified in putting that 53 cwt. ringing tenor over the heads of a band of ringers? Mr. Young did not tell them that he had tried to prevent the recasting of the bell. He called it 'destruction,' but he (Mr. Johnston) would point out that the contour of bells had not altered appreciably for centuries. Was it, therefore, fair to say that the bell was being destroyed when the same metal was used to recast the bell? The only other thing to do would have been to retain it in the church or tower and have a new one, but that did not appeal to everyone in these hard times. There had been a suggestion made that a hole should be drilled at the end of the crack to keep it from extending and the bell rebung. That, however, was a process which he knew was a failure. He mentioned these facts, he said, in defence of the recasting of Bow tenor. The Diocesan Boards, he added, were watching these matters very carefully. None, he thought, would question the desire of them all to preserve bells of good tonal qualities and real historic interest, and the assumption that a bellfounder should want to break up a peal of bells for his own benefit was an insult to his honour. He proposed an amendment to the motion as follows:—

'That this Council deprecates the breaking up of church bells of proved good tone and of real historic interest, urges the Church authorities not to assent to their recasting except for the gravest reasons structurally or musically, and furthermore recommends that independent advice qualified to advise on historic, engineering and musical grounds be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.'

WATCHED BY ADVISORY BOARDS.

Canon Elsee said he thought the best measure would be for ringers in the various dioceses to take care that they were adequately represented on the Diocesan Advisory Boards. The Boards now were generally ultra-conservative. The difficulty was sometimes to get a scheme of real improvement carried through, but there were cases still where, perhaps, bells of antiquarian interest were allowed to disappear. Some time ago he came across a very interesting example of an old bell at a country hall in the place where the coal scuttle was usually kept, and from its shape he judged it to be a 13th

century bell. Later he mentioned the matter to Mr. Hughes and asked him if he knew the bell. He said he did and had sent it to the hall in question. It was a 13th century bell that was sent him from another part of the country as old scrap metal. Such a thing could not easily take place to-day, but there were cases where people had no idea that their old bell, which had been brought down from the tower and put in an out-house, had any antiquarian value at all. Advisory Boards, where they were aware of such things, were now very careful indeed to see that such vandalism was prevented, and he believed the bellfounders were equally keen to preserve anything that came into their foundries in that way if there was real interest attached to them. He did think it was important that ringers should see that their interests were represented on the Advisory Boards. In the diocese of Manchester he did not think ringers would have been represented on their Diocesan Board if he had not asked about it at the Diocesan Conference and pointed out that someone with knowledge of bells might be added. It was done promptly. There were, however, adjoining dioceses where there was no one on the advisory boards who had much real knowledge of bells, at all events from the ringers' point of view. If ringers would see to it that they had a properly qualified representative on the Advisory Board, he believed it would do a good deal to meet what was asked in this motion.

The proposer and seconder agreed to accept the amendment, which was put to the meeting and carried without dissent.

PEALS IN MORE THAN ONE METHOD.

The next three motions on the agenda related to peals of Minor. If the first of these was passed, said the President, he did not think it would in any way prejudice the other two. These two were very much the same up to a point, but one went further than the other, and he was going to suggest that when they came to them these two should be debated together. He thought it would be the simpler method, otherwise they would get a lot of overlapping. With regard to the first of the three, Mr. Newton, in whose name the motion stood, was unfortunately unable to be present, but he had sent a letter in support of the motion, and the best plan would be to read it. The motion was:—

'That this Council uses its influence to encourage five and six bell companies to ring their peals in more than one method. It also urges them to include, whenever possible, at least seven methods in their peals.'

Mr. G. R. Newton wrote in his letter that the resolution which he was submitting for the Council's consideration was the result of some serious thinking on the subject of one-method compositions, such as that of the Rev. E. B. James and others. He had no knowledge then that these were to appear on the agenda, and as they would be fully discussed later, he refrained from saying anything further on this subject. He hoped ringers of five and six-bell peals would not think that he wanted to be hard on them in bringing this resolution forward, and for those who could not master more than one method, he, and he was sure the Council, had full sympathy. There were, however, bands who continued to ring 5,040's in one method when they were well able to ring them in more. He did not say there was no merit in ringing peals in one method, especially if it was a Surprise method, but in his opinion the conductor was then the one person to whom the bulk of the credit was due. He went further and said that the band that could ring a 5,040 in one Surprise method could with very little practice ring peals in seven methods, which would not only be more creditable to them, but also more interesting and decidedly less monotonous. It should be the aim of every young ringer after ringing his first peal, should it be in one method, to persevere until he was able to ring a peal in at least seven methods. In his opinion, formed after close observation during the past few years, they seemed to be going backwards instead of forward. The peals of Minor and Doubles were not, generally speaking, of as good quality as they were years ago. They had, fortunately, and quite recently, those brilliant performances of the Cheshire ringers, who had achieved peals in at least 30 methods. The older members of the Council, he felt sure, did not forget the great fight that had to be made in order that their performances on five and six bells should be allowed to rank as a peal. This was one of the chief planks of the six-bell stalwarts and which swayed greatly in their favour, that a peal of Minor in seven methods required more ringing and was a greater achievement than peals rung in one method on the higher numbers of bells. It was not his wish to be hard on five and six-bell ringers, but this Council could, if it would, pass the resolution and so bring about in time what would be a great improvement in the quality of the five and six-bell peals that were rung.

'GOING DOWN HILL.'

Mr. A. Tomlinson seconded the resolution, which was supported by Mr. J. Hunt, who said he did not think it was Mr. Newton's intention to debar peals in one method to 'scratch' bands; neither was it to prevent men ringing a Surprise peal in one method, but it was intended for those bands who kept grinding out 720's of Bob Minor. They were in an age now when they seemed to be going down hill in this matter, and they should do their best to encourage a higher standard. There were very few ringers, who, if they could ring one method, could not learn to ring others.

The President said he thought Mr. Newton would wish his resolution to apply to the 'scratch' eight-bell men who went round to six-bell towers. In his days in Cheshire, when they used to ring six-

bell peals, they were ringers mostly from eight-bell towers, and, as far as his recollection went, they did not ring any peals in less than seven methods. He thought Mr. Newton wanted to put up the standard for everyone, and, after all, an eight-bell ringer who could ring one Minor method could quite easily ring seven.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said a comparison of peals of Minor to-day with 40 years ago showed that the average standard had deteriorated. Out of 61 peals of Minor rung in the year 1893-4, no fewer than 48 were in seven or more methods and only one was in one method; whereas in 1932 only 107 peals of Minor out of the 408 were in seven or more methods, and no fewer than 155 were in only one method. That peals in seven methods were no real handicap to those who were just beginning peal ringing was proved by the fact that in the 48 peals rung in seven methods 40 years ago, no fewer than 52 ringers rang their first peal.

The Rev. Canon Parry, speaking as one who came from a small parish in a county with 600 parishes and where small parishes prevailed, said they had extraordinary difficulties in keeping a band together. They might bring them to ring a peal in one or two methods, and then, perhaps, the band broke up and they had to begin again. They were having to face that difficulty constantly. If the Council accepted the principle of the motion before them, it would be most extraordinarily difficult to ring a peal in seven methods in face of the obstacles they had to contend with. He knew the motion said 'where it is possible,' but he hoped it would not go forth that the Council 'urges' its adoption. He would prefer to see it passed as a recommendation and encouragement. He was afraid it would have a deadening effect on many country bands if they asked them to ring their first or second peal in more than one method.

Mr. A. E. Sharman said in Bedfordshire they very seldom rang peals in one method, and they did not encourage it. There was very little difficulty in learning two or three methods of Minor, if a ringer knew Plain Bob, and if he could ring Bob Minor, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and College Single he could go on and ring seven methods practically straight away. The Council ought to set a high standard, and no band ought to ring a peal of Bob Minor more than once.

Mr. E. M. Atkins said the difficulty in the country was to keep a band together in these days, and it was a great encouragement to some of these beginners to ring a peal, if it were only in one or two methods. The figures proved that there were a great many more active bands of six-bell ringers about the country, and he thought it would be a bad thing for the Council to say it was not pleased with the progress of these less efficient ringers. He would prefer to see the resolution amended to a recommendation.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked whether they, as a Council of change ringers, could logically take up the attitude that when they had

learned to ring a plain course of Bob Minor it was the be-all and end-all of change ringing? Standardisation meant sterilisation, and unless they held up some inducement to the men to go forward and encouraged a spirit of enterprise, they would, as in most other things, go backward instead of forward. He saw nothing in the resolution to encourage their alarmist friends in the views they took. The resolution was to encourage progress; could they, as a Council, do anything less? ('No'). Logically they could not, otherwise they would simply be selling their birthright.

The Rev. H. Drake said the wording of the resolution was quite all right, and the Council could very well pass it unanimously. They did not want to do anything which might unintentionally discourage those who were learning. It was a meritorious thing sometimes to ring a peal in one method. In his opinion, the reason why they had gone back in the standard of peals of Minor was that there were now no points for peals (laughter). People were encouraged by the points to ring more methods than they did now.

The resolution, on being put, was carried by a large majority.

(To be continued.)

A LINCOLNSHIRE AUGMENTATION.

MEMORIAL BELLS AT WHAPLODE.

After a silence of upwards of 14 years, the bells of Whaplode Church, Lincolnshire, were heard again on Saturday, July 1st, when they were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln. The bells have been rehung in a new iron frame with ball bearings, after being retuned and the third bell recast in memory of Mr. H. C. Wright, who was killed in an aeroplane accident. He left a legacy of £200 to be spent in something for the church, and it was decided to rehang the bells. A new treble has been added in memory of Mrs. Eva Wright, an aunt of the above, and suitable memorial tablets have also been placed in the church. The work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the 'go' and tone of the bells is admirable. Previous to the dedication the ringers taking part were entertained to tea by the ladies of the parish. Among those present were Mr. G. Ladd, secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (who was present when the bells were rehung 45 years ago), and Messrs. J. T. Brown, R. Mackman and Mr. J. Oldham, representing Messrs. Taylor and Co.

After the dedication, the bells were rung in various methods from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. The ringing concluded with a well-struck 720 Oxford Treble Bob by A. Riggall 1, J. B. Hallifax 2, A. J. Farr 3, J. Curry 4, J. G. Ames 5, G. Ladd (conductor) 6. The weight of the tenor is 12 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) and the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) were among those present at the opening of Bow Bells on Friday.

A correspondent writes that both the C.C. and the B.B.C. lost a fine opportunity by not broadcasting the ceremony from Bow.

Mr. A. R. Gardiner, who rang his first peal at Thorington on Saturday, was a call change ringer for over 40 years before taking up change ringing, and cycles the four miles from St. Osyth to Thorington almost every week for practice. He struck his bell almost faultlessly through the peal.

THE LIVERPOOL PEAL, 1814.

1814, June 4th.—St. Nicholas', Liverpool, 3,000 Grandsire Cinques, composed and conducted by Henry Cooper, at the opening of the new bells by Dobson.

1814, June 7th.—St. Nicholas', Liverpool, 5,016 Grandsire Cinques in 3 hours 36 minutes, composed and conducted by Henry Cooper. The last three bells were rung doubly manned. Cooper usually took a middle bell when calling Caters, Royal, Cinques.

Between the years 1811 and 1815 Cooper composed and conducted nine peals of Grandsire, varying from Triples to Cinques, including performances at Birmingham, Worcester, Aston, Droitwich, Kings Norton and Deritend.

1814, October 18th.—Joseph Riley, of Cheltenham, took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters at the opening of Aston bells, composed and conducted by H. Cooper. Joseph Riley was mentioned, in error, as belonging to Gloucester at the Liverpool meeting.

1822, September.—The St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, purchased a new peal book—Henry Cooper as the president. This society won a 20 guinea cup at the Liverpool opening. (See society's records and Morris' history.)

Henry Cooper was always keen on securing the services of the famous Sam Lawrence, as a 'back ender,' when tackling heavy jobs.

Mr. Newton will be interested to hear that his namesake, Joseph Newton, composed and conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Oldham on 6th March, 1832, which performance exceeded the celebrated peal at Birmingham in 1820. It contained 7,392 changes and was timed at 5 hours 14 minutes 32 seconds.

Both Mr. West and Mr. Newton failed to give us the DATE of and the NUMBER of changes in the peal they inquire about!

W. H. F.

Bow Day, 1933.

ROTHERHAM BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Dawe's allusion to the above at the Central Council meeting, as reported in your issue of July 7th (page 426), I should like to point out to Mr. Dawe that before he makes aspersions he should be sure of his facts. If Mr. Dawe can remember what the peal of 10, as referred to by him, were like, then he must be more advanced in years than one would believe, for there is no record here of a 'St. Ann's tower' in this town.

He has visited, he says, 1,100-1,200 towers—all I can say is he has mixed some other with ours. The nearest reference one can find here to St. Ann's is a church in St. Ann's Road, Rotherham, and this is known as St. Stephen's Church, and has a peal of eight bells (by Warners). It cannot then be that. Presumably Mr. Dawe means 'All Saints,' which is the name of the Parish Church of Rotherham, and has been so known for 700-800 years.

Now for something about our old ten bells. In 1820, and whilst a ring of eight were still in our tower, it was reported in the local press that we were to have a HARMONIOUS peal of ten—that is when the tradition respecting our old ten began. (We ultimately got them 105 years later.)

The fact that the old ten had the reputation of being harmonious did not make them so, any more than their reputedly being a maiden peal added to their musical qualities. Modern methods go to prove just the reverse. The reputation was zealously handed down though, and, among the old school, considered something to be proud of—until we got something far, far better, and in the opinion of those considered fit to judge—magnificent.

There was no historical interest attached to the old peal—the then founders evidently not considering any inscriptions that appeared on the previous eight to be worth reproducing.

In the paragraphs immediately preceding Mr. Dawe's reference to the above, he says, 'Any old ring of bells of any note at all were valuable.' Now our old ten were like that. 'ANY NOTE AT ALL,' the numerous tonal defects, etc., being gloriously covered by their reputation only.

I thank Mr. Dawe for his referring to our present peal as 'magnificent'—that's the kind of peal we wanted.

I might inform Mr. Dawe that there is still another very old Ring of Bells in this town whose end is near—it has ceased to be either in harmony with the church or itself, and no amount of sentiment will save it—but it only happens to be a 'pub' of that name.

COLIN HYDER.

BOW BELLS RING AGAIN. DEDICATION BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY LORD MAYOR ATTENDS IN STATE.

The dedication and re-opening of the restored bells of the church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London, took place on Friday with all the pomp of ecclesiastic ceremony and civic state. After six years' silence Bow bells once more gave voice over the City. The dedication was performed by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, and attended by the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Percy W. Greenaway) and the Sheriffs.

On Saturday there was a great gathering of ringers to hear and try the bells. Nearly 500 were present from all parts of the country, and over 300 actually had a turn



THE BEAUTIFUL STEEPLE OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW.

at the ropes during the afternoon and evening. There was a stirring service in the church, followed by tea, at which the ringers were the guests of Mr. Gordon Selfridge, and the day's proceedings concluded with a social gathering at the Cannon Street Hotel.

THE RESTORATION.

The story of the restoration of Bow bells has already been told. The bells became silent about six years ago at a time when other pressing work was needed to the fabric of the church and steeple. The result was that in 1930 an appeal was made for £15,000. As funds were available, the tower and steeple were renovated, substantial sums being contributed by the city Livery companies. The bells were restored by the generosity of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge, who undertook to pay the entire cost of the recasting and repair of the bells and fittings on condition that the work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry, on the lines proposed by them. At the time it was thought that the recasting of only two or three bells would be necessary, but in the end eight out of the twelve bells were recast, including the tenor. This latter is now a magnificent bell of 54 cwt. 12 lb. in B, and the old eleventh of 31 cwt. 2 qr., which has been retained, cannot 'live' up to her. Compared with the tenor, the 11th is short in weight,

which no tuning could rectify. The result is a noticeable difference in the 'body' of tone in the two bells, to the disadvantage, of course, of the old bell, and it illustrates the difficulty of getting a balanced peal when old bells are left in a minority among new bells if the latter are to come up to modern standards. Entirely new fittings have been supplied to all the bells, which have been rehung on ball bearings in the old frame, which has been strengthened with angle plates and anchored to a massive girder grillage. The ceiling of the ringing room has been lowered and a slight rearrangement of the frame has provided a better circle for the ropes. Everything in the equipment of the bells is of the most modern type, and the whole work has been designed and executed with the efficiency characteristic of the Croydon Foundry. The question of acoustics, however, has not yet been finally settled satisfactorily, and further adjustments, now that the effect of the bells has been ascertained, will be made. A serious problem, however, arises outside the tower, where the noise from the bells is overpowering. The Church authorities must do something to remedy this.

THE DEDICATION.

The historic church was filled with a congregation representing many phases of city life, when the bells were dedicated on Friday, and large numbers of people waited in Cheapside to watch the arrival of the Lord Mayor and to hear the new bells. The Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Sheriffs, aldermen and members of the City Council, the mace and sword bearers and the City Marshal in gorgeous uniform, was met by the robed clergy and moved in procession to their allotted seats. Another procession was then formed, headed by the choir, and including the Archbishop of Canterbury and some twenty or more clergy, with the Rector (the Rev. S. Gordon Ponsonby), and proceeded to the chancel. The service began with Psalms 122 ('I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the House of the Lord') and 150 ('O praise God in His holiness'). Prayers were then offered by the Rector, and the lesson was read by the Lord Mayor from Rev. xxi., 1-7. Next came the hymn, 'Through all the changing scenes of life,' which was followed by the address.

The Archbishop of Canterbury based his address upon the text, 'There are so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.' How many kinds of voices there are in the world, he said, we know better than any other generation in the world's history. It baffled thought to reflect that at this moment we had at hand an apparatus to hear sounds coming from all parts of the earth and passing on their unknown ways. All there, he thought, would agree that of all the voices in the world there were few that had more signification than the sound of church bells. Here in England they had reason to be proud of their church bells, more perhaps than in any other country. Some of them remembered hearing the great booming tones of the magnificent bells in the Low Countries, sounding over the market place, and some the almost unequalled beauty of the sound of the bells in old Russia, now, alas, silenced, and the metal out of which this rich music once came diverted to other uses. But in England their bells were more numerous and rich than in any other country. Indeed, one great writer said if he were asked suddenly, 'What is England?' he would reply, 'It is hearing the sound of the bells rising from the village church through the clustering trees and roofs, in the stillness of the summer air.' The sound of the bells in many of their cities and towns was equally impressive and he was using no exaggeration of language when he said that of all the bells of England—the great and famous bells of England—there were none better known than the bells of Bow. Every English child who had learned the story of Dick Whittington—and he hoped there were still some children of England who were educated in the old nursery tales; it would be a woeful thing if they were not—every English child, properly educated, knew that legend of the city of London, and the sound of these Bow bells had been familiar to the citizens of London for long centuries. It was even said in the days of old that no one who was not born within the sound of these bells could properly call himself a citizen of London. Therefore, it was that the bells of Bow had been almost a part of London itself. For some time they had been silent; in a few minutes their voices would be restored and London would hear again their old familiar sound. Was it too much to say that this was not only the restoration of Bow bells, but the restoration of a real part of the life of London?

POWER OF AROUSING ASSOCIATIONS.

What then, continued the Archbishop, was the signification of those voices of the bells? He was not going to speak of things so obvious as that they interpreted, as no other sound could do, the joys and sorrows of human life, but of that most wonderful signification of the bells, their power of arousing associations. He made bold to say there was no spell more potent to revive the associations of our conscious and sub-conscious life than the sound of the bells. As an illustration of this, the Archbishop mentioned that through the marvels of wireless, the chimes of Big Ben at Westminster could be heard all over the world, and only that week one correspondent in the West Indies and another in Arabia had told him that when they heard the sound of Big Ben, all that London meant came back with a sudden rush into their minds and spoke to their souls. Again when the bells of the famous Boston Stump were restored—by the generosity of those whose forefathers went over to the United States with the first pilgrims in the seventeenth century—were heard in Boston,

Massachusetts, he had been told how wonderfully and quickly and in a manner impossible through any other means, there came to those Bostonians in the United States the sound of the homeland from which their fathers had come. There was nothing which brought back to those who had lived in Oxford memories of happy days of irresponsibility, promise and hope, like the sound of the bells from the towers and spires of that city, which still, in spite of the clamour of modern life, spoke of the enchantment of the Middle Ages. So there in London, he ventured to ask, if any former citizens were permitted to be there—perhaps Sir Richard Whittington himself—these Bow bells would not in a more immediate and direct way recall the days of their past life in a manner which nothing else could do? And yet there was a second and bigger signification about which he ought to speak; it was that church bells summoned men to worship. There in the midst of the clanging of things seen and temporal the voice of the bells called men to the things unseen and spiritual. It was right, therefore, that they should rededicate these bells to the service of God, so that they would once again summon the citizens of London to worship or at least remind many of them of His presence in their midst; remind them of that other world so different from the world of their business. It was harder to hear the sound of Bow bells to-day than it used to be, for who could hear sounds so beautiful in the midst of the ceaseless discord of our modern traffic, this incessant and increasing hideousness of noise with which modern life seemed inevitably attended? It was harder in this modern life to hear the message of the church bells; so hard for us, in the midst of the increasing perplexity and pressure of this world, to think of the other world unseen.

Was it too much to fancy that, in a few moments, that beautiful church, one of the masterpieces of Wren, the great architect of London, might find again its own voice, make again its own appeal of asking them to join in thanksgiving for the magnificent generosity which had made the restoration of these bells possible, and help the Rector in carrying on his great work of restoring, decorating, heating and lighting of that great church? He asked those present, so far as each might be able to do it, to share in making that old church a living factor in the life of the City, but most of all he hoped there would always be a response to the summons of the bells. He trusted that more and more in the heart of that city the church bells would be heeded as they rang and that more and more of our people would listen to the summons, 'O come let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.'

'THE CEREMONY'

During the singing of the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' the Archbishop, accompanied by the Rector, the churchwardens, Mr. Gordon Selfridge, Mr. Cyril Johnston and the vestry clerk (Mr. J. Trustram), proceeded to the tower, where the actual dedication was performed, the ceremony being heard in the church by means of amplifiers. Mr. Johnston, representing the bellfounders, handed the rope of the tenor bell to Mr. Selfridge, who gave it into the hands of the churchwardens, saying, 'I pray you receive these bells which have been restored, that they may once more call God's people to this His House of Prayer.' The churchwardens then handed the rope to the Archbishop, requesting him to rededicate the bells, which his Grace did, in the following terms:—

'In the faith of Jesus Christ we do solemnly set apart and rededicate these bells to the glory of God. In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.'

He then handed the rope to the Rector, with the following injunction: 'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church, and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

Then, as the procession returned to the church, the great bells overhead pealed out for the first time, and London heard once again, after long silence, the sound of her famous 'Bow bells.' They were rung in rounds for about two minutes, the men who had this privilege being the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths: C. F. Winney, H. R. Newton, E. G. Fenn, H. R. Pasmore, T. Langdon, H. G. Miles, W. T. Cockerill, W. Rushton, C. S. Burden, T. H. Taffender, H. Langdon and A. B. Peck.

When silence once more fell, special prayers were offered by the Archbishop, and during the singing of the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' a collection was taken for the Restoration Fund, for which £2,400 is still needed. The impressive service concluded with the Blessing pronounced by the Archbishop.

As the congregation dispersed, the bells once more pealed out and went into a well-struck touch of 1,059 Stedman Cinquses, rung by C. F. Winney, F. M. Butler, E. G. Fenn, H. R. Pasmore, T. Langdon, H. R. Newton, W. T. Cockerill, W. Rushton, C. S. Burden, T. H. Taffender, H. Langdon (conductor) and A. B. Peck. Large numbers of people as they passed through Cheapside stopped to hear the bells, which were again rung in the evening to touches of Stedman Cinquses and a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

RINGERS' DAY.

300 TRY BOW BELLS.

Saturday was 'Ringers' Day' at Bow, and from the number who shared in the proceedings it was obvious that they looked upon the

gathering as a national event. All the afternoon the precincts of the famous church were thronged with ringers, who had come from all parts of the country. Under the supervision of members of the committee, they were marshalled into bands, and as many as possible tried their hand at the ropes. In some cases only rounds were possible, but courses of Stedman and Grandsire Cinquses and three bob leads of Treble Twelve were rung. The same procedure was followed in the evening, and altogether some 500 ringers took part in the ringing. Other towers were also utilised during the day, among those placed at the disposal of the visitors being St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), St. James', Clerkenwell (8), St. Clement Danes (10) and St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), but this last-named tower, having been brought in at the last minute to help relieve the pressure, and being available only in the afternoon before the facilities were fully known, was not used.

There was a wonderfully inspiring service in Bow Church at four o'clock, the spacious building being filled by ringers and their friends. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. S. Gordon Ponsonby), and opened with the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God.' No choir was needed to lead the singing, the voices of the great congregation filling the church with a wonderful volume of sound. Following the lesson, the Rector recited the prayers, one of which offered thanks and praise 'for all the benefactors of this Thine ancient house of prayer; and especially for those who have helped us at this time with the roof, the steeple and the bells.' After the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' the Rector gave an address based upon the words, 'Make a joyful noise unto God' (Psalm 66, 1). He traced the history and uses of bells, and, referring to the growing importance of the position of bellringers, said it was of interest to him that they had met that day in Cheapside, where, as far as he could ascertain, the first Guild of ringers, known as the Scholars of Cheapside, was formed in 1602—before the great Society of College Youths, which was founded in 1637, and many other societies, one of which was the London Scholars, which in 1745 took the name of Royal Cumberland Youths. As the years went on the importance of the position of ringers in the organisation of the Church of England had been gradually recognised, and the ringers themselves realised the hallowed nature of their work.

The service concluded with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' and the Blessing.

The ringers then made their way to Selfridge's Store, in Oxford Street, where they were entertained to a meat tea by Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge. Lt.-Col. C. C. O. Whiteley, O.B.E., one of the churchwardens of Bow, presided, and was supported by the Rev. S. Gordon Ponsonby, Mr. J. H. Clark (managing director of Selfridge's), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, Mrs. A. Johnston, Miss Nora Johnston, Mr. E. S. Underwood, F.R.I.B.A. (architect), and Mr. J. Trustram (vestry clerk). The ringers present, who numbered over 450, represented the following Associations and Guilds: Ancient Society of College Youths, Royal Cumberland Youths, Bedfordshire Association, Chester Diocesan Guild, Ely Diocesan Association, Essex Association, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Guildford Diocesan Guild, Hertford County Association, Kent County Association, Lancashire Association, Llandaff and Monmouth Association, London County Association, Middlesex County Association, Midland Counties Association, North Notts Association, Norwich Diocesan Guild, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs, Suffolk Guild, Surrey Association, Sussex Association, Warwickshire Guild, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild and the Yorkshire Association.

BOW CHURCH MICE.

After tea Lt.-Col. Whiteley proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Gordon Selfridge for his hospitality. He said when they knew that the ringers were going to honour them with their presence, the question arose as to how they were going to entertain them. Church funds were none too good in these days. They had all heard of the church mouse, and the mice in Bow Church were no exception (laughter). When the matter was mentioned to Mr. Selfridge, without a moment's hesitation he said, 'May I have the honour of entertaining them at my establishment in Oxford Street?' 'And, gentlemen,' said the Chairman, 'here you are' (applause). Mr. Selfridge, in his kindness and generosity, had, as they all knew, footed the bill for recasting Bow bells, and, speaking on behalf of the church, the Rector and the churchwardens, he could not find words to express their gratitude to Mr. Selfridge. Therefore, while they were enjoying his hospitality at that gathering, he (the chairman) would like to remind them that in Bow Church there was a great monument to Mr. Selfridge's generosity (applause). Unfortunately, Mr. Selfridge could not be with them that afternoon, but they had there his managing director, Mr. Clark, whom he would ask to express to Mr. Selfridge not only the thanks of the Rector and churchwardens and all connected with Bow Church, but of the company present that afternoon (applause). There was one other gentleman whose name he must mention, and that was Mr. Johnston, the founder of the bells (applause). As far as he knew, the bells were well and truly founded. They had heard the bells and Mr. Johnston had done his job right nobly. He thought those present would also like to say, 'Thank you' to him for organising that show. It had meant an enormous amount of work, and they were very grateful to him. He (the chair-

man) thought it was perfectly wonderful that ringers should have come there from all parts of the country, and many of them at considerable expense, and, on behalf of the church, he expressed appreciation of the honour they had done to Bow Church (applause).

Mr. Clark, acknowledging the vote of thanks, said Mr. Selfridge asked him to express his intense regret that he was unable to be present. Mr. Selfridge's interest had already been referred to; he could assure them that Mr. Selfridge was just about as proud that Bow bells had been reconditioned as they were who had been joyfully ringing them that day. Mr. Selfridge's interest in bells started when they erected the very beautiful clock on the front of their building. He made one or two visits to Croydon, and he (the speaker) also had the privilege of being present when the big four-ton hour bell was cast, and had the pleasure of throwing a humble coin into the metal. Mr. Selfridge had asked him to express a hearty welcome to them all and regret that, as it happened to be Saturday, they had not the opportunity of looking through the store. Mr. Clark expressed his personal pleasure at meeting so many bellringers. He was, he said, essentially British, and the chiming of bells was still one of the most musical things he could listen to. There was nothing more beautiful and nothing more delightful than to hear the strain of the bells while enjoying the beauty of the English countryside, and he had happy recollections of the bells of the church in his native town of Shepton Mallet in Somerset.

The Chairman thanked the staff of Messrs. Selfridge, who were working that afternoon and giving up their time for that party (applause).

Mr. C. F. Johnston, who was received with applause, proposed an 'omnibus' vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens of Bow Church for letting them have the use of the bells there, to the Rector for the impressive and beautiful service and for his arresting address. He (Mr. Johnston) did not think many of them could recollect many ringers' services so well attended, and, perhaps, so thrilling. Mr. Johnston also thanked the organist, who had given up his Saturday afternoon for their service, and the vestry clerk, who had had no small amount of work in connection with the arrangements. They also appreciated the presence of three of the churchwardens that afternoon. Their thanks were also due to the incumbents of the other churches where the bells had been placed at their disposal—St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Clement Danes, St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. James', Clerkenwell. He also thanked the steeplekeepers of those churches and expressed his own appreciation of the help given by the committee of well-known ringers who had assisted in the arrangements and who had been in attendance to control the ringing and make sure that everybody, as far as possible, got a pull. Mr. Johnston added that 28 Diocesan Guilds and County Associations were represented at that gathering and there were something over 450 ringers present. Mr. Johnston expressed regret that the pamphlets which it was proposed to distribute had not been received from the printers, but these would be sent on by post to all those who had applied for tickets. Proceeding, he said he appreciated the honour the authorities of Bow Church had done him in asking him to organise that day's meeting. He immediately set to work to collect ten or twelve ringers, used to organisation, and they readily gave their assistance. To them he tendered his sincere thanks (applause).

Mr. F. M. Mitchell (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) seconded the vote of thanks, which was acknowledged by the Rev. S. Gordon Ponsbury, who said it was a great honour to have so many ringers from all parts of the country at their church. He welcomed them all very warmly and hoped they would sometimes have visits from some of them in the future. He expressed the great indebtedness of the church to Mr. Selfridge for his generous gift of the bells, and hoped they would long be rung for the welfare of the church and the glory of God (applause).

A SOCIAL EVENING.

Later in the evening there was a large gathering of ringers in the Pillar Hall at the Cannon Street Hotel, where Mr. Howard Hicklenton, senior churchwarden of Bow, presided and a happy evening was spent. It was mentioned that among those present was Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, who rang the second bell when the ring of twelve was first opened at Bow in 1881, and had rung the second again that day. Mr. Rowbotham's health was drunk with musical honours.

Also present was Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., who had rung in the two long peals at Bow, the 6,048 Stedman Cinques in 1909 and the 7,392 Cambridge Maximus in 1925. Others in the 1925 peal who were present were Messrs. C. T. and A. Coles, G. R. Pye, J. H. Cheesman, W. H. Hewitt and J. E. Davis. Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., now 91 years of age, was also among the company, and a message of sympathy and good wishes was sent to Mr. E. Gibbs, who rang in a peal at Bow in 1890, and who is now in a nursing home.

The evening was spent with an entertainment provided by professional artists, and in handbell ringing, the latter including Stedman Cinques, Treble Ten, Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples. More than all, however, it provided an opportunity for many old friends to meet again and enjoy each other's company for an all too brief time. The social was at the invitation of the churchwardens of Bow and was arranged by the vestry clerk (Mr. J. Trustram), to whom, as to the artists, thanks are due.

The whole of the day's proceedings had been admirably organised and passed off with the greatest success.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Yeovil on Saturday, July 1st, when nearly 100 members were present, the following towers being represented: Bath, Chilcompton, Pensford, St. Mary's, St. James' and St. George's (Taunton), Evercreech, Castle Cary, Butleigh, West Pennard, North Cadbury, Trowbridge, Martock, Ilminster, Douling, Langport, Trull, East Coker and Yeovil.

Touches in various methods on the bells of the Parish Church were followed by a service in the church, which was conducted by the Vicar of Yeovil (the Rev. J. E. S. Harrison). The lesson was read by the steward of the Yeovil belfry (Mr. John Goodchild).

In the course of a short address, the Vicar gave a very cordial welcome to the members of the association, and said that since they last visited Yeovil the bells in the tower had been reconditioned and various improvements had been carried out. They were now in first-class condition, and, no doubt, would be a joy and a pleasure to the ringers present that day. Speaking of the ringers in that tower, the Vicar said he was indebted to them for the willing way their duties were carried out Sunday by Sunday, as, no doubt, ringers in other parts of the diocese were doing. The ringers were rendering most useful work to the church, and were doing it, he hoped, to the honour and glory of God and the worship in His Holy House, of which he hoped they all took the fullest advantage.

After the service the Vicar proceeded to the ringing chamber, where he dedicated a tablet which has been placed there to commemorate a peal rung on December 26th, 1932.

The members adjourned to St. John's Schoolroom, where they enjoyed tea.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The business meeting followed, and was presided over by the Master, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, supported by the Vicar of Yeovil.

On the proposition of the secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke), seconded by Mr. D. G. Taylor, Messrs. A. E. Coles, of Bridgwater, and J. Maddock, of Taunton, were elected honorary life members, as a mark of appreciation of their work in past years for the association. Mr. Maddock replied.

The report of the Master and the treasurer's balance sheets were adopted.

Calling on Mr. J. Hunt for an account of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting, the Master congratulated him on being co-opted on the Towers and Belfries Committee. Mr. Hunt's report was adopted.

The Rev. E. S. C. Lock was unanimously re-elected Master, and Mr. J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton) hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster) was re-elected hon. auditor.

It was decided to hold the quarterly meetings at Milverton, Corston and Castle Cary, and the annual meeting at Taunton.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Yeovil for the welcome he had given the association and for his kind words to them at the service; and to the organist and to the ladies who had provided tea.—Mr. W. J. Prescott seconded the motion, which was heartily carried.

The Vicar, in reply, said they had been delighted to have the association at Yeovil, and he hoped it would not be another five years before it met there again. He wished to join with them in thanking Mrs. Goodchild and the ladies who had helped her with providing tea.

Further touches were afterwards rung on the bells. The methods rung during the day included Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Kent.

'GREAT RINGING DAY.'

SAFFRON WALDEN'S COMMEMORATION.

By the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. L. Hughes, D.D., the 310th anniversary of Great Ringing Day was celebrated at Saffron Walden on Saturday, June 24th, it being the nearest Saturday to the festival day—June 27th.

The society opened the day at 9 a.m. with touches of London and Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Caters. Visitors began to arrive at 9.30, and the bells were going all the morning in the Surprise methods as well as in Stedman Caters and Cinques. The usual service was held at 12.30, and the Vicar preached a splendid sermon, in which he mentioned the history of Bow bells and Dick Whittington.

A hot lunch was served at the King's Arms, at which the Master of the Society, Mr. Alfred Pitstow, presided.

The bells were kept going all the afternoon and evening until 9 p.m. in methods on eight, ten and twelve bells, three plain courses of Cambridge Royal being successfully brought round. To close a good day's ringing, the handbells were brought out, and touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung. Among those present were Dr. E. L. Taylor (Sevenoaks), Mr. G. Dent (Potters Street), Master of North-West Division of Essex Association, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cross (Barnhurst), Messrs. J. W. Jones (Monmouth), F. Ridgwell (Earls Colne), J. Ward (Melbourn), T. and G. Jordan and T. Watts (Stansted), W. Prior (Bishop's Stortford), A. Pye, Fiddler (Hitchin), Lucas (Tottenham), F. Hurrey (Stawston) and others. The society rang on the festival day at 7.30 p.m.

A YORKSHIRE RINGING CONTEST.**SHELLEY WIN BARNSELY SHIELD.**

The Barnsley and District Association held a meeting and shield contest at Darfield on Saturday, July 8th. Only five bands entered for the competition and they were drawn to ring in the following order: 1 Sarnal, 2 Wath 'B,' 3 Shelley, 4 Wath 'A,' 5 Hoylandswaine. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., the test piece being 720 changes of Minor. All the bands rang through and finished about 7.30 p.m. Tea was served in the Schoolroom to a party of upwards of 40, who were joined by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Sorby).

The Vicar presided at the business meeting and gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Darfield. The Vicar takes a great interest in the bells and in bell hanging, and illustrated how the bells should swing as a protection to the tower.

Crofton was selected for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, August 12th. It was impressed on all intending visitors to Crofton who wished to have tea that applications must be sent in, as, being a small village, it was a difficult problem to provide for extras.

The judges, Mr. G. Lewis and Mr. R. Thickett, then gave their report on the contest, which placed the teams as follows:—

1 Shelley, 55 faults, winners of shield and half-dozen knives and forks for each ringer.

2 Sandal, 88 faults, winners of salad bowls.

3 Wath 'A,' 89 faults, winners of fruit spoons.

4 Hoylandswaine, 162 faults.

5 Wath 'B,' 269 faults.

A vote of thanks to the judges for their services was moved by Mr. A. Goldthorpe, seconded by Mr. J. W. Moxon and supported by Mr. A. Panther. Both Mr. Lewis and Mr. Thickett replied.

Mr. Potter proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, for the use of the bells and for presenting the prizes, and also to the ladies for providing such a splendid tea and to the local company for the arrangements made.—The Vicar replied for the whole.

Mr. R. J. Ricketts then moved that the best thanks be extended to the secretary (Mr. Panther) for the extra work done in trying to make the contest a success.—This was carried unanimously and accepted with pleasure.

A few visitors afterwards adjourned to the tower and kept the beautiful bells going until 9 p.m. To all subscribers to the prize fund the hon. secretary extends his best thanks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**GUILDFORD DISTRICT MEETING AT GRAYSHOTT.**

Grayshott, situated on the border of the Guildford Diocese and, in fact, just in the county of Hants, has a light ring of eight, which was installed in the Parish Church about two years ago, but not until July 1st this year have the members of the Guildford District had an opportunity of holding a district meeting there. The weather was a complete success, but, measured by the attendance of district members, the meeting was only partially so.

Whisper it gently in the eight and ten bell towers of the district, apart from the local band, the number of members attending from these towers was only six! However, thanks to a contingent from a six-bell tower, who appear to have a very efficient motor convoy, the Farnham District and the local band, the total ringers present numbered nearly thirty.

The usual service, conducted by the Vicar, was brightened by the attendance of the organist and a fairly large choir of boys. One gentleman from afar, who by means of rail and cycle had arrived on the scene early, was rather late for the service. It is understood that, in accordance with his usual custom, he had been bird-nesting round the bell frame!

At the business meeting, presided over by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), Mr. R. J. Bailey, of the local band, was elected as a ringing member of the Guild, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, as a compounding member.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. W. C. Ryde, of the local band, who made all arrangements, the organist and choir, the Master mentioned that although the bells had been in the tower for two years, no peal had been rung on them, and he expressed the hope that an opportunity for an attempt would be granted in the near future.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church for evensong, a 720 Norwich Surprise (second observation): R. Smith 1, F. C. Ginn 2, C. Robinson 3, M. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington 6.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

Annual festival at Swansea, Saturday, July 15th. 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. Mary's Church, Swansea (Preacher: Canon W. T. Havard). 4 p.m.: Tea at Curran's Restaurant, Heathfield Street (by kind invitation of Canon W. T. Havard). 4.30 p.m.: Business meeting.—L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation. Business meeting after tea.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Annual Festival.—This will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. each to members; 3s. to non-members. A collection will be taken at the service for the Restoration Fund. The G.W.R. and the L.M. & S. Railway will issue cheap tickets to Oxford from any station in the diocese. Will members please note that vital business will come before the meeting on this date. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brasted on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of E. H. Lewis, Esq.) at Moorcocks after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND

LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of these associations will be held at Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, 1s. each. Barnet bells open for ringing from 3 to 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4; W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Manchester Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Flixton (8 bells) on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION will hold the annual meeting, and a six-bell contest, at Meltham on Saturday, July 15th. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Denbigh Arms, with business meeting to follow.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Milton on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Usual arrangements.—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, July 15th. Bells, St. Leonard's (8), St. Mary's (6), available at 3 p.m. Tea, at the King's Head Hotel, at 5. Please send word to Mr. H. E. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton, or Mr. G. Case, 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Kathleen Eastes, Hon. Sec., Holly Brox, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available from 3.30. Short service at 5. Tea in Church Hall about 5.30 p.m. Next meeting at Ruislip on Saturday, August 19th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 2.30.—G. Preston, Christchurch.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Whiston on Saturday, July 15th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30, conducted by the Rector. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) will be available at 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Highclere, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Red House. Please notify Miss I. Knapp, Church Farm, Highclere.—Rev. F. S. H. Maile, Hon. Sec., Newtown, Newbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held tomorrow (Saturday), July 15th, at Alsager (8 bells). Ringing from 3 p.m.—R. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Lonsdale tomorrow (Saturday), July 15th. Bells (6) at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d. to all who notify Mr. J. H. Wearing, Fairbank, Kirkby Lonsdale.—E. Swain, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Dunmow on Wednesday, July 19th, at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

BRILL, BUCKS.—The ring of 6 bells, restored and rehung in a new oak frame, will be dedicated on Thursday, July 20th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be obtainable. Service in church at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., Central Bucks Branch of Oxford Guild.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Beddington on July 22nd. Ringing 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at Harvest Home 5.15. Business, ringing and social hour to follow. A nice run out to verdant fields. P.C.s re tea appreciated by J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, Fulham, S.W.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5, at Gillings' Tea Rooms, Station Road, by kind invitation of the Rector, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 18th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Leatherhead and Ashted, Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing at both towers from 2.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at Leatherhead at 4.30 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 6d. per head) at the Institute, Leatherhead, at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must be sent to me not later than Tuesday, July 18th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Kirdford on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock till 9. Short service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Half Moon, 1s. each. All those intending being present kindly advise me by Tuesday prior to the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify by July 18th to Major J. G. Stilwell, Yateley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be held at Netherseal on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All those requiring tea must please inform Mr. W. Woodward, Clifton Road, Netherseal, not later than the 20th. A good meeting is requested.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, July 22nd. Members please note alteration of date.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Adderbury, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Banbury (10) and Deddington (6) will be available in the evening. Good bus services. For tea, kindly notify.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Moreton Corbet, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, July 18th.—R. R. Pole, Assistant Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, July 22nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 18th, for tea.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, July 22nd (not Stoney Stanton as arranged). Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited. Any collections for Sir A. P. Heywood's Memorial Fund may be handed in at this meeting. — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Churchyard Cottage at 1s. per head. A fete is also being held in the park adjoining the church. 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 Penn (6 bells) on Saturday, July 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than July 18th. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea after service. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly district meeting will be held at East Meon on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by July 20th. West Meon bells (8) available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please notify for tea July 18th.—G. F. Hoad, Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by July 17th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, July 22nd. Ringers, please meet at St. Ignatius' Church at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in St. Ignatius' Institute. Those requiring same please advise Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, by July 20th. Bells available at Holy Trinity after tea. All ringers are welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, July 22nd, also to celebrate the jubilee of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society, founded in 1883, later the Central Northants Association, now the present Guild. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must advise me by Tuesday, July 18th. — J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Glen on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Leonard W. Allen, High Street, Great Glen, by Thursday previous latest. Come and make a real good meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch meeting at Runcorn on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells ready at 3. Please advise if tea required not later than the 19th.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By the invitation of the President (Canon C. C. Marshall) and the ringers of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, a summer meeting will be held at the above tower on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Schools at 5 p.m. No committee meeting or business meeting. The Vicarage gardens will be open to all ringers and friends. Please send in names for tea to Canon C. C. Marshall, St. Chad's Vicarage. — J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. Adam Blogg, Waterhouse Green, Whittle-le-Woods, not later than Wednesday, July 26th. Business: Election of branch secretary and committee men, also nominations for association vice-president, ringing secretary, treasurer and two auditors. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Chester on Saturday, July 29th. Service in Cathedral 3.15. Preacher: The Lord Bishop. Annual meeting in the Cathedral Parlour 4. Tea in Refectory 5. Tickets 2s. (members 1s. 6d.) from General Secretary, the Vicar of Middlewich, or from branch secretaries before July 22nd.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Saturday, July 29th, 2 to 9 p.m., at Callington. Bells: Callington (6), Linkinhorne (6), St. Mellion (6), Pillaton (6), South Hill (5). Service in Callington Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Will those who intend to be present notify me by July 17th?—Rev. H. Trehwella, St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North - Western District), GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at Wright's Restaurant 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, July 26th. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Belchamp St. Paul's on Saturday, July 29th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, 25th inst, to enable me to make tea arrangements. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting follows.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: Election of officers and fixing date for annual social.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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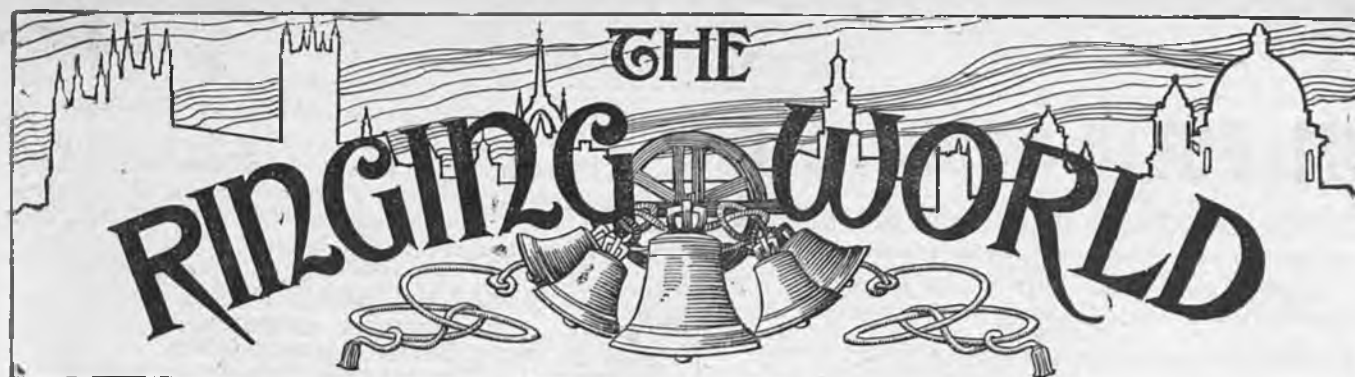
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On Monday, July 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

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

ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
JOSEPH MARKS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. CARTER'S ODD BOB AND SINGLE TEN-PART, No. 60.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION.	
JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	JOHN P. PELLOE 5
FRED BOWDEN 2	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Steere, H. Hutton and C. N. Burdook, past and present members of the Cathedral Society, also in honour of the centenary of the Oxford Movement.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
FREDERICK ROOPE 2	WILLIAM STEGGALL 6
CHARLES LOOME 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung after meeting short for Superlative, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, July 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.	
*DOUGLAS W. TURNER Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 5
†LOUIS W. TURNER 2	NORMAN H. WILLIAMS 6
NORMAN G. LEECH 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
†ERIC E. SPEAKE 4	*ERNEST A. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' † First peal on eight. 125th peal for Harry Boswell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William H. Lawley, who for the past 25 years has been a Sunday service ringer at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS Treble	RALPH HARRIS 5
J. WILLIAM HEATH 2	FREDERICK G. NURDEN 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

The first peal ever rung in the method.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY LIMBERT Treble	GEO. H. DETHERIDGE, SEN. 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 2	ALBERT TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM H. DETHERIDGE 3	*GEO. H. DETHERIDGE, JUN. 7
HORACE DOWELL 4	SAMUEL DETHERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, JUN.

* First peal and first attempt as conductor. All the above are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING Treble	ARTHUR NEWELL 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
HARRY LEWIS 3	HARRY PARKER 7
PERCY SWINDLEY 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

Rung for the tenth anniversary of the record peal of Kent Treble Bob (17,280), which was rung at this church on July 21st, 1923, three of the above band taking part.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALL Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
WILLIAM G. MAYERS 2	*RUSSELL W. CORSON 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
WILLIAM J. CLOVER 4	WALTER R. FARROW Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. This peal was specially composed and arranged as a birthday compliment to Miss I. Daly, of Checkendon, Oxon, but the bells not being available on the day previous the peal of Minor at Horsham St. Faith's, was substituted as a birthday peal.

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

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS
Rung to celebrate the 'Kemble Centenary.' The band were pleased to welcome back to ringing the ringer of the 2nd after over a year's enforced absence through ill-health.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GORDON W. LIMMER Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	*EDWARD L. A. HUDSON ... 6
MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WALTER JOLLEY 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.
* First peal of Major.

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS WALLWORK Treble	THOMAS ISHERWOOD ... 5
*JAMES JACKSON 2	JOHN WISE 6
JOSEPH WOODS 3	THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD ... 7
JAMES CORBRIDGE 4	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

* First peal in a Surprise method. All the above are regular service ringers at this church.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN C. NEWMAN Treble	*JOSEPH ELLIOTT 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
CHARLES W. BURTON 3	*GEORGE HAYWARD 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	GEORGE GREEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First peal in the method. The monthly peal for the division. Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Prebendary A. E. Dalton, formerly Vicar of Feering.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS Treble	*JOHN MALAYAN 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	*CHARLES JEFFES 6
HAROLD G. CASEMORE ... 3	WALTER AYRE 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Cambridge. J. Malyan's 100th peal for the association. First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR WILSON Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	*MANSFIELD GINN 5
WALTER MANSFIELD 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven methods.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

*STANLEY MURPHY Treble	*FRANK W. LACK 4
*WILLIAM SEEKINGS 2	MANSFIELD GINN 5
ARTHUR J. ABRAMS 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven methods. Also first in seven methods on the bells. A birthday compliment to M. Ginn.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A.

ARTHUR E. SMALLS Treble	GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 4
JOHN BARTRAM 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
ERNEST NAYLOR 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells in more than one method, and first peal in four methods by all except ringers of 5th and tenor.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 13, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED H. MARTIN Treble	AMOS SMART 4
WALTER PERKINS 2	FRANCIS BALL 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Rung as a birthday peal to ringer of 2nd, who was 65 on July 6th.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH'S, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising seven different extents. *Tenor 8 cwt. in A.*

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	*CHARLES HIGH 4
*LLOYD CHAPMAN 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
*WILLIAM BURROWS 3	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal at first attempt, and members of the local band. They are to be congratulated on a creditable performance. Rung on the 18th birthday of Miss I. Daly, of Checkendon, Oxon.

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ST. IVES, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

ARTHUR J. ABRAMS Treble	*HENRY J. PARKER 4
ERNEST WAKELING 2	WILLIAM SEEKINGS 5
FRED C. GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in three methods.

CHESHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Spliced Kent and Oxford and two each of Oxford, Cambridge and Kent, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	*JESSE HARRISON 4
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	WILFRED EDWARDS 5
EDGAR G. SWIFT 3	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* First peal 'inside' in more than one method. First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor in more than one method.

WHITNEY-ON-WYRE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 240's of Pitman's, Morris' and Lindoff's, each called differently.

*G. JAMES R. PRICE Treble	REGINALD MORRIS 3
EDMUND MORRIS 2	†ALBERT E. JONES 4

JAMES P. HYETT Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* Has now rung each bell to a peal. † First peal for eight years.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent and four of Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

HARRY CARTER Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY 4
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 2	FRANK CLAYDON 5
MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN 3	ALBC M. GENEVRY Tenor

Conducted by MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

Great credit is due to this young lady for the very able way she called the peal. She is believed to be the first lady ringer to call a peal in this association. F. Claydon has rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

QUALIFIED ADVISERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The remarks of Canon Elsee at the Council meeting during the debate on Mr. Dawe's motion prompt me to ask a question or two.

Generally the person who represents ringers as a body is the Guild officer. He may be an accomplished ringer and efficient in his duties as a society official. But does it follow that he always has sufficient knowledge of bell matters to carry any weight if elected to an Advisory Board?

How and when does a man become properly qualified to advise on bell restorations?

I maintain that to-day, with very few exceptions, the only person competent to give sound advice is the bell founder.

Birmingham.

W. C. RHODES.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S CHALLENGE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I cannot accept Mr. Coles' letter in 'The Ringing World' of July 7th, as any answer to mine. The point at issue is the truth of his statement that I was a party to a tablet recording a false peal. This I again challenge him to prove.

I have nothing to add or delete from my letter except that it is to be hoped that Mr. Coles' memory may be as good as mine when he reaches my age.

Birmingham.

JAMES GEORGE.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

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THE

LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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PEALS OF MINOR.

The Council next came to the consideration of two motions by which it was sought to lay down a definition for peals of Minor and Doubles. The first, proposed by Mr. S. H. Wood, was as follows:—

That peals of Minor shall in general consist of seven or more separate extents rung consecutively and without interval. That compositions arranged on what is known as the 'Bankes James principle,' notwithstanding that they do not conform to the above definition, shall be recognised as peals.

The second, in the name of Mr. C. T. Coles, was in these terms:—

That a peal of Minor should consist of seven true and complete round blocks of 720 changes each, in a recognised method or methods, rung consecutively and without interval, rounds thus occurring at the beginning and end of and at regular intervals throughout the peal.

That a peal of Doubles should consist of 42 true and complete round blocks of 120 changes each, in a recognised method or methods, rung consecutively and without interval, rounds thus occurring at the beginning and end of and at regular intervals throughout the peal.

That peals as above may be lengthened by the addition of one or more true and complete round blocks of 720 (or of 120) changes, each fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one true round block having less changes.

That any departure from the above standards is not encouraged; notwithstanding this, however, a peal of Minor or of Doubles may consist of any arrangement of 5,040 changes in a recognised method or methods, provided that no change is rung more (or less) than seven times in a peal of Minor, or 42 times in a peal of Doubles, and that the whole starts from and ends with rounds. Such a peal may be lengthened, provided that no change is rung more than once for each additional 720 (or 120) changes, and that the whole ends with rounds.

These resolutions, said the President, were not prejudiced by the resolution which the Council had just passed. They were sent in independently, and they were very much on the same subject. He was therefore going to suggest that they took them together in debate.

This course having been agreed to, the President said he had to make an apology to Mr. Stephen Wood, who sent his resolution through him to the secretary, and in putting it on the agenda a parenthetical note was left out. This note was intended to define what was meant by the Bankes James arrangement, and was as follows:—

This arrangement consists of a number of successive blocks of 720 true rows, not necessarily round blocks themselves, but which, when joined together consecutively, form a round block, starting from and ending with rounds. It is recommended that such compositions should only be used when there is considered to be some definite gain from the point of view of variety or music.

COUNCIL NOT LEGISLATING FOR THE PAST.

The President, continuing, said there had been a great deal of confusion as to what was meant by the Council recognising peals or otherwise, and the question had been raised—he had heard it in private discussion—as to what, if the resolution of the Midland Counties Association was passed, was going to happen with regard to the various peals that had been rung containing these special compositions which were not true round blocks of 720. It did not seem to him that anything happened at all. Many of the peals which had been rung did not conform to the Council's existing rule, or so he was told. Whether they did or not, the Council were not legislating for the past; they were legislating for the future as to what should be the standard at which five and six-bell ringers should aim. In his view the Council had taken no steps either to recognise or not recognise the various peals that had been rung. The only way the Council came in touch with the peals was through the Peals Analysis Committee, and that committee did not attempt in any way to discriminate between legitimate or regular peals or otherwise. That committee's function, when it was appointed, was to carry on the work formerly done by Mr. Attree, and that work was to make an analysis of the peals published. The Council had no control over the publication of the ringing papers, and the Analysis Committee did not control the figures they took out; they merely took out the figures that were published, unless a peal was definitely withdrawn by subsequent publication. There was no question of the Council recognising these peals or not. Many peals were rung which were not regular, and all those peals went in the analysis. He wanted the Council to be clear on that point. Now that they had adopted the new rules there was the possibility of the Council recognising a peal in future, for this reason: Societies, associations and guilds would in future be definitely affiliated to the Central Council and agree to abide by its decisions. If, therefore, the Council decided that such and such peals should not be rung, the local associations, being loyal, would see that such peals were not recorded in their own books, and should such peals be published under the name of any society the society would be expected to see it was withdrawn from

under its name. In the past the Council had not been able to do that. It would be a physical impossibility for the Analysis Committee to inquire into the composition of every peal that was rung. Local associations could do it because they had the local knowledge and knew who the conductors were and the conductor's reputation, and they would know pretty well what he was likely to have called. There was one other difficulty. A number of Minor peals had been published without stating what was rung. Whatever they did, he thought the Council should be sure that nothing happened which would drive the figures underground. What was most important was that what was rung should be recorded somewhere so that future generations could decide on the merits of it, whether it should be rung or not. They did not want to do anything to hide the figures of peals. It did not matter, to his mind, whether people rang these things or not, but they could not expect the Central Council to go outside its rules if, in the future, it could maintain some sort of control on publication. If a thing was rung, as long as they knew what was rung, the general public could judge it on its merits.

THE COUNCIL'S DUTY.

Mr. Wood then moved the first of the resolutions. Quite frankly, he said, many people were heartily 'fed up' with the question, and wanted to see the end of it, and the reason he put the motion before the Council that day was because he felt they had a definite duty to perform. The majority of the Exercise did look to them for a lead, and he did not think they had done their duty until they had given a definite pronouncement on the subject, and they had not done that yet. Until they did it, either unanimously or by an overwhelming majority, they certainly had not done much to clear up the muddle which existed. He did not see that they could lay down definite laws as to what should be rung or not, but what the Council said to-day was going to have a definite influence on Minor ringers and on what they were going to ring and on the direction in which Minor ringing was going to develop in future. What he was asking the Council to say was this: 'We will agree to accept separate extents as a general principle of a peal of Minor and Doubles.' Then he was going to ask them to agree that, having accepted that general principle, any other compositions which deviated from it must be considered as exceptions, and if they agreed to do that they could deal with each exception on its individual merits. What he did not see the point of was, if they were going to have the Bankes James principle, they must have everything else. He did not think that was necessary at all. If they wanted the Bankes James or any other particular composition, let them have it; they could only say what they would recognise and what they would not. He asked the Council to consider very carefully whether it was wise to throw over at one fell swoop all the old conventions, because that was what Mr. Coles' motion asked them to do. He asked them to let in everything. Surely the wiser course to pursue was to stick to the general principle and consider other things as exceptions, consider each one individually, and see whether or not it was worth retaining. As regards the Bankes James principle it was for him to put forward the case for accepting that composition in future. He promised not to talk about 'tampering with truth,' 'Did rounds come at the beginning or the end?' or 'Did they ring rows or changes?' To his mind none of these things had a direct bearing on the subject. All the Council had to decide was, was it their opinion that it was in the interests of ringing that the Bankes James arrangement should continue to be rung; if it was, let them have it, but let them have it honestly and straightforwardly. It did not conform to the general rule; let them, therefore, have it as an exception, and not by twisting the old rules to mean something they were never intended to mean. There were those who asked the Council to allow no exceptions at all. With that view he had a good deal of sympathy. His only reason for asking them to pass his motion instead of the amendment was that the latter had been tried already and found wanting. Under that system there was an awful muddle going on, and if they passed a rule saying they would allow no deviations from the principle of separate extents, they would do nothing to clear up this muddle, and there was grave danger of the figures being driven underground. If the amendment were passed that the Bankes James arrangement would not be accepted as a peal in future, and he saw the record of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor without further description, he would not feel very happy in his own mind as to what was rung. He thought a most important point was: How and why did these compositions first come to be composed? He could answer that question, because his friend, Mr. Hooton, who was the first to call it, was in the room when Mr. James composed it. It arose like this. They had been ringing peals of Cambridge Minor and found themselves up against two alternatives, either they had to ring the same or similar 720's over again, or, to get a greater variation of composition, they had to include 720's with the 6.5's at back stroke, and so Mr. James composed his peal. It did not conform to the general idea, but he (Mr. Wood) was not concerned with that. If they liked it and it was useful, let them ring it; if it was not, let them say so. Had it been proved useful or not? They must answer that by the number of times it had been rung and the number of times it continued to be rung. It was proved that there was a definite need for it; if the need still existed he asked the Council to vote in favour of the resolution, and

he asked them to accept the Bankes James arrangement definitely as an exception to the general principle.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith formally seconded the motion.

HISTORY OF THE CONTROVERSY.

Mr. C. T. Coles, in moving his resolution, said the president's speech had cut some of the ground from under his feet. Mr. Wood had said all there was to be said about the Bankes James arrangement of Minor, and all there was to be said about the Morris and Pitman's arrangements of Doubles, because they were in the same category, and they could not admit the one without the other. The Council would remember the old definition of a peal of Minor, which laid down that there should be seven true and complete 720's each ending with rounds and with only one row of rounds intervening. Up to 1928 there was no definition for a peal of Doubles. They should remember also that when the Minor ringers began to agitate for their performances to be classed as peals the only thing for them to ring was seven 720's or one 720 seven times, or 42 six-scores of Doubles, and on that the Council laid down its first definition of a peal of Minor. The trouble began in 1923 when the Bankes James peal of Cambridge Minor was rung. This peal departed from the orthodox. It consisted of 720 rows, but to get 720 true rows they had to count the first row of rounds. The 720's were not in round blocks; the 720's were in two round blocks of 2,160 each. That was a departure from the standard. Then they got Mr. Law James' London, which departed further from the principle, and the Pitman and Morris Doubles. They were rung considerably throughout the country, and as regards the Cambridge Minor 'The Ringing World' published a paragraph calling it a wonderful contribution to composition, and they did not then find any criticism of the peal. At the Hereford meeting an attempt was made to alter the rule for peals of Minor to bring in the Bankes James arrangement, and for the first time to put in a ruling for peals on five bells on a similar plan. That definition was framed for the purpose of bringing in the Bankes James arrangement, but no 720 could be complete unless it came back to where it started from. When they came to the Chelmsford meeting the Methods Committee brought up a report, and wished to print these compositions in the 'Collection of Minor Methods.' They had then one of the most terrible decisions perpetrated by that Council; they had a motion to refer the report back, so far as the Pitman and Morris Doubles and the Bankes James Cambridge and Law James London were concerned, on the ground that these compositions were 'hopelessly false.' That began a tremendous controversy. They had the words 'hopelessly false' bandied about for months. That motion was carried by 30 votes to 29, but subsequently on the same day the Council decided to publish the whole lot of the compositions in the Methods Committee's book, simply with the proviso that it did not commit anybody to the opinion that they were suitable for peal ringing. That was carried by 44 votes to three. First of all the Council expressed the opinion that the compositions were hopelessly false, and then they agreed to print them in their book. They had had a recurrence of the controversy several times since. Mr. Powell, Mr. Trollope, Mr. Law James, himself and others had tried to voice the ideas of the Exercise and to state the logical sequence of events in the Council. The only ground on which they could turn down a composition was that it was false. If in a peal of Major or Triples there was a repetition it was false, and no resolution of the Council would ever make it true. One 720 of Minor or 120 of Doubles was in exactly the same position; if they had a repetition of one row it was false. But in a peal of Minor they had to have each row seven times, and if they only had each row seven times they could not say it was false—it was a misuse of language to say that it was. Were they now going to turn down the compositions that had been rung so much? The Bankes James Minor had been rung 72 times by 22 associations; the Pitman and Morris Doubles had been rung 125 times by 18 associations; and, incidentally, there had been 37 peals of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung without description, whereas, before the controversy they used to be described, showing that the fear which had been expressed, of driving figures underground, had actually occurred in the past. Two well-known conductors had candidly admitted to him that although they rang the Bankes James composition they did not publish the fact for the very reason that doubt had been cast on the composition. He asked the Council to clear their minds of any idea that people were trying to thrust something on the Exercise. He was sorry he could not subscribe to the president's idea that what had gone could be left. He believed the logical result of turning down his motion would be a motion brought to ask the Council to give instructions to associations to expunge the peals from their records. If these peals were not fit to ring in the future they were not fit to be rung in the past. To show how difficult it was to get agreement, Mr. Coles mentioned that the gentleman in the Midlands, who called these peals 'hopelessly false,' wrote in 'The Ringing World' that if there was one peal above all that he would accept it was Mr. Atkins' peal of Minor, with only two singles, rung at Isham, while another well-known member of the Council, present that day, wrote to him that he subscribed generally to ringing these compositions, but the thing he could not get on with was the Isham peal. There was another peal which had been published, but never rung, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor by Mr. Turner, which consisted of seven true and complete 720's, but be-

cause it started in the middle of a 720 it had been described as hopelessly false. Although it consisted of seven true and complete 720's, because it started in the middle of the first 720, some people wanted to rule it out as hopelessly false. They could not find a way out of this impasse, and the only logical thing to do was to accept it. If the Council were prepared to accept the principle of his motion, he was prepared to accept any amendment which would give them a safeguard against those things which had been described as 'abominations.' There was, however, no need to fear; the first two paragraphs laid down what a peal should consist of, and the last paragraph said that any departure from this should not be encouraged. If there was any amendment which would strengthen the position he was prepared to accept it. He asked the members not to be carried away with the idea that these peals were false; they could not possibly be. After the Chelmsford meeting he was talking to a gentleman in that room who, he noticed, had voted for the 'hopelessly false' amendment, and he discovered that he had an objection to peals on six and five bells of every description, because there was repetition in them all. Those who held that view, Mr. Coles contended, ought not to put their spoke in this controversy.

MONOTONY FOR DOUBLES RINGERS.

Mr. E. M. Atkins, who seconded, asked the members to think of the monotony to the five-bell ringers who had to ring peals of Doubles with the limited calling that was now at their disposal. Did they realise that in a peal of Doubles every four minutes rounds came up with absolute and unerring regularity, and not only that, every 40 seconds either the third or the fifth would be double dodging in 4-5. Mr. Lindoff's scheme of splicing together the 120's of Grand sire eliminated that, and was a thing which ought to be encouraged, but they would be debarred unless Mr. Coles' resolution was carried. His only doubt was whether the resolution went far enough. They ought to admit anything that was useful and which the Exercise as a whole took up. The proof of the pudding was in the eating, and anything which would enlarge the scope of the six and five-bell ringers ought to be welcomed. If, on the other hand, they were to defeat this motion and go back to the principle which was in vogue ten years ago, they would be putting a limitation on the five-bell ringers which would restrict them to the monotony of the old 120's. The motion was simply to bring the Council's definitions up to date and put into words the recommendation which was implied in the Minor and Doubles book with regard to compositions of the five and six-bell peals.

The Rev. H. Drake said he agreed with what Mr. Coles had said, except with regard to extents being true and complete. They could not talk about an 'extent' being either true or false. An extent was true, and there was no meaning in the words 'true' or 'false' in relation to an extent. What he took it the motion asked them to do was to allow the use of extents which were not complete. If they had a Morris or a Bankes James arrangement they at once ceased to have an extent which was complete, but it did not follow that it was wrong. They ought to have it clearly in their mind that when they talked of 'true and complete' in relation to Minor and Doubles it only related to extents and not to five thousands.

THE AMENDMENT.

Mr. W. E. White proposed the amendment to the two resolutions in the following terms:—

That a peal of 'Doubles' must consist of not less than forty-two true and complete round blocks of 120 changes each, rung consecutively and without interval, each 120 commencing from and finishing with rounds. It may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's and/or by the addition of one shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions. It may be rung with or without a cover bell.

That a peal of 'Minor' must consist of not less than seven true and complete round blocks of 720 changes each, rung consecutively and without interval, each 720 commencing from and finishing with rounds. It may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's and/or one shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions. It may not be rung with a cover bell.

He said that under the motion proposed by Mr. Coles they would be able to ring a 5,040 of Bob Doubles with only three bobs in it. With regard to the Bankes James composition, as he understood it, they did not complete the first 720, and looking at it from that standpoint it was not what most of them had been brought up to consider right and proper. It might be of interest to the conductor and a clever performance on the part of the composer, but he did not think it was of very much interest to the other ringers. (A Voice: Isn't it!) It was no more credit to the rest of the band to ring the Bankes James arrangement than it was to ring seven other 720's, and if the band was so far advanced that they could ring a peal of Cambridge Minor, for goodness' sake let them do as recommended in the resolution the Council had just passed, ring seven Surprise methods in their peal! The Cambridge composition might be a very wonderful production, but there was no special merit in ringing it. He was bringing forward the amendment at the definite request of his association (the Midland Counties Association), because they considered it would be in the interests of the majority of the six-bell ringers.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor seconded and said he heartily endorsed what Mr. White had said. He might be old fashioned, but Mr. White had voiced his views.

(To be continued.)

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Edward Jenkins, of Bradford, informs us that Wigston Surprise Major was discovered many years ago by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, and is in his series F., No. A2, but unnamed.

The many friends of Mr. W. E. Redrup, of Amersham, will be pleased to know that he is home again, but, although there are no bones broken, it will be some weeks before he can walk again.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Loughborough Parish Church, on July 8th, was rung in 3 hours 30 mins., not 2 hours 30 mins. as published.

The party at Oxford had lunch under the watchful eye of King Henry the Eighth (painting). Where was the other merry monarch, and why didn't the Bright Young People entertain the party instead of performing to a select half-dozen late in the evening?

Ten ladies rang a 'bob' course of Grandsire Caters at Magdalen College, although most of them were 'singles.'

MITCHAM BELLS TO BE REHUNG.

The bells of the Parish Church, Mitcham, are to be rehung with new fittings. The work will be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. This church was at one time a centre of much activity in the Surrey Association.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COMMENTS ON THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, July 1st, at Creswell, Derbyshire. Although somewhat off the beaten track, about 40 members and friends assembled to have a ring on the very fine eight bells in this new tower. Each of the eight districts of the society was represented, viz.: Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Loughborough, Leicester, Hinckley, Nottingham and the Peak. The committee met in the church vestry, and got through a very long routine agenda.

Arising out of this the Hon. Treasurer reported on the amount collected towards the memorial bell at Duffield, recast by the members and friends of the association in memory of the former president, Sir A. P. Heywood. As only a few collecting sheets had been returned, he appealed to all secretaries and towers to send in these and any subscriptions with all speed, so that the accounts may be closed.

The sub-committee appointed to revise the rules had met, and shortly a copy of rules suggested will be sent out to each district secretary for discussion, and the matter brought forward at the next general meeting.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and the general meeting followed, the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, being in the chair, supported by the Rev. Waugh (Rector of Clowne), the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. E. White), and the hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris).

The President gave a very interesting review of the past quarter's peals, remarking that, although not up to the average, yet they varied from Doubles to Surprise Royal, and numbered 26. He also voiced the regret of all on the loss by death of a valued hon. member, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and an old life member, Mr. Mark Bend, of Bottesford. During the past quarter an extraordinary meeting of the Hinckley District had been held to meet the Bishop of Leicester in starting a 'mission of personal witness.' This was well attended and appreciated. Mr. Taylor briefly remarked on his visit to the Central Council meeting, and his observations on the ringing at St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, which had already been reported in 'The Ringing World.' He was sorry the Vicar of Creswell could not be present that day, but welcomed the Rector of Clowne, whose bells would be available to the members after tea.

The Rev. Waugh, in reply, said the Vicar of Creswell sent his apologies for unavoidable absence, and asked him to come in his stead. He was delighted to thus come and meet the ringers, and trusted each and all would enjoy the social intercourse of the meeting and the ringing at both Creswell and Clowne. At his church they had a young band who were getting on well, and he took the opportunity of thanking publicly Mr. John Flint, of Bolsover, who had—and was still—helping them so much.

The hon. secretary read the list of members proposed since that meeting, viz., nine ringing, one rejoined, and three life, whose election was confirmed.

Each of the three other representatives to the Central Council (the president making the fourth), Messrs. J. H. Swinfield, W. E. White, and E. C. Gohey, gave impressions of the Council meeting, and each stressed the point that much time was wasted in receiving committee reports, appointing members of committees, and various discussions arising from these committees, that items of real importance were left until too late for many members to stay and take part. As an instance the Minor question, which had aroused such a commotion, was again shelved, whereas, had this been brought on while all members were present and properly discussed the matter would undoubtedly have been settled.

It was pointed out that the next quarterly meeting fixed for Quorn, near Loughborough, would be unsuitable, the bells being in a bad condition. It was therefore agreed this be transferred to Ripley.

After the meeting a number of ringers went to Clowne (six bells), where various standard and Surprise methods were rung.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL**CANON COLERIDGE ELECTED MASTER.****SUGGESTED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.**

Nearly 200 members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were present at the annual festival held at Oxford on Saturday, when Canon Coleridge was elected Master in the place of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, to whom it was decided to erect a memorial.

The day's proceedings began with service in the Cathedral, the customary form of the Guild being used. Canon Coleridge officiated, and the lesson was read by Canon E. J. Norris. The singing was of a most impressive and stirring kind.

Canon Coleridge preached from the words, 'As every man hath received the gift even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God' (1 Peter iv. 10). Many years had passed, he said, since, on a memorable occasion, they dedicated a memorial in the cloisters of that Cathedral to the men of the Oxford Diocesan Guild who gave their lives for their country in the war. Who, then, had any idea that their beloved Master, after many years, would be numbered among them? Gassed in Flanders, never wholly free from the effects of the poison, yet carrying on more and more manfully as the years rolled by, never complaining, never even letting intimate friends know of his distress with the painful shortness of breath and all its attendant ills. All knew the story of his death. Trumpets sounded for him on the other side, but they were left, like children, without a friend to guide them. For twenty-three years Mr. Jenkyn was their guide and friend—a friend well beloved not only by ringers in the diocese but throughout the country; well known to great numbers. The more men got to know him the closer they were attracted by his genial presence. In their own Guild especially their Master was well known throughout three counties. His regular, periodical visits to the branches were eagerly looked forward to, his counsel and advice equally welcomed. Few, if any, Masters could devote their Saturdays as he did to promote ringing throughout the diocese, and the whole secret of his work was to be found in their text, 'As every man hath received the gift even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards to the manifold grace of God.' He realised, as each one of them should realise, that no man's gift was given to him so that he should keep it to himself. He had it in trust for the benefit of others. He had a gift and must needs use it in the best way for the benefit of others. All his knowledge of bell hanging (and his knowledge in that direction was fuller than that of most men), all his meticulous care in striking, whether in rounds or changes, all his geniality among ringers—all were looked upon as gifts of God; the brain, the hand, the eye, the ear, all to be trained in the service of God, all to be used for His honour and glory, all to be devoted to the service of men. Truly a great example had been left behind him. They would be considering later on the question of some permanent memorial by the Guild to him. That was not the place or time for him to go into the matter in any detail. He only knew what he would like—possibly some of them might think differently. But seeing that hard by in the cloisters there was, in addition to the memorial to the men who fell in the war, and in which Mr. Jenkyn was so deeply interested, a tablet in memory of their first Master, the Rev. Francis E. Robinson, he (the preacher) thought it would be wholly fitting, subject, of course, to the approval of the authorities of Christ Church, that a somewhat similar memorial should be placed alongside the memorials that were already there. Times, he knew, were bad with many people, and perhaps they could not expect to raise huge sums, but it was just possible there might be some other form of memorial besides this. He (Canon Coleridge) would only make the suggestion, because he knew it would be after Mr. Jenkyn's own heart. It might be that a fund would be started towards enlarging the Chapel of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, where he faithfully ministered for so many years. That chapel was too small to accommodate the children. Mr. Jenkyn knew it only too well and, at the time of his death, was interesting himself greatly in enlarging it. Whether the Guild could help in that scheme, if it materialised, or give some special piece of furniture for equipping the enlarged chapel, it would be for the members to decide. That chapel had been the centre of Mr. Jenkyn's clerical life and ministrations, and with this he never allowed anything to interfere, but the moment he was free from his duties at the school his next thought was for the ringers all over the diocese. The example of his life was a great one; the memorial they would wish to erect should be a worthy one. The best memorial they could erect was in their own hearts, a memorial which might be found in the words of the text. That was the best way in which every one of them could perpetuate his memory, and in doing so they would be carrying out a most important precept of Holy Scripture, words inspired by the Holy Spirit of God for all men to lay hold on and see that they were the dominating factor in their lives.

The service terminated with a hymn (during which a collection for the Guild restoration fund amounting to £3 5s. 8d. was taken), the Te Deum, and the Benediction, pronounced by Bishop Shaw.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, Canon Coleridge presiding, supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright) and the secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert). All the fifteen branches were well represented.

The Secretary, after having announced the letters of apology, mentioned that he received over forty letters from associations and guilds sympathising with them in the death of their Master. He thought the members would appreciate the feeling in which the late Master was held from the fact that they had letters from so many representative bodies.

The Chairman said he also received numberless letters from various individuals expressing regret at their loss.

At the suggestion of Mr. A. D. Cullum, the reports of the Master—the last written by Mr. Jenkyn—the hon. treasurer and hon. secretary were taken as read, they having been circulated in the report.

A NEW MASTER.

The Chairman said the committee had asked him to carry on as Acting Master until that meeting. It was for the Guild now to elect a new Master.

The Hon. Treasurer said every member of the Guild would be thankful to know that Canon Coleridge, despite the little time he had to spare, had undertaken to carry on the Mastership for the ensuing year (applause). It would take them some time to recover from the great blow they had sustained by the death of Mr. Jenkyn, but they would have perfect confidence in Canon Coleridge's direction of the Guild.—This motion was seconded by Mr. W. Evetts, supported by Mr. T. Trollope and Mr. A. D. Cullum, and carried unanimously.

Canon Coleridge said nothing would have induced him to take the office except the emergency caused by the death of Mr. Jenkyn, on account of his age, which was now nearer 80 than 70, and also the knowledge that he would be utterly unworthy to follow the footsteps of their great friend, the late Master. To carry on that Guild as it ought to be carried on required a youngish man, a man with money, a man with a motor-car, and a man with plenty of leisure on Saturdays. They would not get this combination in everybody, and he was afraid they did not exist in him, but it was put to him so forcibly that he ought to undertake the office that he said he would do so and would do his best (applause). He joined the Guild in its first year, and had thus been a member for 52 years. At one time he did a fair amount of peal ringing, he had attended the annual meetings regularly, as most of them knew, and he had the deepest possible interest in the work of the Guild. It would, therefore, be his endeavour to do his utmost for the Guild, but he must tell them plainly that for the most part it was impossible for him to get away from his parochial duties on Saturdays. He thought it was doubtful if they would find a Guild in England with a Master who would do as Mr. Jenkyn had done for the Oxford Guild. He was able to give up his Saturdays to go to the meetings. He knew he (the chairman) would be welcome at any meetings he could attend, but he could not promise to go to the meetings regularly or to preach as Mr. Jenkyn did, for he already had almost more on his hands than he could carry out, but should they be in any difficulties he would be glad to assist them to the best of his ability in all directions, with limitations of age and means of getting about. He thanked them most warmly for electing him.

A DEPUTY MASTER APPOINTED.

Proceeding, Canon Coleridge said it was the recommendation of the committee that the Rev. T. Elliott Wigg, who was assistant curate at High Wycombe, should be elected Master, and he magnanimously said he would be willing to undertake it, but would do so with fear and trepidation. He therefore wrote to Mr. Wigg, and was overjoyed when he got Mr. Wigg's reply. Mr. Wigg wrote that he was a young man and was willing to do everything he could for the Guild, but he honestly felt relieved because one in his position as an assistant curate was not his own master, and he was working in a large parish which was suffering from depletion of staff. His parish work must of necessity come first. There was, however, continued Canon Coleridge, the question of a Deputy Master. Mr. Jenkyn, knowing that he was in failing health and could not continue to do as much as he had been doing, felt the need of asking the Guild at that meeting to appoint a Deputy Master, who might in a few years' time, if he should still be amongst them in the diocese, be able to take up the work that Mr. Jenkyn laid down. Mr. Jenkyn had it in mind to propose Mr. Wigg for this office. It was, of course, open to the members not to have a Deputy Master, or to propose someone else, but it was Mr. Jenkyn's wish, and he pitched on Mr. Wigg as the outstanding man in the diocese for the office. He (Canon Coleridge) felt they could not make a better choice, and he asked them to agree to Mr. Wigg being appointed Deputy Master.

Mr. Wilkins proposed Mr. Wigg's election, remarking upon his enthusiasm and ability as a ringer.—The motion was seconded in several places, and Mr. T. Fowler said he was sure they would all give Mr. Wigg every possible support, and he hoped that when the time came he would accept the office of Master, although he trusted that the necessity would not arise for many years, as they hoped to see Canon Coleridge in the chair for a considerable time yet (applause).

Mr. T. Trollope, in supporting, said he had known Mr. Wigg nearly all his life, and he was quite sure that, apart from his ringing, which was a great point, Mr. Wigg would serve them well.

Mr. H. Miles, while supporting the proposal, asked whether the appointment did not necessitate altering their rules.

The Chairman said Mr. Jenkyn was elected Deputy Master when the Rev. F. E. Robinson was Master, so that they had a precedent for it.

The proposal was carried unanimously, and Mr. Wigg expressed his thanks for the honour the Guild had done him and the trust and confidence they had placed in him, especially as he had only had a knowledge of the Guild for the last five years, and before that time did not know one end of a bell rope from the other. He would be only too pleased to do all he could for the Guild.

TREASURER AND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED.

Mr. A. J. Wright was re-elected hon. treasurer, with the best thanks of the Guild, and took the opportunity of pointing out the altered conditions of certain matters through Mr. Jenkyn's death. Mr. Jenkyn was in the habit of taking the secretary and treasurer with him in his car when he went to visit the branches as often as they could go. A resolution had now been passed by the committee that the secretary's train fares should be paid when he attended a branch annual meeting, but it was hoped the branches would bear the expense of conveying him from the nearest railway station to the meeting. The branch secretaries had agreed to this, and he thought the funds could well bear it, as he found that the balances held by the districts were over £300. Every branch had a good balance in hand. Then with regard to the restoration fund, the rule had been that he (the treasurer) should not pay out any grants until he had received a certificate from the Master that the work had been properly and efficiently carried out. They must continue to have that safeguard in some form or other, and he suggested that the Guild should authorise him to accept the certificate of their secretary, who was thoroughly competent to know whether the work had been done well or not (hear, hear).

Mr. Cullum moved that the branches be asked to defray the expenses of the conveyance from the station to the annual branch meetings of the secretary and hon. treasurer.—Mr. Pearson seconded.

The Secretary said he did not know whether the meeting understood exactly what was intended. It was not a question of getting to places like Banbury, but to those out-of-the-way places where the late Master used to run them in his car and put them down at the nearest public-house door (laughter). There were places like Appleton, about six miles from a station, and he was not going to walk six miles there and six miles back. He would rather have a letter from the branch secretary to say they could do a lot better without him (laughter).—The motion was carried.

It was also resolved that the secretary's certificate of the satisfactory completion of restoration work should be accepted by the hon. treasurer for the purpose of paying the Guild's grants.

The secretary was re-elected with applause, and, in replying, said he would do his best for the Guild. He had his shortcomings, like everybody else, but he would keep their big Master up to scratch when he was in good health, and he would keep the Deputy Master on the move (laughter). He could not promise to do much himself; the branch secretaries did that (laughter).

The Master referred to the loss which the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. J. F. Barlow, of Chipping Norton, a member of the committee. They would miss him very much, he said, and he would be missed particularly in his own district. His death left a vacancy on the committee.

The following eleven members of the committee were re-elected: Messrs. J. Evans, G. Cauldwell, G. Holifield, W. Hibbert, sen., G. Martin, Miss V. Robinson, Messrs. R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear, J. W. Wilkins and Miss S. Davis. The vacancy was filled by the election of Mr. Walter F. Judge, of the Oxford City Branch.

The Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, having removed from the diocese, Dr. L. Joyce, of Reading, was elected a trustee in his place, the other trustees being Canon Coleridge and Sir George Dashwood.

The vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn in the Guild's representation on the Central Council was filled by the election of Mr. W. Evetts (hon. secretary of the Witney and Woodstock Branch).

Mr. Cullum asked if it was necessary to have four representatives. The Master: You will have to pay for four, whether you have them or not.

Mr. Cullum: The affiliation fees, but not the expenses.

The Master: You don't pay their expenses.

Mr. Cullum: We may have to.

The Master: I don't think it is likely at present.

'LITTLE FISH' WHO SLIP OUT OF THE NET.

The Secretary proposed the confirmation of the election of 184 new members. He said they made about this number every year, but their net membership increased only by about 35 to 50 year after year. 'Some of you,' added Mr. Hibbert, amid laughter, 'may be very good fishers of men and land these little fish, but you let them slip.'

The Master said he hoped they would do what their secretary suggested, and hold on to the little fish until they became big fish, and,

in fact, regular whales in regard to bellringing (laughter).—The elections were confirmed.

The Master said it was the wish of the committee that they should do honour to certain of their members who had served long and faithfully in the Guild. One was a parson and the other a layman. They were going to ask Canon Norris and Mr. John Evans whether the Guild might have the privilege of electing them as vice-presidents (applause). Both had served the Guild loyally and well, and Canon Norris' interest in it was shared by his daughter. What Mr. Evans had done they all knew.

On the motion of Mr. Cullum, seconded by the secretary, the election was agreed to by acclamation.

Canon Norris thanked the Guild for the honour conferred on him, although, he said, he felt he had done very little to recommend himself to them. He joined the Guild 49 years ago, but owing to circumstances he was unable to continue his bellringing. Now, however, in his later years, he was attempting in a feeble kind of way to take it up again (applause). He had certainly never lost his interest in it.

Continuing, Canon Norris said he had been thrown into work connected with the towers in the diocese for the last seventeen years. He happened to be one of the committee appointed by the Bishop to advise the Chancellor on all questions concerning churches, and the result of that sometimes meant a great deal of anxious thought and work with regard to the restoration of towers and the very vexed question of frames. Many years ago he advised the committee to submit every question that came before them in the Oxford Diocese to their late Master, and for about fifteen years every question connected with faculties for the restoration of towers and bells was submitted to him. Throughout that time Mr. Jenkyn's advice was of inestimable value to the committee, and only twice, as far as he could remember, had the committee differed from his judgment, and the second time was only a few months ago, and then the committee changed their mind, after hearing further evidence, and approved of Mr. Jenkyn's recommendation. He had been wondering what they would do in these matters in the future, and he was particularly interested that morning to hear that Mr. Hibbert was ready to put his unrivalled knowledge at the disposal of the Guild, which meant indirectly that the committee would be able to go to him if they were in difficulty. He knew also, when he heard that Canon Coleridge was likely to be appointed Master, that they would have a tower of strength behind the committee. They could understand that this was a very important thing for the Advisory Committee, because there were sometimes differences of opinion, which were very often local, and the committee had to take the responsibility of deciding which was the better of two plans. It was, therefore, with the greatest possible pleasure he had heard what had been said that morning, and he would carry the information to the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Evans also thanked the members for the honour the Guild had conferred on him.

A MEMORIAL PROPOSED.

The following grants were made from the restoration fund: Swalcliffe and Newbury £5 5s. each; Abingdon (St. Nicholas'), Drayton, Shrivensham and Sunningwell, £2 2s. each.

Canon Coleridge has been in the habit at the annual meeting of giving a report of the proceedings of the Central Council, but as it was getting late and the company were due at luncheon, he suggested that the members should read the report appearing in 'The Ringing World.' The only thing he would like to emphasise, he said, was that in the place of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn the Council had elected the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake as hon. librarian.

Mr. T. Fowler moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church for the facilities that had been given to the Guild, to Canon Coleridge for his address, which they had all much appreciated, and to the organist for his services.—This having been carried, the Master expressed thanks to the steward of Christ Church for his assistance in connection with the luncheon.

The Master said there was one other matter of importance, to which he had made reference in the Cathedral. He felt sure the Guild would like to erect a memorial to their late Master, and he would like to take a vote on it. He proposed that a fund be started for the purpose of providing a suitable memorial to Mr. Jenkyn.

This having been at once agreed to, Canon Coleridge suggested that the carrying out of that proposal be left to a committee of the principal officials of the Guild, with power to co-opt. He said they would be glad to receive and give careful consideration to any suggestions which any member of the Guild might like to make. They ought to have something worthy to show the debt of gratitude they owed to Mr. Jenkyn for all he did for them (applause).

This proposal was unanimously agreed to.

By the courtesy of the authorities of Christ Church the members again had the privilege of lunching in the spacious and beautiful hall, hung with scores of oil colour portraits of famous men who have passed through the House. A company numbering 185 sat down under the chairmanship of Canon Coleridge, who was supported by Canon Norris, the Rev. T. Elliott Wigg, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Mr. A. J. Wright, etc.

At the conclusion of the meal the Chairman proposed the toast of 'Church and King,' and afterwards the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards sub-

mitted 'Prosperity to the Oxford Diocesan Guild,' which, he said, he joined about the year 1894. Although he had not lived in the diocese since his undergraduate days, he had always regarded it as a privilege to belong to the Guild, which was one of the leading Guilds in the country. There might be other Guilds with a larger membership, and others who had put up greater performances in the way of change ringing in its modern developments, but there was none other that had the privilege of meeting for its luncheon in a college hall (applause). Mr. Edwards went on to refer to the great loss the Guild had sustained since the last annual meeting, but said he was sure that, with Canon Coleridge as Master and such an able Deputy Master to assist him, and with the full energy of all the officers and branch officers behind him, the Guild would not fail to maintain its very high standard and go on from success to success. That this might be the experience of all those connected with the Guild was his fervent wish (applause).

WELL UP AS A GUILD.

Canon Coleridge, who replied to the toast, said he had only been Master for about two hours, therefore they could not expect him to say much about the Guild as Master, but he could say a great deal from his knowledge outside that office. He could not say exactly how many members they had in the Guild, but he believed it was about 2,400. That put them pretty well up as a Guild. He was very pleased to see the other day in the report of the Central Council's Analysis Committee that they had rung 146 peals last year; in the report their own secretary made it 147. That was very satisfactory, for they were thus first among all the societies for the number of peals rung. He did not say that in any spirit of competition, but because he hoped it indicated that the younger members who were coming on were anxious to ring peals, and a peal of Grandsire Triples by a young band was worth half a dozen peals of London or Cambridge Surprise rung by people who could ring it with their eyes shut (applause). Each one of them who was able to ring a little must do his or her utmost to inspire others by their example and help in every way. They had promised to help him in the position to which they had elected him. He had not sought the position, but it was put to him that they ought to have someone of experience. Mr. Wigg, who was nominated by the committee, also felt this, and he also felt that his position as an assistant curate might possibly prevent him, very unwillingly, from carrying out the necessary duties. They hoped, however, in a very few years' time Mr. Wigg might be presented with a living in the diocese which might enable him to give a large portion of his time to the Guild (applause)—unless he was called upon, distinguished man that he was, to be a Bishop overseas. If they sent him to Central Africa he would not get much chance of ringing there (laughter). They hoped, however, that he would remain for some years in the diocese, and when the vacancy occurred they might be able to elect Mr. Wigg to carry on the traditions of their Guild, traditions by which everyone endeavoured to carry out the objects of the Guild to the greater glory of God and the furtherance of the great art of change ringing. The Master went on to thank the members for having unanimously elected him to the post. He was a very busy man, especially on Saturdays, but with the help of the secretary, the treasurer and Mr. Wigg he would do his utmost to carry on and to help the branches in any difficulties that might arise. Their officials had been tried and proved and never found wanting. When they held their committee meeting in March 61 members were present. That showed the life in the Guild. It was true it was the day after the burial of the friend and Master's burial, and they were in a sad state of mind, but the committee came there not merely to testify their feelings, but to see what they could do to further the interests of the Guild. Every member of that committee left the room determined to do his best to carry on the high traditions of the Guild, and he believed everyone present that day would leave that beautiful hall more than ever determined to carry out the great principles which they ought to have at heart (applause).

Canon Coleridge then called on Alderman Charles Brown, of the Oxford City Council, who was Mayor of Oxford and a member of the Oxford City ringers.

Alderman Brown in an amusing speech expressed his pleasure at being present at such a wonderful gathering and meeting such a wonderful variety of men and women all interested in such an extraordinary cause as that of bellringing. He had got no further in ringing than to take a rope for service ringing in a 120 with the tenor behind, but he knew the pleasure which ringers derived from their art.

Canon Coleridge apologised for the absence of Bishop Shaw, who was compelled to attend another luncheon—to members of the Economic Conference. He went on to propose a vote of thanks to the authorities of Christ Church for their kindness in allowing the Guild the use of the Cathedral, the Chapter House and that hall.

This terminated the proceedings, and the company broke up to participate in ringing in the many churches in Oxford, the 12 bells at the Cathedral, the tens at Magdalen and New College, the eights at Merton College, St. Giles', St. Ebbe's and All Saints' Churches, together with several of the rings of six being available, and throughout the rest of the afternoon Oxford was a veritable city of bells, which could be heard ringing in all directions.

POINTED QUESTIONS.

MIDDLESEX SECRETARY SHOWS HOW ALL CAN HELP.

A fraternal gathering of the Middlesex and Hertfordshire Associations was held at Monken Hadley, one of the prettiest spots near London, on Saturday, July 15th, and might have been attended by quite a large crowd had the weather been more settled, and had there not been other attractions. As it was, some 40 or so members of one or both the associations had quite a pleasant afternoon's outing, and some good practice in almost any method they fancied. The fine peal of eight at St. John's, Barnet, was the attraction in the early afternoon, and these bells could be heard by the few ringers who were watching cricket on Hadley Common, waiting for others to make up a band.

At 5 p.m. a bright service was held in the ancient church at Hadley. The Rector (Rev. G. Richardson), after welcoming the two associations, said that he had heard a comparison made between the peals at Barnet and Hadley which had set him thinking. 'We may not,' he said, 'have such fine bells as some of you have in your own belfries, but we have as fine a setting in this pretty village as one could wish for. There is not a prettier spot round London, and when, as we soon hope to do, we have sent the bells to Loughborough or Croydon to be retuned, we shall then have as nice a peal as any of you would wish to have.'

After a good tea had been enjoyed, an informal meeting took place. The Rector took the chair, being supported by Mr. E. C. Shepherd (Herts president), Mr. W. Nash (Herts District secretary), Mr. W. Pickworth (Middlesex vice-president), Mr. W. Pye (Middlesex Master), Mr. A. W. Coles (Middlesex District Master) and Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex District secretary). The latter gave a hearty welcome to Hertfordshire ringers, and touches on two topics of which much had been heard lately. First, the social side of ringing, which was much advanced by these joint meetings. It was a change to see new faces, different people, and get a different atmosphere. He said he could quite understand ringers staying away from a Middlesex meeting, because they saw the same old faces, the same old secretary, time after time. It was good to see others, and he was quite sure that Mr. Nash was a good antidote to himself. So they welcomed Hertfordshire ringers to this meeting. Secondly, 'What do we do for ringing?' 'It is easy,' said Mr. Coles, 'to assess what we get out of ringing—an occasional peal, perhaps plenty of peals. But what do we put in? We cannot all be conductors of peals, secretaries or Masters of associations, but we can find plenty of scope in helping at practices, assisting with young ringers, or regularly attending meetings. We might all asked ourselves two questions, "What do I put into ringing?" "Can I do anything more?"'

Mr. E. C. Shepherd thanked the Middlesex ringers for the welcome given to himself and other visitors from Hertfordshire, and said it would be well if they all thought over what Mr. Coles had said, which he heartily endorsed. He deplored the lack of support that association officials sometimes had from members. He added that he had much enjoyed this very pleasant meeting.

Mr. W. Nash proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Monken Hadley for his very interesting address and for the use of the bells; to the Rev. P. C. Deane for the use of the bells at Barnet; to Mr. Arbin and Mr. Sumpter, the towerkeepers; and to the organist and vergers. This was seconded by Mr. W. Pickworth and carried unanimously.

The Rev. G. Richardson replied. He again expressed his pleasure at meeting the ringers, and endorsed all that had been said by a previous speaker about putting something into ringing instead of only taking out. It was the same in everything in life. He added that he hoped soon to stir people up about their bells, and have them tuned, when they would have a peal to be proud of. He paid a tribute to the local captain, Mr. H. S. Arbin, who in spite of many difficulties kept his band together.

The meeting closed with a well-struck touch of 168 Stedman Triples on handbells by Messrs. J. Thomas, G. R. Pye, W. Pye and G. Collins.

Subsequently a large number of touches were rung in the tower for the benefit of all present, even Grandsire Triples was not despised by the Surprise ringer if it was to help a beginner. And the beginner was equally interested in the London and Bristol Surprise, in which we hope he will some day take part.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Monday, July 10th, as an expression of sympathy with the relatives of Miss Hester Mary James, who passed away on the 7th inst., daughter of Mr. John James, J.P., churchwarden of Cotgrave, 720 of Bob Minor was rung at Cotgrave with the bells half-muffled, by: L. Henson 1, W. E. White 2, W. Hickling 3, W. White (conductor) 4, J. H. Burton 5, J. P. Hayes 6.

EXETER'S FESTIVITIES.

At St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, on June 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by members of St. Thomas': C. Hosgood 7th quarter-peal 1, E. Hill 2, J. Hosgood 3, F. Wills 4, W. A. Wills 5, P. Wreford (conductor) 6, E. W. Biffin 7, A. H. Goad 8. Rung in connection with festivities for the 800th anniversary of the foundation of the Cathedral.

LADIES' GUILD TITLE.

ANNUAL MEETING DECIDES AGAINST CHANGE.

A most enjoyable and successful gathering was held at Christchurch on July 8th, when members of the Ladies' Guild attended from a wide area for the annual meeting. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and some members had their first experience of twelve bells. Rounds were rung by twelve members of the Guild, but the weight of the bells prevented an attempt at changes by a ladies' band.

Members and friends to the number of 53 sat down to a most enjoyable tea, after which a short service was held.

The business meeting followed, at which the chair was taken by Mrs. R. E. Deal, the vice-president of the Central District, in the unavoidable absence of Miss Evelyn Steel, the president. Two ringing members and one hon. member were elected, viz., Miss M. Hodge, Miss M. Rous, of Christchurch, and Mrs. F. E. Bayley, of Titchfield.

The hon. treasurer presented the accounts, which showed a loss on the year's working, but it was pointed out that two donations amounting to £3 5s. were included in the expenses, which more than accounted for the deficit. The balance in hand at June 30th was £25 2s. 0½d.

The president, Miss Evelyn Steel, was re-elected, as was also the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.

The Secretary reported that in all districts meetings had been held regularly, and were in most cases well attended. She mentioned that the district secretaries have a good deal of trouble in collecting subscriptions, and urged members to pay at the commencement of each financial year. In one district with 59 members, only 26 had paid for the year ending June, 1933.

The form of the new service papers were discussed, and several alterations and additions were made.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE NORTH.

At the request of the Northern District the secretary brought forward four resolutions which had been passed by that district. The first was: 'That the title of the Guild be changed from "The Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers" to "The Women's Guild of Change Ringers," because the members felt that the original title was out of date, and they considered the word "Woman" to be a much nobler title and in every way more comprehensive.'

Miss N. G. Williams, Western District secretary, was of the opinion that if a new Guild were being formed it might be desirable to consider the adoption of the proposed new title, but as the Guild had been in existence for so many years it would be inadvisable to change the present title.

Miss H. F. Mills, Southern District secretary, stated that the matter had been carefully considered at the annual district meeting, and there was no desire to alter the existing title.

Mrs. P. Humphrey pointed out that if the title was adopted, girls would not be eligible for membership. Mrs. Fletcher suggested that a juvenile section might be formed.

Mrs. Fletcher, general secretary, stated that the 'Ladies' Guild' had been in existence 21 years, and even if the name was changed the original title would still be used by the majority of ringers. It would be a pity after so long to change the name. In the years to come, say, 10 or 20 years hence, it would appear as if the Ladies' Guild had lapsed and another Guild had been formed. About 200 badges had been sold with the present title, and they would be useless to the members who had purchased them. Also a peal book had been presented to the 'Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers,' and this would have to be altered. She further stated that she had discussed the matter with ringing friends, and the general opinion was that it would be a great pity to change the name.

Mrs. Richardson, Lincoln district secretary, also spoke against the alteration, which she thought was quite unnecessary.

Mrs. Deal, vice-president of the Central District, stated that the Central District were unanimously in favour of retaining the present title.

There were no speakers for the resolution, the meeting being thus unanimously in favour of 'no change.'

The second resolution had reference to the service papers, and the suggestions were adopted.

THE ROTA OF ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The third resolution, that the annual general meeting be held in each district in turn and not in London every third year, was not agreed to, it being pointed out that by having the meeting every third year in London it was possible for all districts to attend at least every third year, there being excursions to London from all parts, whereas by being held in each district in succession some members would be prevented from attending for much longer periods, as cheap travel across country was not possible.

The fourth resolution, that 'if a representative be sent to the annual general meeting all expenses be paid by her own district,' was not discussed at length, as the income of the Guild would not allow of this expenditure. The Chairman reminded the members that the general secretary, by a resolution passed many years ago, was entitled to 25 per cent. of the annual income of the Guild for travelling expenses, but that she had not drawn a penny. This had enabled the Guild to keep a fairly substantial balance, and she did not think the Northern District fully realised the state of the Guild's finances.

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YORKSHIRE CHANGE RINGING CONTEST.

EIGHT COMPANIES COMPETE FOR HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CUP.

Halifax and District Association held their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Meltham on Saturday, July 15th. The competition consisted of a touch of 600 changes, with three leads practice.

Eight sets had entered for the contest, and two sets of prizes were given, the cup and six clocks going to the winners, while biscuit barrels were given as second prizes.

The draw was made thus: 1 Sandal (Oxford Treble Boh), 2 Liversedge (Oxford), 3 Kirkburton (Oxford), 4 Almondbury (Kent), 5 New Mill (Oxford), 6 Holmfirth (Oxford), 7 Stainland (Oxford), 8 Shelley (Oxford).

Unfortunately, Sandal were not able to take their place as drawn, so were sent last, and had a penalty imposed of ten faults.

An excellent tea was provided, to which over one hundred sat down.

Mr. E. Earnshaw (president) was chairman at the meeting, when the balance sheet was presented and adopted on the motion of Mr. J. Tinker (New Mill), seconded by Mr. W. Dransfield (Almondbury).

Mr. E. Earnshaw (president), Mr. F. Salmons (treasurer) and Mr. L. Hargreaves (secretary) were re-elected.

Mr. W. Idle (Batley) and Mr. E. Whiteley (Meltham) acted as judges for the competition, with Mr. Webster (Meltham) as marker.

The result was as follows: Liversedge, 132 faults; Kirkburton 350 faults; Almondbury, 327 faults; New Mill, 120 faults; Holmfirth, 110 faults; Stainland, 292 faults; Shelley, 171 faults; Sandal, 167 faults and 10 penalty, total 177. Holmfirth were thus winners, with New Mill second.

Mr. Hollingworth presented the cup and prizes, in the absence of the Vicar. Mr. H. Booth (Holmfirth) and Mr. J. Tinker (New Mill) replied on behalf of their ringers.

A vote of thanks was given to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

Mr. H. Booth (Holmfirth) and Mr. J. Fisher (Stainland), the auditors, were duly thanked, as were also the judges and chairman.

STEDMAN TRIPLES AT KNARESBOROUGH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While congratulating the members of the Lancashire Association who recently rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Knaresborough, they were evidently misinformed as to it being the first peal of Stedman on the bells. The first peal in that method rung at Knaresborough was rung on Saturday, October 17th, 1925, at the rededication of the bells, and two of the then local band rang in it—Mr. A. M. C. Field and the late Mr. Fred Smith. The composition was Heywood's No. 1, and the conductor was yours faithfully,

PERCY J. JOHNSON.

ELY ASSOCIATION'S FIRST PEAL OF LONDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of July 7th a peal of London Surprise was published for the Ely Diocesan Association claiming to be the first in the method by the association. This is incorrect, the first peal of London having been rung for that association at Coggeshall on February 14th, 1914, conducted by D. Elliott.

W. KEEBLE.

OXFORD MOVEMENT CENTENARY.

On Friday evening, July 14th, to celebrate the 'Kemble centenary service,' held at St. Michael's Church, Southampton, the following members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, at the request of the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. R. Spread), rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Williams (conductor) 1, C. J. Fray 2, G. Pullinger 3, J. W. Faithfull 4, J. Hill 5, W. Troke (first quarter in method) 6, W. T. Tucker 7, R. Brown 8.

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It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Surfleet, Lincolnshire, the Lincoln District not having had a general meeting in that area.

Mrs. Fletcher proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss C. Sparshott, of Christchurch, who had arranged the meeting, and mentioned that Miss Sparshott had been a member of the Guild since its formation, and it was the first opportunity she had had of attending a meeting. In spite of this, Miss Sparshott had always sent her annual subscription within a month or six weeks after it became due, without any reminder from the secretary, and if all members would follow her good example the task of the district secretaries would be much easier.

Miss Sparshott, in replying, said how delighted she was to welcome the Guild to Christchurch, and she hoped they would come again. A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. G. Preston, to the priest who conducted the service, and to the organist.

Among the visitors was the 'movie' operator of the Surfleet Picture Corporation, with his 'infernal machine,' and a further 90ft. of film recording the doings of the Guild outside the belfry will be added to the collection. If this sort of thing continues, a film censor to the Exercise will have to be appointed in the near future.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5, at Gillings' Tea Rooms, Station Road, by kind invitation of the Rector, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Summer Festival at Leatherhead and Ashted, Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing at both towers from 2.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at Leatherhead at 4.30 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 6d. per head) at the Institute, Leatherhead, at 5.15 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockerling Gardens, Woking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Kirdford on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock till 9. Short service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Half Moon, 1s. each.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be held at Netherseal on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. A good meeting is requested. — A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Adderbury, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Banbury (10) and Deddington (6) will be available in the evening. Good bus services. For tea, kindly notify.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, July 22nd (not Stoney Stanton as arranged). Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited. Any collections for Sir A. P. Heywood's Memorial Fund may be handed in at this meeting. — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Moreton Corbet, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Assistant Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, July 22nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. — F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Churchyard Cottage at 1s. per head. A fete is also being held in the park adjoining the church. 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 Penn (6 bells) on Saturday, July 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — A quarterly district meeting will be held at East Meon on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. West Meon bells (8) available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—G. F. Hoad, Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Glen on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Come and make a real good meeting. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—Ring of six, tenor 14 cwt. Frame and fittings restored and bells recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication, Thursday, July 27th, at 8 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Barking. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —The next meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, July 29th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea. Travelling allowances at this meeting. All ringers welcome, and a good attendance is looked for. A card would be appreciated.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. Adam Blogg, Waterhouse Green, Whittle-le-Woods, not later than Wednesday, July 26th. Business: Election of branch secretary and committee men, also nominations for association vice-president, ringing secretary, treasurer and two auditors. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 29th, at St. Michael's, Mottram-in-Longdendale. Bells ready 3 p.m. A good attendance, please.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, July 29th. Tea, 6d. each, to those who notify W. Bingham, Causeway Head, Dore, by July 26th.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By the invitation of the President (Canon C. C. Marshall) and the ringers of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, a summer meeting will be held at the above tower on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Schools at 5 p.m. No committee meeting or business meeting. The Vicarage gardens will be open to all ringers and friends. Please send in names for tea to Canon C. C. Marshall, St. Chad's Vicarage. — J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Chester on Saturday, July 29th. Service in Cathedral 3.15. Preacher: The Lord Bishop. Annual meeting in the Cathedral Parlour 4. Tea in Refectory 5. Tickets 2s. (members 1s. 6d.) from General Secretary, the Vicar of Middlewich, or from branch secretaries before July 22nd.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Saturday, July 29th, 2 to 9 p.m., at Callington. Bells: Callington (6), Linkinborne (6), St. Mellion (6), Pillaton (6), South Hill (5). Service in Callington Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. — Rev. H. Trehwella, St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North - Western District), **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at Wright's Restaurant 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, July 26th. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Belchamp St. Paul's on Saturday, July 29th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, 25th inst, to enable me to make tea arrangements. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting follows.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at Soham on Saturday, July 29th. Bell (10) 3.15 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. Soham, being rather off the map, please notify the numbers for tea by July 27th latest. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Ashcroft, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Elveden, near Thetford, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited to attend.—R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Suffolk Guild.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Deeping on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in school. Those intending to be present for tea please notify Mr. W. Neal, West Deeping, Peterborough, by Wednesday, July 26th. — C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lines.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Crondall on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please come and help towards the success of this meeting!—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Westerleigh on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow: Kindly let me know for tea by 26th inst. — Frank Skidmore, Hon. Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea, at 9d. per head, supplied to those who notify Mr. H. Chaddock, 59, Lord Street, Rotherham, by Wednesday, July 26th. Please do try to make this a bumper meeting.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at North Shields on Saturday, July 29th. The bells of Christ Church (10, tenor 19 cwt.) will be available from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. each. Members intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible—not later than the 24th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Blackrod Parish Church on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Brightling on Saturday, July 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. All ringers are very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch. —The monthly meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Newent on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15 p.m., free. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the 25th? All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wilden on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by Rector, 5 p.m. Please make an effort to attend. — Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, July 29th, in conjunction with the Yorkshire Association. Business meeting immediately after tea. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds, 12.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Friskney on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. All who intend being present are kindly asked to notify me by first post on Tuesday, July 25th. All ringers will be welcome.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District. — The next meeting of the above district will be held at Llangarron on Saturday, July 29th, at 2.30. It being the bi-centenary of the bells (6), a good meeting is hoped for. Tea, in Parish Hall, at 5 o'clock. Don't forget fishing tackle and please let me know before the 27th inst.—J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The annual branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: Election of officers and fixing date for annual social.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District. — A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Marden on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) available 4 to 8.30 p.m. Tea, at the Volunteer Inn, 5.30 p.m. Please notify me not later than Aug. 2nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stradbroke on Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8) available all day. Tea, 1s. each, at the Queen's Head, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

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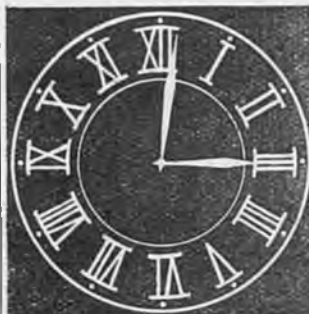
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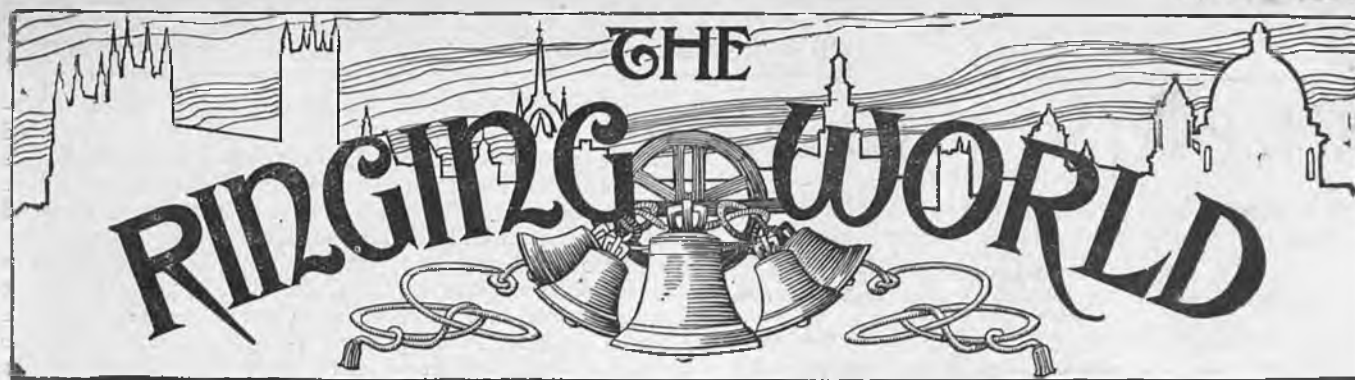
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When the subject comes up again it will be discussed under the new rules, and a bare majority of the Council will carry the day, but one thing seems certain, whatever decision is arrived at, the Council will have to take its courage in both hands and say, after they have arrived at a definition, that they will 'recognise' only peals rung in accordance with it. They cannot prevent anyone ringing what they choose, and calling it a 'peal,' but they can refuse to recognise it if it is not in

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HAROLD PEARCE 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (384). Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. Rung with deeply muffled clappers as a last token of respect to the Rev. F. C. Foote, M.A., Rural Dean of Horton, Hon. Canon of Bradford Cathedral, and Vicar of the above parish, who was interred at Queensbury Parish Church on this date.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, July 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a seventh birthday compliment to Master R. A. Deal, son of the ringer of the 2nd.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 18, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	HARRY A. HOVERD 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIES 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. P. J. Spice and I. Emery. It was I. Emery's 350th peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. COLLUM Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
E. CHARLES PATTEN 2	HARRY A. HOVERD 6
JAMES E. DAVIS 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

* First peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 6
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... 2	RICHARD PAINE 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 3	WILFRED ANDREWS 7
WALTER LINTER 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rung to celebrate the Keble centenary.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. SWINFELD'S ODD AND EVEN BOB IRREGULAR TWENTY-PART, No. 3

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDE 6
J. CHARLES DICKEN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	T. KELHAM DEACON Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has all the 6-7's at backstroke.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	THOMAS K. DRIVER 6
HAROLD HAMER 3	JAMES H. BASTOW 7
JOHN SMITH 4	J. H. C. MASSEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late James Jacques, a greatly respected member of the local band, who was interred on the above date. He was a regular service ringer at the Parish Church for upwards of 40 years, and was also secretary of the Rochdale Branch for several years.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	HARRY LEVIE 5
R. THOMAS HOLDING 2	HARRY F. HOLDING 6
GEORGE PACKER 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
WILLIAM HOPWOOD 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with a bob bell.

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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
MISS MARGARET PACK 2	HERBERT E. AODSLEY 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	FREDERICK J. CULL 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

KIRBY WISKE, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

* R. DUFFIELD Treble	* J. C. POLLARD 4
THOMAS METCALFE 2	* WM. ELLERINGTON 5
* MRS. WARRIOR 3	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Conducted by MRS. WARRIOR.

* First peal of Minor. This was the first peal on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two 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 Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob (rung alternately).

Tenor 8 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

GEORGE R. LIMMER Treble	ALAN R. PINK 4
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	* RONALD H. BULLEN 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	* GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in four methods. † 300th peal.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ARCHIBALD S. TOSLAND ... Treble	JACK BAILEY 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS 2	JACK D. BELL 5
HERBERT W. ABBOTT 3	* PERCY BELL Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the Oxford Movement.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Anne,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Duke of York and Woodbine, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford, called differently.

* GEORGE H. HALL Treble	JAMES STANWAY 4
* JONAH JOLLEY 2	THOMAS HURD 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

First peal. Rung in honour of the conductor's birthday. It is 31 years ago since the last peal, which was also conducted by J. E. Wheelton, was rung on these bells.

WEST DERBY, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Spliced Oxford and Kent and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

FREDERICK WOODWARD ... Treble	HARRY HANCOCK 4
JOHN MCKEE 2	JOHN BROWN 5
JAMES MARTIN 3	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings three years ago. First peal in three methods by all the band except ringer of third, and first with spliced 720 for all the band.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF HORSMONDEN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT RELFE Treble	JAMES BASSETT 4
JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. 2	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. 5
THOMAS FULLER 3	GEORGE WAGHORN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bassett, parents of the ringer of the 4th, also for the birthday of Mr. J. Waghorn, jun. This peal contains seven different compositions, each keeping 5-6 the right way behind.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Childwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

ERNEST BELSON Treble	CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 4
JAMES G. NEWMAN 2	REGINALD J. SCOTT 5
FREDERICK VICKERS 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Cook and Miss Smyth, which took place just previous to the peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. F. LASKEY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 1-2	WALTER J. FORD 5-6
WILLIAM J. WASEY 3-4	HERBERT LASKEY 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. B. DUNCAN.

First 'double-handed' peal in the method by all the band. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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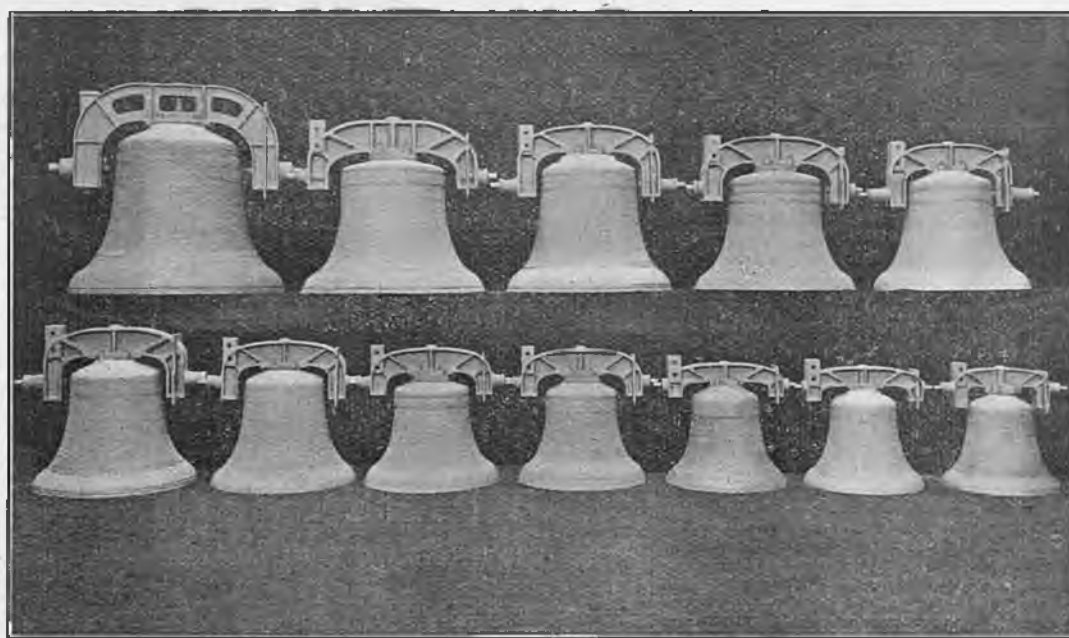
A COMPARISON OF METHODS.

The two accompanying pictures of the old and new bells at Bow Church, Cheapside, illustrate vividly the contrast between the old and the modern methods of hanging bells. The heavy wooden headstocks, which did duty until recently, can be compared with the new iron headstocks designed on

engineering lines. The difference in the shape of the old and new bells can be seen by an examination of the five larger bells in the lower picture. These photographs are reproduced by courtesy of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, who, as is well known, carried out the restoration work.



The old bells and headstocks removed from Bow steeple.



The new ring of 12 with their modern headstocks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DORSET BRANCH MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Wyke Regis on Saturday last, and, as the Wimborne Branch were not holding their usual monthly meeting, it was made a joint gathering. Representatives attended from Bradford Peverell, Bradpole, Bridport, Bournemouth, Corfe Mullen, Dorchester, Evershot, Fordington, Lytchet Minster, Netherbury, Poole, Wareham, Kington Magna, Sydling, Upwey, West Lulworth and Wyke Regis, and visitors from Twyford, Berks, and Evercecech, Somerset. Ringing took place in the afternoon, and the Guild office was conducted by the Rev. C. Edwards. The address was given by the Rector (Rev. E. de B. Thurston). The service was choral, Mrs. Howard being at the organ. The Rector, in his address, said he was going to depart from the usual address on bells and bellringing, and, as it was St. Swithin's Day, tell them about that noted saint, who was a Bishop of Winchester and died in 861.

An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Gray and members of the Women's Union in the Memorial Hall, a company of 51 sitting down.

The business meeting followed. In the absence of the chairman, the Rector at first presided. He welcomed the members to Wyke Regis, and stated by a strange coincidence while in London that week for the commemoration of the centenary of the Oxford Movement he accidentally came across the late Master of the Salisbury Guild, Major Hughes D'Aeth. When the Rector vacated the chair to keep another appointment, his warden, Captain G. Wheeler, presided.

The following new members were elected: Mr. B. Brewin (Wyke Regis), hon. member; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Watts (Wyke Regis), associate members; Mr. H. J. Holton (Upwey), ringing member.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the arrangements were now complete for holding a by-meeting at one of their favourite places, Milton Abbey, on Saturday, August 19th. The quarterly meeting was fixed for Thursday, August 31st, at Frampton. The Secretary said this would give the members who could not attend on a Saturday a chance to attend at least once in the year.

Expressions of sympathy were extended to Mr. F. Stephens (Wyke Regis) and Mr. W. Williams (West Lulworth), who are both in hospital, the latter through a fall down the belfry steps. He has now been in hospital over three months.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, the Rev. C. Edwards, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Gray and the Women's Union, and the local band.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors, Messrs. R. G. Cross, of Twyford, and R. Whitehead, of Evercecech.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

Some excellent practice on the eight bells was afterwards obtained, and the six-bell ringers especially made good progress under the guidance of the Ringing Masters of the North Dorset and Wimborne Branches. An excellent slow fall of the bells in peal concluded the programme at 9.15 p.m. As Wyke Regis and Upwey are now in the borough of Weymouth, the town possesses two peals of bells—an eight and a six.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**HARLINGTON BAND JOINS UP.**

A visit was paid to one of the few six-bell towers in the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association on Saturday, July 15th, when a meeting was held at Harlington. Meetings held here have become famous for the strawberry teas that were provided. Whether it was the knowledge that the strawberry season was over, or whether St. Swithin was exerting some evil influence, is a moot point, but the attendance was disappointing, only some two dozen members and friends attending.

The Rector, Rev. H. W. Reindorp, conducted shortened evensong, when the vice-president, Mr. J. A. Trollope, read the lesson. An enjoyable tea was disposed of in the Church Hall, presided over by the vice-president in the regretted but unavoidable absence of the Rector.

At the subsequent business meeting five of the local band were elected ringing members. Thus, after years of call change ringing, Harlington has made the first step towards 'the light.'

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) asked members to give all the assistance they could, and invited members of the Harlington tower to visit the other towers affiliated to the association.

It was agreed that the hon. secretary purchase fifty copies of the new Central Council leaflet on how to handle a bell, etc. It was hoped, however, to dispose of twice that amount. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of his bells, etc., and to Mr. and Mrs. Portsmouth for providing the tea. Heavy rain marooned the party in the hall for a time, during which the handbells were brought into use and one or two humorous stories told.

The tower bells, a nice ring of six with a tenor of about 7 cwt., were made good use of. Several Doubles and Minor methods, including Surprise, were rung.

Will members and secretaries of neighbouring associations please note the forthcoming meeting dates: August 19th, Ruislip; September 9th, Staines; and October 14th, Hillingdon. The last-named will be a joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting of the I.O.W. District was held at Freshwater on Saturday last. Ringers attended from Carisbrooke, Freshwater, Godshill, Gosport, Newport, Portsmouth, Ryde and Whitwell. The visitors included Messrs. A. E. Richards, of Farnham, near Chester, J. L. Stokes, of Birmingham, and G. H. Straw, of Leicester. Freshwater bells are rather a heavy peal of six, and judging by the 'go' on Saturday appear to be in need of a good overhaul and new ropes, 'splicing' being a prominent item during the meeting. Handbells were made good use of during the 'repairing' intervals.

In the absence of the Rector, owing to R.D. duties, the lay reader, Mr. May, conducted the Guild service, and gave a very interesting address to the members present. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, was served at Gilling's Tea Rooms. In the Rural Dean's absence, Mr. R. J. Stone, of Portsmouth, was voted to the chair, and ably presided over the business.

It was resolved that the office of district president, vacant owing to the recent departure from the Island of the Rev. G. Heald (late Rector of Chale), should be left vacant until the annual meeting in January next.

It was agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Carisbrooke in October, and a by-practice meeting at Godshill on Saturday, September 9th.

The Secretary, Mr. B. J. Snow, on behalf of the district, welcomed the visitors, and thanks were expressed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his kind hospitality in providing tea, also to Mr. Stone for conducting the business.

DISTRICT REARRANGEMENT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at East Meon on Saturday last, when, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Mylne), the peal of eight bells at All Saints' were available to the members. A beautiful afternoon attracted nearly 40 ringers from Alverstoke, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Steep, Swanmore, Wickham, and visitors from Southampton, Ryde, Blackmoor, Alton and Frome. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and continued until 5 o'clock, when tea was partaken of at the George Hotel.

The business meeting was held afterwards, the Master (Mr. G. Williams) being in the chair, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) and district secretary (Mr. A. T. Greenwood). The Vicar of East Meon was elected an honorary member, and several new members were elected from Fareham, Petersfield and the Cathedral.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Alverstoke on Saturday, October 21st, and a by-meeting at Catherington on Friday, August 18th.

It was announced by the general secretary that under the scheme for the re-formation of the districts, which was approved at the annual meeting at Winchester, East Meon would be one of the towers to be placed in the new 'Alton and Petersfield District,' which will operate as from January 1st, 1934.

This met with the unanimous approval of the members present on Saturday.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of East Meon and the Rector of West Meon for the use of their bells, after which the Guild service was held in the church, at which the Vicar addressed those present. Further ringing took place in the evening at both towers, which included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ILCHESTER BRANCH AT SOMERTON.**

A well-attended meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Somerton on Saturday, July 22nd. Touches of London and Cambridge Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. J. Jackson. He also presided at the meeting which followed the tea, and warmly welcomed the branch to Somerton. He was pleased to see such a good gathering, but although he did not know as much about the association as perhaps he ought to, he realised what a good thing it was for ringers to meet together in this way.

The company present included the general secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke) and members from Yeovil, Ilminster, Martock, Langport, Taunton, Somerton, Butleigh, Evercecech, Castle Cary, Kington Magna, Buckland, Newton, etc.

The Rev. L. J. Jackson was elected an hon. member, and five Somerton ringers and four of Montacute were elected members.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind welcome and for making all arrangements concluded the business.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—At St. Paul's Church on Sunday, July 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service: H. Austin 1, S. Ainger 2, J. H. Paulson 3, H. Taylor 4, N. Leech 5, A. Sharp 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, J. MacDonald 8. Arranged for the ringers of 1, 3, 4, 7, who were on a visit from Matlock and Darley Dale.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO WORCESTER RINGER.

A sad fatality has occurred to a well-known Worcester ringer, Mr. Charles G. Bowkett, who met his death by being crushed between the buffers of two rail coaches while carrying out his duties at Shrub Hill Station. The deceased, who was a shop inspector employed by the G.W.R., was on the point of testing the steam heating apparatus of one of the coaches, which was separated from another by about three feet. Although the wheel was scotched, the engine attached to the coach suddenly moved backward, knocking away the 'scotch' and crushing him between the buffers. He was conveyed to hospital, where he died, and at the inquest a verdict of 'Accidental death' was recorded, the engine driver being exonerated from blame, the unexpected movement of the engine being due to the movement of a lever necessary to stop a rush of steam in the engine cab through the blowing of the steam heating valve.

Mr. Bowkett was Master of the Hallow Guild, and had rung regularly at that church for the past 33 years. He was also a member of the St. John's Guild, Worcester. He was not a great peal ringer, but he did a great amount of spade work in teaching beginners.

There was a large attendance at the funeral, and the scene was very impressive.

A guard of honour was formed by members of the G.W.R. staff and Oddfellows from various lodges. Among the ringers present were Messrs. T. Lewis, W. Lewis, W. Edgington (Redditch), A. Hill, J. Hill, J. Woodvatt, W. H. Johnson (Worcester Cathedral and St. John's), W. Ranford (Suckley), T. Green and T. Lane (Hallow).

At St. John's Church on the same evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by F. Barnett 1, J. Woodvatt 2, R. Rowe 3, W. K. Powell 4, W. Lewis 5, T. W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, E. Crump 8. Earlier a 504 Stedman Triples was rung.

A LAKE DISTRICT TOUR.

There is to be a peal ringing tour in the Lake District from August 4th to 13th, and the following is the programme:—

- August 4th: Kendal, 6 p.m.
- 5th: Kirby Stephen and Sedburgh.
- 6th: Orton.
- 7th: Ambleside and Keswick.
- 8th: Cockermouth and Workington.
- 9th: Alcedon and St. Bees.
- 10th: Cleator Moor and Egremont.
- 11th: Hensingham and Silloth.
- 12th: Carlisle, St. Stephen's, and Penrith.
- 13th: Dalton-in-Furness.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE WORTHY PASSES ON.**DEATH OF MR. BEN ETHERIDGE.**

A Gloucestershire worthy in the person of Mr. Benjamin Etheridge, of Maisemore, has passed away at the advanced age of 86 years. Last May he had an attack of giddiness while walking in a lane near his home and was found lying on the ground. He was removed to hospital, where it was found he had fractured a small bone leading to the spine. He gradually became worse and died on July 6th.

Ben Etheridge had many claims to fame. In the first place his cousin is Mr. Harry Etheridge, an American millionaire. Mr. Harry Etheridge was in England several times recently, and visited Maisemore, the place of his birth, in 1928.

His cousin Ben remained in Gloucestershire all his life, and became exceedingly well known in the district.

For a great number of years Ben was the postman at Maisemore. He was the first man in the district to build and ride his own 'penny-farthing' bicycle. He used it in his work of delivering and collecting letters. Although, of course, Mr. Etheridge forsook his old 'penny-farthing' when later machines were designed, he never gave up cycling while he was working. Three years ago at the age of 83 he retired, and it was then and only then that he ceased to use his bicycle. He estimated that he had covered 130,000 miles in the course of his work.

Mr. Etheridge was the oldest ringer in the Gloucester Branch of the Diocesan Association.

A large congregation attended the funeral, which took place at the Parish Church on July 11th. The Rector (Canon F. Billett) officiated, and the service was choral. The bearers were Messrs. W. H. Harris (branch secretary), S. Romans (branch chairman), J. Williams and E. Davis, who, after the committal, rang two courses of Grandsire Triples over the grave. Many towers in the diocese were represented, and the bells were rung half-muffled. Flowers were sent from the Gloucester Branch.

In the evening 720 of Bob Minor was rung half-muffled under the conductorship of Mr. J. Austin.

On Thursday, July 13th, a muffled peal was attempted in memory of Mr. Etheridge at St. Mary-de-Crypt Church, Gloucester, but was unfortunately brought to grief after 2 hours 50 mins. excellent ringing owing to the Rector entering the ringing chamber. Another peal attempt was lost at Barnwood after 1 hour 50 minutes through the breaking of a rope.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, May 14th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. G. H. Spice 1, G. Kenward 2, Mrs. E. H. Spice 3, E. H. Spice 4, W. E. Spice 5, W. Spice, sen., 7, G. H. Spice (conductor) 8. A birthday quarter-peal for Mrs. Spice, sen.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal of Horsmonden Bob Minor was rung at Lamberhurst, Kent, on Saturday. The method is given on page 21 of the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' and is described on page 113 as one of the methods in which 6-5's are inevitable. But the peal rung consisted of seven different compositions, each keeping 5-6 the right way behind. Two of the 720's were Nos. 75 and 76 on page 101.

The jubilee commemoration dinner of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs is to be held at Wolverhampton on November 4th.

RINGERS' ANTHOLOGY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some of your readers may remember a letter published in 'The Ringing World' a few months ago in which I asked for material for a ringers' anthology of prose and verse. It may interest those who so kindly responded to that appeal to know that the collection is now ready for the Press. Since, however, the book, if published, would necessarily have only a very limited sale among the general public, it will be necessary to guarantee that at least 750 copies will be disposed of in order to produce the thing at a cost of 5s.

I should, therefore, be very grateful if all who are willing to buy a copy would inform me as soon as possible, in order that it may be ascertained whether or not publication is feasible.

The book would contain about 170 pages, and would consist of selections from the works of many different types of authors, both humorous and serious. It is also hoped to include a number of black and white drawings.

(REV.) C. E. WIGG.
Hampton Road, High Wycombe.

THE DANGERS OF 'CLOCKING'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I had hoped someone who is more able than I am would explain to an inquirer writing in your issue of July 7th the dangers of bell clocking. It is quite possible and surprisingly easy to break a bell by giving it heavy blows in quick succession, and to momentarily hold the clapper against the side by a rope attached to the clapper. The reason is that the clapper tends to check the vibration in the locality of the blow, and a bell will not stand up to a very heavy blow if it cannot vibrate freely. One may say this could not happen with a careful operator. Perhaps not, but his place may be taken on some occasion by an ignorant or careless person. The remedy is never to allow a rope to be attached to the clapper.

With a properly constructed chiming apparatus, properly fitted and in good order this danger is hardly present, but it should be noted that if the bells get on the swing the chiming hammer may meet the bell coming towards it, or may strike the bell too low on the lip, thus causing damage. Clock hammers seldom cause damage unless they are allowed to rest on the bell instead of on the spring. Bellringers who go into a strange tower and start ringing without making sure that everything is clear should in future be advised to stay at home.

If chiming gear must be used, frequent examinations should be made to ascertain that all is in order.

Mr. Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing' gives a list of 22 bells in the London district, nearly all tenors, cracked by 'clocking' for funerals.

W. A. OSBORN.
Galhampton, Somerset.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS' FIRST PEAL.

TABLET UNVEILED AT COLERNE.

An interesting ceremony took place on Sunday afternoon, July 16th, at the Parish Church of Colerne, Wilts, when a tablet was dedicated recording the first peal rung by a band of Royal Arch Masons. After preliminary touches on the fine ring of eight bells, the hymn, 'Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore Him,' was sung, as the surpliced choir and clergy made their way in procession to the foot of the tower, where the tablet has been hung. The Rector, Rev. H. W. St. Leger Chambers, in a few well-chosen words, expressed his pleasure in accepting the tablet on behalf of the parish, after which the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) read the first part of the dedication service.

The Rector then unveiled and dedicated the tablet, using the form issued by the Salisbury Guild, and the brief ceremony concluded with the hymn, 'Angel voices, ever singing.'

The tablet, designed by Mr. A. Prince, the conductor of the peal, and skilfully executed by Mr. H. Cross, of Bath, is an exceptionally fine example of craftsmanship, and won universal admiration. The record of the peal is surrounded by numerous masonic symbols, in which both Latin and Hebrew inscriptions are introduced. The lettering is clear and dignified, and the rich colouring highly effective.

Unfortunately three of the original band were unable to attend. Companions W. Bolton, E. Bishop, W. H. L. Buckingham, F. Ll. Edwards and A. Prince were present, and with the assistance of other ringers from the neighbourhood well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples were rung after the dedication and again for evensong, at which the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards occupied the pulpit.

HIGH COURT ACTION OVER BELLS.

Application for Injunction.

AMICABLE SETTLEMENT ARRIVED AT.

A case concerning church bells came before the High Court last week, when, in the Chancery Division, before Mr. Justice Luxmoore, Mr. Manley Collins, who lives in West Heath Drive, Golders Green, sought an injunction to restrain the Rev. H. Trundle, Vicar of St. Alban's, West Heath Drive, 'and all persons acting under his direction,' from tolling or ringing the bells of the church so as to cause any nuisance, disturbance or annoyance to Mr. Collins or his family.

The defence was a denial that the bells were a nuisance.

Mr. F. R. Evershed, K.C., for Mr. Collins, said what was complained of in this case was the early morning ringing which, on Sundays, had been so loud and so long that sleep was impossible. There was evidence that on Wednesdays the bells rang from 6.45 to seven o'clock in the morning, and that on another occasion they were rung continuously from ten p.m. to 11.30 p.m. The latter, it was supposed, was for practice.

Mr. Evershed said that Mr. Collins suggested that they should not be rung before early morning service.

The Judge: They must be rung. I do not know any church in the country where it is not done.

Mr. Evershed said that, when a motion in connection with the action was heard, an undertaking was given to Mr. Justice Farwell that the bells should not be rung except at specified hours.

Mr. Ernest Hamilton, petrol dealer, West Heath Drive, said he complained of long spells of ringing without stop, and the strange times at which they took place. The bells woke him up on a Sunday morning. He wrote a letter saying that since the new church was built life had become quite intolerable, and complaining of the 'unpleasant and nerve-shattering din.'

The bells rang at seven o'clock in the evening when he was sitting down to dinner. The ringing had not improved his nerves, and he had taken steps to sell his house because of the noise.

Mr. C. J. Conway, K.C. (for the defence), asked Mr. Hamilton to what church he belonged.

'I usually play golf on Sunday,' replied witness, who added that he was an agnostic.

Evidence was given by various witnesses that the bells disturbed them. Mr. F. D. J. Mackintosh said the 'unmelodious sound' had disturbed his rest.

Mr. George Henry Lewis Marcus Samuel, cigar importer, West Heath Drive, N.W., said the ringing of the bells in the evening had kept his youngest child awake. 'The chimes are rapid and continuous, and they multiply into a great jangle.'

Mr. W. K. Hales, M.P., who lives in West Heath Drive, complained of the continuous chiming of the new bells. 'If they were ringing outside this Court, your lordship would have to stop them before we could continue,' he said.

Cross-examined, Mr. Hales agreed that he sometimes found the House of Commons an irritable place, but he threw off any irritation when he left there. The chiming of Big Ben, he confessed, sometimes came in at awkward moments (laughter).

Mr. Conway: Do you play golf on Sunday?—It is an old man's game! I have not started yet (laughter).

Plaintiff, who is a property owner and moneylender, said he wrote to the Vicar saying the nervous condition of members of his household had been affected by the ringing of the bells. The bells averaged about 130 strokes a minute.

On the third day of the hearing, as soon as Mr. Justice Luxmoore took his seat, he said that it would be a lamentable thing if the case continued. Counsel then consulted with the judge in his private room.

Mr. F. R. Evershed, K.C., for Mr. Collins, subsequently stated that his client and Mr. Trundle had agreed on terms for modifying the ringing of the bells.

'Mr. Trundle does recognise,' observed Mr. C. J. Conway, 'that Mr. Collins, in bringing the action, was actuated by perfectly honest motives. He thought he had a legal grievance, but the legal aspect would never be decided. The parties have shaken hands, and I suggest that, on this occasion, we ought to have a peal of bells' (laughter).

His lordship said the parties had been well advised. All proceedings were stayed on the terms agreed.

The bells at St. Alban's, Golders Green, are not a ringing peal. There are ten bells played by a clavier.

We understand that the arrangement arrived at provides for chiming a single bell for five minutes before 8 a.m. service, and chiming all the bells for a quarter of an hour before the ordinary morning and evening services.

QUARTER-PEAL ON RESTORED RING.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on Sunday, July 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Wright 1, R. Edwards 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8. First quarter-peal on the bells since being rehung by J. Taylor and Co.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

FESTIVAL AT SWANSEA.

The tenth annual festival of the Guild was held at Swansea on Saturday, July 15th, when ringers from all parts of the diocese attended. The festival service was held in St. Mary's Church at 5 p.m., the preacher being Canon W. T. Havard. In his address he said it was a great pleasure to welcome the Guild to St. Mary's for their annual festival, and paid a glowing tribute to the work of the ringers. Before closing his most interesting address, Canon Havard stated that St. Mary's would always welcome the Guild whenever they wished to hold their festival at Swansea.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese, who read the lesson, pronounced the Benediction.

After service, tea was partaken of at Messrs. David Evans by kind invitation of Canon Havard.

At the annual meeting which followed, the Lord Bishop presided. The accounts were presented and passed as correct.

The president (the Lord Bishop of the diocese) was re-elected, as also were the vice-presidents, with the addition of Canon W. T. Havard.

The following officers were also re-elected: Master of the Guild, Mr. S. T. Rackham, Gilwern; hon. treasurer, Mr. Chas. Powell, Brecon; hon. secretary, Mr. L. T. Havard; hon. auditor, Mr. E. I. Rowlands.

Mr. Gwynne Lewis, Cadoxton, was appointed to represent the Guild at the next Central Council meeting. The Rev. W. Wilmer was elected to serve on the committee vice the Rev. H. O. Williams. The other committee members were re-elected en bloc.

It was decided that the annual festival for 1934 should take place at Brecon.

With regard to the ringing competition next year, Mr. Stich stated that Canon D. M. Jones, Llanelly, had extended the Guild a hearty invitation to Llanelly (Carm). The Canon's invitation was accepted, and the secretary was instructed to thank him for his kindness.

On the proposition of Mr. E. Stich (Aberavon), seconded by Mr. J. Williams (Gorseinon), it was resolved that the names of the Guild's officials shall be printed in the next issue of the 'Ringers' Directory.'

Considerable discussion took place with regard to the Guild's report, to the cost of which the hon. treasurer drew attention. It was decided that instead of printing the reports annually they should be issued every three years, the whole position to be reviewed at a later meeting.

Mr. G. Lewis (Cadoxton) raised the question of medals to be presented to the shield winners, and it was resolved that in future the secretary be empowered to purchase more suitable medals as advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Havard for entertaining the ringers to tea, and for the use of the St. Mary's bells throughout the day.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BANBURY BRANCH PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Adderbury on Saturday in glorious weather. The fine peal of eight were set going soon after 2.30 p.m., and ringing continued amid profuse perspiration until the service at four o'clock, which was conducted by Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, Vicar of Adderbury, the chairman of the branch. The vice-chairman, Rev. A. L. E. Williams, Vicar of Banbury, preached the sermon, and a collection was taken for the Guild restoration fund.

Some seventy ringers sat down to the tea kindly provided by Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, and the business meeting followed. Once again the secretary was able to record a very satisfactory year's progress; the number of honorary and ringing members had increased, with a consequent improvement in funds. Swalecliffe bells had been restored during the year, and it was pleasing to have Rev. A. Foreman Cox, the Vicar of Swalecliffe, at the meeting, who proposed the election of ten Swalecliffe ringers as members of the Guild. Rev. A. F. Cox also invited the branch to make Swalecliffe the next place of meeting, and this was gratefully accepted.

After the re-election of the various officials, Mr. R. T. Hibbert and Mr. A. J. Wright each had a congratulatory message—and something further. They urged the members to profit by the fine example of their late Master, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and to live up to the high standard he set by a hearty backing-up of the officials, that the Guild might not slip back, but that it might become the finest monument to the memory of that beloved man and the memorial he himself would wish to have.

Besides the ringers and clergy of many of the towers in the branch there were present visitors from Abingdon, Faringdon, Bicester, Oxford, Enstone, Warwick and Exeter. Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master), Mr. Hibbert (general secretary), and Mr. A. J. Wright (general treasurer) were also present.

The neighbouring towers of Banbury and Deddington were open, and good use was made of these bells, as well as of those of Adderbury, during the evening. Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major being among the methods rung.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 455.)

THE DISCUSSION ON PEALS OF MINOR.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, continuing the discussion on the Minor resolutions, said the Council had just agreed to an alteration of their rules under which they expected the affiliated societies to carry out any rule that the Council liked to pass, even if it concerned such a thing as the ringing of peals. That involved an obligation on their part that they should not do anything which might in any shape or form be contrary to the best interests or the improvement of the Exercise. History taught them that when ringing had been flourishing there had been continually going on a process of breaking or of adapting old rules, but throughout history, from the time changes were invented, they had never got beyond two principles—truth and completeness. But rules had altered. There was the rule that change ringing should be done in whole pulls; then someone broke it and rang changes in half-pulls. There was the rule that no peal should be less than 5,040 changes, then someone said, 'Why not ring 5,008 on eight bells?' And in more recent times people had found the benefits of spliced ringing on six and eight bells, and they had broken the rules to do it; and so with the Little methods. And they would find that that would have to happen in the future, for this reason, not only in ringing, but in every human activity progress was made by trial and error. They had to experiment. When ringing was progressing in the eighteenth century they were continually doing these things. Then they came to a period in the nineteenth century when they got little or no improvement, and the standard of the ringers went down both intellectually and socially. Now, in the last 50 years, ringing had advanced and the standard of ringers had risen. It did not follow, continued Mr. Trollope, that if they made these new rules everyone was to ring these things: it was simply that they must not do anything that would discourage a forward movement. It had been said that these rules would let in a lot of things that were rubbish; he thought they need have no fears on that score. No one would go for a peal and ring the first lead over again before going on to the second, and then the second again before going on to the next; ringers did not do these things, and they could safely ignore such fears. To allow a little latitude was in the best interests of the Exercise. When he took part in the peal of Oxford Treble Bob, composed by Mr. Turner, he did not consider he did anything to lower the intellectual standard, and it was very much better to ring a peal of Minor with the tenors always the right way than having them frequently the wrong way. But although he took part in a peal of this kind, he did not ask anybody else to do so if they did not want to. He certainly did not consider he was lowering the standard of ringing; rather was he encouraging that spirit of looking forward, experimenting and getting the best out of the art.

'A HOPELESS JUMBLE.'

Mr. P. J. Johnston asked the Council if they realised where these resolutions of Mr. Wood and Mr. Coles would lead them? He disagreed with Mr. Trollope as to the way in which the standard of length of a peal had developed; he suggested that the standard for a peal of Major was set up by the limit of physical effort, but because a peal on eight bells was reduced from 5,040 changes to 5,000, it did not justify them in reducing the number in a 720 to 719.

Mr. Trollope: I did not say that, and I did not mean it, either.

Mr. Johnston said that was what was implied by those who had spoken in favour of these motions; if it wasn't, then these gentlemen did not know what they were speaking about (laughter). There certainly were not 720 changes, in what was called the first 720, in the Bankes James composition. They had been told they ought not to come to any decision that was contrary to the desires expressed by certain people. What was it caused them to arrive at the decision with regard to what were called legitimate methods, when they came to the conclusion only to accept methods that had Bob Major lead-ends? Some of them would remember Oxford Surprise, a method by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, which was said to be far more difficult than London. There had been no peals of that rung since the Council's decision, because it did not produce Bob Major lead-ends? If the five and six-bell ringers wanted to ring these irregular things, let them ring them—the Council had no right to say they should not ring them—but to say that the people who rang them should decide for the whole Exercise what should be the standard of a peal was another matter altogether (hear, hear). Mr. Wood wanted to make an exception of the Bankes James arrangement. If they were going to admit exceptions, the Council would have to decide on all the various experiments that were made before coming to a conclusion whether they were worth ringing or not. He would ask the six-bell ringers whether they did not get enough scope by spliced ringing, and whether it was not better than ringing the Bankes James arrangement? By splicing they did ring complete extents of 720 changes; under the Bankes James principle they did not do so. Paragraph 4 of Mr. Coles' motion, which, literally interpreted, meant that they could ring the whole 5,040 as they wished—it was a hopeless jumble—provided that no change occurred more than seven times ('No.'). If they were going to carry this resolution they were going to admit as peals things that any tyro or schoolboy could produce, and they would have to come many miles

at great expense to deliberate on things that were not worth deliberating on at all.

Mr. J. Hunt said, as a sensible body of ringers, sent by the associations because they were supposed to have a little bit of intelligence, he appealed to the Council to squash these motions once and for all, and say that every 720 in a peal should begin from and finish with rounds. Mr. Hunt referred to the Isham peal which, he said, consisted of seven 360's, ending with a single and then another seven 360's, ending with another single. That, as a plain ringer, was what he called piffle and nothing but rubbish (laughter). His association had rung none of these things. Mr. Dyke, in the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association's report, this year had put forward a thing which they had known for the last 40 or 50 years, that if ringers wanted more than the old ten six-scores of Grandsire Doubles they could use Extremes, and they could get 42 different 720's starting from and finishing with rounds. If they wanted anything more they could have 60 Grandsire Doubles and 60 of Stedman coupled together with singles, and they would have a true extent. That was what he (the speaker) called real progress. He urged the members of the Council to vote for the amendment.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said he had been of opinion that, since the Analysis Committee accepted these peals, they were practically recognised by the Council. Fancy, he said, a schoolmaster saying to his pupils, 'Here is a rule; if you don't like it you can do as you like.' That was what this motion said with regard to the 720's. 'If you do not like them you can ring a 5,040 in any other way and we will accept it.' Could they say in the face of that that they were leading the Exercise? The theory of Mr. Bankes James arrangement might be absolutely true, but in practice it was false. Despite all the arguments of the highbrows, they did not start to ring their 5,040 with the backstroke. If they wanted to ring a composition of Minor which did not consist of seven 720's they should not say it was true, because it wasn't. If they wanted to ring it they should not call it a peal, they should call it 5,040 changes.

'AN EXPERIMENTAL CONCESSION.'

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said it was impracticable to retard the wheels of progress. This kind of experiment would go on, and the best thing they could do was to make it clear in the resolution that it was only an experimental concession. He suggested that paragraph 4 of Mr. Coles' motion should read: 'That any departure from the above standards is not encouraged; but that in view of the present experimental stage of development in composition any arrangement of 5,040 changes in an acknowledged method or methods may be recognised as a peal, provided that no change is rung more (or less) than seven times in a peal of Minor, or 42 times in a peal of Doubles, and that the whole starts from and ends with rounds. Such a peal may be lengthened, provided that no change is rung more than once for each additional 720 (or 120) changes, and that the whole ends with rounds.'

Mr. A. D. Barker said the Council had just passed a resolution urging five and six-bell ringers to ring peals in more than one method, and, if possible, peals of Minor in not less than seven methods. Those who wanted to ring seven 720's of Cambridge Minor had eight compositions which would keep the tenors the right way, which ought to be quite enough without calling on the ingenious arrangement of Mr. Bankes James. There were other methods in which they could not get seven 720's with the tenors the right way, but he hoped everyone would support Mr. White's amendment. If they did he was quite sure they would please the six-bell ringers.

In replying to various points raised in the discussion, Mr. Wood said he thought Mr. Coles had made out a very good case for the Bankes James arrangement, but not so good a case for the rest of his own motion. His (Mr. Wood's) case for the Bankes James arrangement was that if they wanted it let them have it honestly as an exception to the rule. He did not consider Mr. Coles' motion was logical, because, first of all, he wanted to discourage certain peals and then said, 'Let us let them in.' That was not the way to discourage them. Mr. Edwards had said something about the present experimental stage of composition. Experiments in composition were not confined to 1933; they had been going on since about 1600. It would be of no use to have a temporary motion; they would always be experimenting. The one question they had to ask themselves was, 'Is it in the interests of ringing that this arrangement should be rung?' They were not concerned in his motion with anything about starting at backstroke, or whether rounds came first or last, or whether, even this peal was true; they were there to say whether they would accept it as being for advancement in the right direction. That was all he asked them to vote on. His motion was included in Mr. Coles' motion, and those who were prepared to support Mr. Coles must, to be logical, vote for his also. With those who would vote for the amendment he had a good deal of sympathy, but he asked them to bear in mind that the amendment was not going to end the trouble. He asked them to give as unanimous a vote as possible to let in the Bankes James composition as an exception and nothing else.

'AMENDMENT IS HYPOCRISY.'

Mr. Coles, also replying, flatly contradicted Mr. Hunt that his association had not rung any of these special compositions, and said that peals of Grandsire Doubles rung by the Bath and Wells Association

between 1926 and 1932 included six in which Pitman's or Morris' arrangements or both appeared. With regard to the mover and the seconder of the amendment, who said that ringers did not want these compositions, he pointed out that their own association, the Midland Counties, had rung Morris' arrangement probably more than any other association, and their own secretary called it so often that many people thought it was his own composition. Further, they passed a resolution in 1930 declining to recognise peals which included these compositions, but that did not prevent them publishing in their report for 1931 a peal of Cambridge Minor rung on these lines. Did they have the courage to withdraw it? asked Mr. Coles. 'They didn't,' was his reply. Moreover, they rang the Pitman and Morris arrangements in a peal that most people would have taken exception to, a peal which included both Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. 'I say their amendment is hypocrisy,' said Mr. Coles, 'and they have been driven into this position by Mr. Willson's "hopelessly false" resolution at Chelmsford.' As to the position of the Council, Mr. Coles said they had accepted these peals. Whether the Analysis Committee had been justified in putting them in the analysis or not by the rules of the Council, no protest had been made, and no protest was made when the Analysis Committee's report was brought up that day. Mr. Johnson had said that under his (the speaker's) motion they would be allowed to ring a hopeless jumble, but he pointed out that his motion provided for the peal being rung only in a recognised method.

Mr. Johnson: What I said was that paragraph 4 was a hopeless jumble, not the methods ('Oh!!').

Mr. Coles said that was not what he understood Mr. Johnson to say. He went on to suggest that the old seven 720's had become much too easy for the average conductor, and his resolution would permit them to ring things which were harder, such, for instance, as the varieties of 240's and 360's published by Mr. Lindoff. Mr. Coles said if his own motion were defeated, he would be bound to vote for Mr. Wood's, but he would point out that Mr. Wood's motion did nothing for the five-bell ringers—it did not mention Doubles.

The President: It was intended that it should.

Mr. Coles said he hoped the Council would pass his resolution; it would end the controversy once and for all, and the way would be quite clear. If the resolutions were passed there would be no fear of ringers departing from recognised methods; neither did it mean that ringers would have to ring these things if they did not wish to ring them.

The President said Mr. Wood's motion was intended to cover Doubles similarly. It was absolutely his (the president's) mistake in passing on the motion. There should have been in the motion a paragraph that a peal of Doubles should consist, in general, of 42 extents.

Mr. W. E. White mentioned, with regard to the peal in the Midland Counties Association's report, referred to by Mr. Coles, that as soon as it was noticed it was deleted, and it was not recorded in the association's peal book. The peal was cancelled, and now when a peal was rung, if the composition was not given, they asked where the figures were to be found.

The amendment was then put to the meeting, and the President announced that it was carried by 44 votes to 26. This was greeted with applause, and on being put as a substantive motion there was again a majority in favour, but as, under the old rules which governed the meeting, matters outside the private business of the Council had to be carried by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the meeting, and this majority not being obtained, the President had to announce that it was not carried by the requisite number. The position, therefore, remains exactly as it was before the meeting.

WARWICK FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

The next business was the place for the next meeting. The President said two places had been suggested—Warwick and Wolverhampton. The Standing Committee did not make any definite recommendation, but it was the turn of the Midlands to have a meeting.

Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford) gave an invitation to the Council to visit Wolverhampton.—This was seconded by Alderman Pritchett.

Warwick was proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and seconded by Mr. J. H. White.

On being put to the vote, Warwick was selected.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the following grants were made to the various memorial schemes for which appeals had been received:—

Five guineas to the Law James memorial at Surfleet.

Ten guineas to the memorial to Sir Arthur Heywood at Duffield.

Three guineas to the memorial to Mr. H. W. Wilde.

Three guineas to the memorial to Mr. Edwin Barnett.

A vote of thanks to the president was passed on the motion of Canon Elsec, and the President then proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned in the meeting and social arrangements: to the Skippers' Company for the use of the hall; the Worshipful Master of the Company for his welcome; to the societies and their representatives on the joint committee who had arranged the social programme; to the Middlesex County Association for their hospitality in inviting the members of the Council and their friends to tea; to the authorities at the South Kensington Museum; to H.M. Office of Works for the use of the bells at the Imperial Institute; and the incumbents of the

various churches for similar facilities in regard to their bells; and to the respective steeplekeepers; also to the Rector of St. Clement Danes' for the use of the vestry at that church for the meeting of the Standing Committee on the preceding day.

This concluded the business, and the Council then rose.

The report of the round of social events connected with the meeting of the Council has already been reported in our columns.

MR. COLES' REPLY TO MR. GEORGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should have thought that my letter contained enough evidence to show Mr. George was fully aware of the creation of the tablet at Painswick, and that he was a party to it, to satisfy anyone, but he evades all I said, and still asks for proof. Well, I have no desire to go all over the ground again: the evidence is there, and the proof. As regards my statement at the Council meeting, I still say that Mr. George made no protest. This is proved by Mr. George himself, who admits that his letter to Mr. Wright was not written until the following September, i.e., nearly twelve months too late. My statement as to Mr. George's wishes I am not in a position to prove, and for that reason only I withdrew it. The evidence against Mr. George is quite good enough without it, and it can go.

Mr. George had a great responsibility as an hon. member of the Central Council, and should have repudiated the whole business. Instead, he attended the unveiling ceremony and forced the Council to take the only action open to it, consistent with its dignity. He then saw his error. At this year's meeting his friends tried to stage a 'come back' for him by putting in hearsay evidence and statements that Mr. George had had nothing to do with the matter, although all the available evidence proves exactly the opposite. My only regret is that I relied on hearsay evidence when putting up my protest, instead of putting in the facts which can be proved by anyone who takes the trouble to read 'The Ringing World' regularly. I still consider my protest was justified, and that the attempt to have Mr. George reinstated should never have been made, especially with the unsatisfactory evidence put in on his behalf.

C. T. COLES.

ANTIQUITY (?) CHALLENGED.

BY IRENÆUS.

Thryberga, a stone's throw from Rotherham, was a known place before the days of William the Conqueror, and was mentioned in Domesday Book. Now it is mentioned in something just as famous, to wit, 'The Ringing World.'

I am no Thrybergonian, nor am I Rotherhamite, or Eborencian, or 'of antiquarian turn of mind with musical quality thrown in.' No, I am one of two VANDALS who received instructions to inspect the old bells (1821) and frame and report in writing to the Rotherham Church Council.

Now, when Mr. Dawe was throwing in the effulgence of his antiquarian mind, plus the musical quality, plus the 'baking, boiling, broiling and drowning,' before the 'C.C.'—reader, in future 'C.C.' has a cryptic significance, it stands for 'cookery class'—and after he had 'drowned' nothing except common sense, he tried to make everybody there believe he knew more about Rotherham old 10 than anyone else. P'raps he does; p'raps he doesn't! I, being an 'up-to-date'! and a vandal! am pitting inherited antiquarian 'taste' with his acquired antiquarian turn of mind. Battle Royal will I do with him on the old Rotherham 10, and will in the end TRIUMPH, not only over Mr. Dawe, but over physical disability.

Now, reader, when I started this rejoinder I intended to give Mr. Dawe a sample of what I deem to be bells of antiquarian value. However, one now decides to use those opening remarks as a foil leading up to a challenge!

In the near future (D.V.), and with the editor's permission, gladly will I give you a genuine example of antiquity—which hangs in Thrybergh tower.

Here's my challenge to Mr. Dawe: Who cast the eighth bell in the old ten at Rotherham? Was she a 'maiden,' born in the province of Canterbury? or was she 'hatched' and 'chipped' in the province of Eborencia?

If Mr. Dawe can answer those questions it will go a long way towards making me believe he does know, at least, a little about Rotherham old ten.

Rotherham bells of to-day ARE BELLS! Formerly they were not! To-day you may find inscribed in facsimile what history was left—by the vandals of 1821—you will also find to-day bells with a musical quality 'put in' (happy phrase)—not thrown in. In conclusion if, when one answers the 'home' call, these vandalistic bones of mine should be crumbling 'neath a nameless mound, of a truth my anonymous footprints in Rotherham steeple will be—my memorial!

BOLTON RINGER'S DEATH.

For evening service with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. John Catterall, a member of the band at St. Bartholomew's Church, Bolton, Lancs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with the six-scores spliced on Lindoff's principle: H. Weall 1, R. Knowles 2, T. Longworth 3, E. Edwards 4, Peter Crook, sen. (conductor) 5, J. Aspden 6.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

A SILVER CUP FOR GOOD STRIKING.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association held in Kilkenny on Whit Monday was attended by members from Arklow, Bray, Dublin (three towers), and the local company. The bells of St. Carice's Cathedral (eight) were placed at the disposal of the ringers, and some good touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were brought round.

Luncheon was served in Lewis' Hotel, 75 members sitting down, after which the business was proceeded with, the president (Mr. W. H. Wilson) being in the chair.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. R. Lynch, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson, Bray; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Dublin was selected for the next annual meeting.

The attendance shield was carried off by St. George's, Dublin, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and St. Saviour's, Arklow, each with 100 per cent.

A discussion arose as to getting a new trophy to be awarded for progress. It was considered that funds would not permit, but Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., kindly offered a silver cup for an annual competition in striking. Needless to say, this offer was accepted and Mr. Murphy thanked for his kindness.

The formation of a fund out of which towers getting their bells renovated could be assisted, caused a lively discussion. The result was that Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., offered a gentleman's gold watch, and Mr. J. Hutchinson, P.C. a lady's gold watch, as prizes in a 'stop watch' competition, the gentleman's watch to go to the gentleman making the nearest guess, and the lady's to the nearest lady. The proceeds at twopence per guess will go to the fund. These kind offers were gladly accepted, and Mr. Murphy and Mr. Hutchinson warmly thanked.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Dean for granting the use of the bells, and to the chairman for presiding.

LAVENHAM'S ANNIVERSARY.

The Lavenham Society celebrated the 122nd 'ringing day' on June 24th, when many touches, each of short length, were rung in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. Fourteen towers were represented by visiting ringers; notably amongst them being Messrs. E. Alex. Young, G. Fardon, F. Claydon, A. Saunders, D. Elliott and Miss Hilda Snowden, an aspiring Essex ringer. During the tea hour some of the handbell novices tried their abilities at double-handed ringing. One of the ringers present, Mr. D. A. S. Symonds, is the fifth generation of that family to attend these annual gatherings.

HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY ARTHUR CRAVEN.

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The first peal in the method was rung at Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire, on July 15th, 1933, conducted by J. D. Johnson.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE CLASHING OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The Rochester district's choice of Tunstall for the last quarterly meeting for the year proved to be entirely suitable, touches of Spiced Major and cricket in alternate courses being successful in relieving congestion in the somewhat small ringing chamber. The local company were at full strength, and were supported by members from Sittingbourne, Queenborough, Maidstone, Rainham, Chatham, Rochester, Frindsbury, Gravesend, Northfleet and Crayford.

The service was conducted by the Rector, who is an honorary member of the association. The presence of Mr. G. H. Wills, one of the churchwardens, who is also an honorary member, was very much appreciated by the ringers, as was also the attendance of the choir, ably led by Mrs. G. E. Spice, one of the local company, who officiated at the organ. During the singing of the last hymn a collection was made in aid of the benevolent fund of the association.

Tracks were then made to the Church Hall, at which upwards of 60 sat down to partake of the splendid tea which Mr. Spice had generously provided, and to which everyone present did ample justice.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding, supported by Mr. G. H. Wills, Messrs. Spice and Belsey, district representatives, and the district secretary. An apology was sent by Mr. Mitchell, general secretary, who was unable to be present.

Rochester Cathedral was chosen for the annual district meeting, the date being left for the secretary to arrange with the Dean as convenient.

The secretary read a letter received from the Lewisham district secretary regarding a resolution adopted at their last meeting dealing with the clashing of dates of the meetings in the Rochester and Lewisham Districts, and also his reply to this letter. The members endorsed the secretary's preliminary action and voted unanimous support for every attempt to be made to bridge this difficulty.

A resolution was also passed to extend the scope of the arrangement of dates of district meetings so as to embrace all districts. The matter is to be brought up at the next general committee meeting.

In addition to touches on the tower bells, which included London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, a notable touch, amongst others on handbells, was one of Grandsire Triples by Mr. Spice, two sons and his daughter-in-law.

At the Church Hall, before reassembling at the tower, the Secretary explained that this was Mr. Spice's jubilee year. The response to three hearty cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Spice it was feared would cause the clouds to burst, but the weather remained fairly kind to the last.

AN INVITATION MEETING.

There was a memorable gathering of the Tonbridge District on July 15th, when a meeting was held at Brasted by invitation of Mr. E. H. Lewis. A large number of members attended from this and the Lewisham Districts, and among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. A. A. Hughes, and several other well-known London ringers, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (general secretary of the Kent Association), etc. Ringing was kept up by mixed bands in various methods during the afternoon and evening. The usual service was held, conducted by the Rector. The organist and full choir were in attendance, the association form of service being used, and the hymns, 'Ring out, wild bells,' by Lord Tennyson, set to music by Mr. T. H. Wood, and 'Unchanging God, Who livest,' were heartily sung. The address was given by Rev. E. L. M. Allen, Vicar of Edenbridge, and a collection was taken for the association benevolent fund. The service was very hearty throughout. The only 'fly in the ointment' was that the clerk of the weather was not in a very good humour, and the tea, which was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis at their residence, could not be partaken of outdoors as was intended. But the host and hostess were equal to the occasion, and the large company were accommodated inside the house.

The business meeting followed, Mr. Lewis presiding. The ringers of Brasted, who have been under Mr. Lewis' tuition for the past year, were elected members of the association. Votes of thanks to the Rector, Rev. E. L. M. Allen, the organist and choir were passed and replied to.

Mr. Lewis, replying to a vote of thanks to himself and Mrs. Lewis for their hospitality, expressed his great pleasure in meeting such a large company. Mr. Lewis, referring to the ringers of Brasted, said that they had only commenced ringing a year ago, and the reason they were not further advanced in change ringing was that he insisted on their striking being perfect in rounds before starting in change ringing.

The weather having by this time improved, Mr. Lewis suggested that the younger members should try the maze he had erected, which suggestion was taken up not only by the younger but some of the older members. Handbell ringing, both in the house and on the lawn, was indulged in, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

If any ringers happen to be in Brasted on Thursday evenings they will be heartily welcomed at the tower by Mr. Lewis.

RINGER-RIFLEMAN'S SUCCESS AT BISLEY.

Flying Officer Charles Bunch, late R.A.F., a member of the Yateley, Hants, Parish Church ringers, had remarkable success as a rifleman at the Bisley N.R.A. meeting last week. He was the silver medalist in the second stage of the King's prize, his aggregate at the three ranges being 145 out of a possible 150. In the first stage he tied for second place. In addition he won the English Twenty championship, was second in the Wimbledon Cup, second in the Alexandra competition, and 4th in the Stock Exchange competition. He was also a member of the English Twenty team that won the International trophy, and of the English Eight that won the Colapere Cup. The Exercise will congratulate Mr. Bunch on his great achievement.

Several ringers from different parts of England took part in the meeting.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcester and Districts Association was held at the Priory, Great Malvern, on Saturday, July 15th. About 40 members and friends were present, representing eleven towers, together with visitors from Bromsgrove, Erdington, King's Norton, Northfield, Newport, Ross, Reading and Selly Oak.

At the business meeting Mr. R. G. Knowles spoke of the loss the Western Branch had sustained by the accidental death of Mr. C. G. Bowkett, a prominent and very much respected member of the Hallow band.

It was decided to hold the autumn meeting, if possible, at Claines. The ringers then adjourned to the Winter Gardens for tea, kindly given by the Vicar, Rev. Bartlett, and the churchwardens. After tea Mr. Knowles tendered a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their generosity in providing tea and for the use of the bells. In replying, the churchwarden (Mr. Hilier) welcomed the association to Great Malvern, and hoped that the Priory would again be visited in the near future.

At the service which followed, Rev. Fraser, in the absence of the Vicar, gave an excellent address.

The tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going until 8 p.m. to touches of Triples and Major. This brought a very successful meeting to a close.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Guild took place at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 15th. There was a splendid attendance of members from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Croft, Husband's Bosworth, Leicester, Lillington, Rugby, Stoke, Nuneaton, Wigston and Wolvey, with the local band. The majority of the better-known methods were rung on the fine-toned peal of eight before tea, which was served at the Den-high Arms. This was followed by the business meeting, Mr. J. H. W. White, Master of the Guild, taking the chair.

The following meeting places were decided upon: Exhall for August, Berkswell for September, and Solihull for the October quarterly meeting.

The names of Messrs. T. W. Thorpe and J. Taylor, who were elected members prior to a peal, were ratified.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers.—Mr. J. Harrison responded.

A return being made to the belfry, further ringing followed, including a course of Wigston Surprise Major. Other methods rung during the meeting were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise.

After the lowering of the bells in peal a return was made to the tea room and handbell ringing indulged in by the experts and those who hoped to be some day. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by five members rejoicing in the name of Joseph, namely: Joseph H. Beale 1-2, Joseph H. W. White 3-4, Joseph B. Fenton 5-6, Joseph A. Fenton 7-8, Joseph Carter 9-10. Stedman Triples was rung by: D. H. Argyle 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, J. A. Fenton 5-6, L. G. Watkins 7-8; and Stedman Caters by D. H. Argyle, H. C. Burt, F. W. Perrens, J. A. Fenton and A. H. Beamish. Tunes on the handbells were rendered by C. H. Webb, J. B. Fenton and J. A. Fenton.

Thus closed a very pleasant meeting, which everybody appeared to enjoy. D. E. H.

LADIES' GUILD.

A meeting of the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, July 15th. A good number of members and friends assembled from Bulwell, Cotgrave, Collingham, Handsworth, Long Eaton, Rotherham, Sheffield, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Treeton, Nottingham, etc.

The bells, a light peal of eight, proved admirable for the ladies to ring, and were kept busy during the afternoon and evening. Touches of Cambridge, Superlative, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob, rounds for beginners in the art and a touch of Grandsire Triples by a ladies' band being rung.

An excellent tea was served in the Institute, to which the company was welcomed by the Vicar.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the ladies who provided so well for the 'inner man,' and to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, July 29th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea. Travelling allowances at this meeting. All ringers welcome, and a good attendance is looked for. A card would be appreciated.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. a head. Business: Election of branch secretary and committee men, also nominations for association vice-president, ringing secretary, treasurer and two auditors. A good attendance is required.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 29th, at St. Michael's, Mottram-in-Longdendale. Bells ready 3 p.m. A good attendance, please.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, July 29th. Tea, 6d. each.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By the invitation of the President (Canon C. C. Marshall) and the ringers of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, a summer meeting will be held at the above tower on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Schools at 5 p.m. No committee meeting or business meeting. The Vicarage gardens will be open to all ringers and friends. Please send in names for tea to Canon C. C. Marshall, St. Chad's Vicarage. — J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Chester on Saturday, July 29th. Service in Cathedral 3.15. Preacher: The Lord Bishop. Annual meeting in the Cathedral Parlour 4. Tea in Refectory 5.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North - Western District), **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at Wright's Restaurant 5.30 p.m. Christ Church bells available after tea. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Belchamp St. Paul's on Saturday, July 29th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting follows.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at North Shields on Saturday, July 29th. The bells of Christ Church (10, tenor 19 cwt.) will be available from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. each.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at Soham on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (10) 3.15 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — F. Warrington, Ashcroft, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Elveden, near Thetford, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited to attend.—R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Suffolk Guild.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Deeping on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in school.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Crondall on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please come and help towards the success of this meeting!—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea, at 9d. per head. Please do try to make this a bumper meeting. — E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Blackrod Parish Church on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wilden on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by Rector, 5 p.m. Please make an effort to attend. — Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Friskney on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. All ringers will be welcome. — John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Llangarron on Saturday, July 29th, at 2.30. It being the bi-centenary of the bells (6), a good meeting is hoped for. Tea, in Parish Hall, at 5 o'clock.—J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Hereford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting, Northchurch, near Berkhamsted, Saturday, July 29th. Usual arrangements. — W. Ayre, Sec.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—Ring of 6, tenor 8 cwt. Re-hung in new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication on Sunday, July 30th, at 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Oxford. Visiting ringers welcome.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 3rd and 31st. *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 8th, St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th, and

*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: Election of officers and fixing date for annual social.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Marden on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) available 4 to 8.30 p.m. Tea, at the Volunteer Inn, 5.30 p.m. Please notify me not later than Aug. 2nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Middleton on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nell St., Milnrow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Members and friends are invited to St. Andrew's, Holborn, London, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in The Court House for those who notify me by July 31st, followed by social.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. All outstanding subscriptions must be paid at this meeting. — J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on Aug. 5th at Widford (6 bells). Bells ready during afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea after, 1s. each. All welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, August 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea in Schoolroom at 5. Edington bells also available during the evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stradbroke on Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8) available all day. Also Wilby (8), Fressingfield (8), Wingfield (6), and Laxfield (6). Tea, 1s. each, at the Queen's Head, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8). For tea please notify

without fail Mr. B. R. Raisey, Wortley, near Sheffield, not later than Aug. 3rd.—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 Yaxley on August Bank Holiday Monday. Usual arrangements. Tea will only be provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, Aug. 2nd. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by kind invitation. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday prior to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held on Saturday, August 12th, at All Saints', Rainford. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. For tea, please notify Mr. J. W. Hall, Bank Villas, Rainford, not later than Wednesday, August 9th. Good bells, excellent bowling facilities, beautiful scenery. All ringers and friends welcome.—Claude I. Davies and Norman Brown, Branch Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Preliminary Notice.—A dinner to commemorate the jubilee of the society will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. The Lord Bishop of Lichfield has promised to preside. Details later. Please book the date.—H. Knight.

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM.—Usual Thursday evening practice, 7.30 to 9, has now been resumed. The company will be pleased to welcome all visiting ringers.

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Although heavy rain fell during the afternoon, about 20 members attended the Wednesday meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex Association on July 12th at Hurstpierpoint. The following towers were represented: St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd, Brighton, Crawley, Heene, Hurstpierpoint, Lindfield, Rotherfield, Scaford, Shoreham and Turner's Hill. After the ringing during the afternoon a short service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. C. R. Harding, and tea was served in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting Mrs. E. Osborne, of Scaford, was elected a member, and on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Merritt, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his address and kindness in inviting the ringers to tea, also to the organist and Mr. Stanning, of the local company, for having everything in readiness.

A further visit was then made to the tower, and the bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m. in various methods ranging from Grand-sire and Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise Major.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, June 25th, at Christ Church for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,261 changes) in 51 mins.: R. G. Townsend 1, R. A. Post (conductor) 2, G. Townsend 3, C. J. Gardiner 4, H. W. Bishop 5, S. Palmer 6, E. J. Berry 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, W. B. Kynaston 9, A. E. W. Smith 10. Arranged for the conductor, who was on a visit from Oxford.

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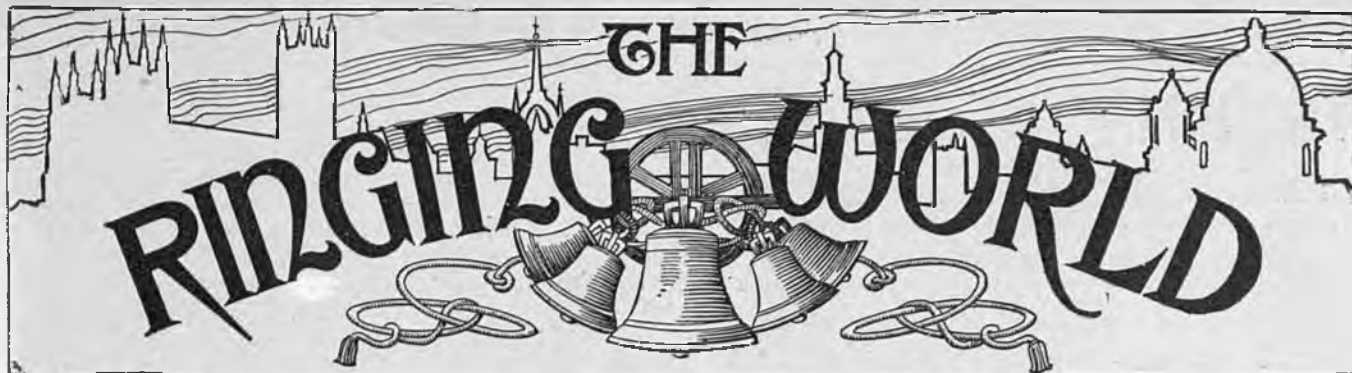
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The recent case in which an action was brought by a parishioner against the Vicar of St. Alban's, Golders Green, for an injunction to restrain him and anyone acting under him from annoying the plaintiff and his family by the tolling or ringing of the bells, is not only of great interest, but importance to church authorities and ringers, despite the fact that a settlement, by agreement, was arrived at before the defendant's case was heard, and the Court was not called upon to decide the issue. The bells at St. Alban's Church are not hung for ringing, and the complaint was against the chiming of the bells for prolonged periods and early in the morning and late in the evening. The settlement arrived at limits future chiming to a quarter of an hour before the usual morning and evening service, and a single bell for five minutes before early service.

The publicity which was given to this case may encourage others who dislike the ringing of church bells to take similar action, in the hope of restricting the time of the ringing of which they are within earshot, and the prospect is not a very reassuring one to ringers, because one or two objectors in a parish might very easily succeed in effectually closing a tower to change ringing if only by 'agreement' with the authorities. In the Central Council's booklet on 'The Law affecting Church Bells' it is pointed out that 'bells may be a private nuisance liable to be restrained by injunction at the instance of any person specially aggrieved,' but, 'so long as bells are rung in moderation—even for peal ringing—it is unlikely that the Courts will interfere with such an old established custom.' We are not sure that this comforting opinion would stand the test of a legal action, although obviously it must make a difference whether the objector settles himself within the range of the 'nuisance' or the 'nuisance' is brought to the objector.

A noticeable thing in most cases of objection to church bells is that those who complain seldom have any interest in the church or even in the observance of Sunday except as a holiday. There will, therefore, generally be a much stronger claim to resist the efforts of those who would restrain ringing if the bells are regularly rung for their primary purposes—the church services—and if other ringing is done in moderation, and under conditions which will reduce the possibility of annoyance to a minimum. It must be admitted that many rings of bells are far more noisy outside the tower than they need be. Let the sound go out in full volume, by all means, for the service ringing and on public occasions; but there is no reason why the people living round about the church should be given the full benefit (?) of the bells when the

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On Tuesday, July 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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Tenor 37 cwt.

HECTOR G. BIRD	Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	3	HARRY BOSWELL	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	10
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	5	JOHN NEAL	11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	6	WILLIAM DAVIES	Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in G.

GEORGE A. FLEMING	Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	2	HARRY R. ROPER	8
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ...	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	9
HOBART E. SMITH	4	HERBERT SHERMING	10
GEORGE H. CROSS	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ...	6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	Tenor

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Mrs. Cross is the first lady to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus in Suffolk.

TEN BELL PEAL.

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On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN	Treble	CHARLES WEBB	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ALBERT WALKER	3	GEORGE F. SWANN	8
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
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At Brookfield Church,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMER Treble	FRANK MERRETT 5
THOMAS JONES 2	CHARLES OLLIER 6
PERCY RUSHTON 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ... 4	JAMES CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

* 50th peal. Arranged for Mr. F. Merrett, of Bath.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, July 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST L. SHELTON Treble	JOHN J. MAWBY 5
FREDERICK R. PALMER ... 2	JAMES S. WARD 6
ARTHUR BIGLEY 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
HARRY CHAMBERS 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 138). Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

* JACK ONSLOW Treble	DAVID S. COLLINS 5
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JOHN SADDINGTON 6
F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... 3	WILLIAM SMITH 7
RONALD H. DOVE 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal. All the above are employees of John Taylor and Co., the Bell Foundry.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 24, 1933, 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. DAVIES Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

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

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 26, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BEER Treble	EDWARD J. BEER 5
CHARLES GOODBURN 2	STUART SANDFORD 6
* THOMAS TAYLOR 3	E. GEORGE MORRAD 7
JOHN BURLS 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal of Major. The ringers of 5th and tenor have now 'circled' this tower.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 26, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	* W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	* EDWARD F. GOBBY 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD.

* First peal forward. This composition is now rung for the first time.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, July 28, 1933, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	GEORGE WHITING 5
* MRS. G. H. CROSS 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method and fiftieth peal.

ROCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
BASIL REDGWELL 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
CHARLES W. BURTON 3	* GEORGE HAYWARD 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S FIVE-PART, Tenor 12 cwt

* JAMES H. HAYWOOD Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	* JOHN MARSHALL 7
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

* First peal in the method.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	J. HILTON SYKES 5
ARNOLD HAIGH 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	* CHARLES H. GILLOTT 7
JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... 4	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor

Composed by G. HILL.

Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

* First peal of the method. Rung to celebrate the 'half-century' of the treble ringer, who was born on July 29th, 1883. W. Harrison's fiftieth peal.

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PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.	
* THOMAS AUGER Treble	ARTHUR G. JAMES 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	JAMES W. WILKINS 6
† ARTHUR NEWTON 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
RALPH COLES 4	FRANK BUCKLAND Tenor

Conducted by P. NEWTON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

REDDITCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	CYRIL TANSELL 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER Treble	† GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
JOHN G. NASH 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
* ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 5
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 2	ALFRED G. HILL 6
JOHN H. CHERSMAN 3	HARRY A. HOVERD 7
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 4	CYRIL E. PALMER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. B. Weeds to Miss Winifred Palmer.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.	
WALTER CHARMAN Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
ALFRED H. POLLING 2	PETER CHARMAN 6
JAMES BURDFIELD 3	WESLEY PETTIFER 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE 4	ALFRED CHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung after meeting two short for Major. W. Pettifer has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PENISTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In 16 methods: (1) Fotheringay and Balmoral Delight, (2) Charlwood, Braintree and Wragley Delight, (3) St. Albans and Neadden Delight, (4) College Exercise and Ockley, (5) Norbury and Duke of Norfolk, (6) Capel, Oxford and Kingstou, (7) London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES H. SYKES Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
ARTHUR GILL 2	HAROLD CHANT 5
GEORGE LORD 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

First peal in 16 methods by all the band and on these bells, also first peal in 16 spliced methods for the association.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Double Court, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* F. BOYCK Treble	† C. GRIFFIN 4
† E. HOWES 2	* H. REED 5
† W. MEDLER 3	G. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal in five methods.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE BLANCHARD Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 4
GEORGE L. HALL 2	ERNEST BRITAIN 5
GEORGE W. MOODY 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. Rung in honour of the centenary of the Oxford Movement.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN B. HALLIFAX Treble	GEORGE LADD 4
ARTHUR J. FARR 2	JOHN CURRY 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

First peal on the bells since they were rung and a new treble added. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Ladd.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jul. 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* WALTER ELSBY Treble	WILLIAM MUSK 4
† ALDOUS ELSBY 2	DAVID WHITING 5
† FREDERICK ROPER 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 48, KING'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

JOHN MALYAN 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
FRANCIS KIRK 3-4	CHARLES JEFFES 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witness—Mrs. F. KIRK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Kirk.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 21 in E flat.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 1-2	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3-4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7-8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. BRINKLOW

Umpire, Walter G. Paul, who checked the lead-ends throughout the peal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY 3-4	PETER LAPLIN 7-8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. E. J. BEER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER 1-2	EDWARD J. BEER 3-4
RICHARD SMITH 5-6	

Witness—Mrs. E. J. Beer.

First peal of Doubles by all the band and first of Doubles 'in hand' by the association. The 120's were called by ringers of 1-2 and 3-4 alternately.

DEATH OF PENMAENMAWR RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Cole, who passed away suddenly on July 18th. He was much respected by the ringers at Bangor and also by all at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno.

The bells at St. David's Church, Bangor, were rung half-muffled on Tuesday, July 25th, to 240 Grandsire Doubles, and also the 'whole pull and stand' 68 times, corresponding with the age of the deceased. The following ringers took part: F. Hobbs 1, Miss Beryl Pegler 2, A. E. Pegler, jun., 3, J. H. Midwinter 4, Gordon Davies 5, A. E. Pegler, sen. (conductor) 6. J. L. Prichard and George Abrami took part in other ringing.

PUPILS RING FOR MASTER'S MEMORIAL SERVICE.

On Sunday morning, July 16th, at Stone, Staffs, for the memorial service for Mr. Clough, who had been schoolmaster and lay reader at the church for many years, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: H. Buckley 1, H. Hodson 2, J. Moulson 3, R. Baker 4, J. Head 5, W. Buckley 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, C. Templeton 8. Six of the eight ringers were scholars under the late Mr. Clough. This was the first quarter-peal of Stedman for all the ringers, and the first on the bells.

DEATH OF OLD IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGER, MEMBER OF A FAMOUS BAND.

We regret to record the death, which took place on July 18th, of Mr. Alpheus Perkins, of Irlthlingborough, Northants, the oldest member of the band that achieved fame many years ago for their Surprise ringing. Mr. Perkins, who was 71 years of age, had been connected with St. Peter's belfry for 40 years, having joined the band which was formed after the restoration of the tower in 1893. He rang his first peal in 1894, and afterwards took part in the first peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major in the county. His last peal was one rung muffled on the death of Queen Alexandra in 1926. One of his peals was a 9,312 of Superlative Surprise.

He was not a great peal ringer, as peal ringing is counted in these days. He had taken part in all in about 50. But while always willing to let others take his place in peal attempts, he was a regular Sunday service ringer up to the beginning of his long illness, and, even since a serious operation some fifteen months ago, he was frequently to be found in the belfry on Sundays. He was always keen on having good striking. His fellow-ringers have lost a loyal and devoted colleague, and his place will be difficult to fill. To the widow and family, the greatest sympathy has been extended in their irreparable loss.

Ringers from many towers attended to pay their last tribute at the funeral which took place on Saturday afternoon, July 22nd. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. L. W. Wright).

The chief mourners were: Mrs. S. Perkins (widow), Mr. Wilfrid Perkins (son), Mrs. A. Abbott (daughter), Mr. Oliver Perkins (son), Mrs. W. Mumford (daughter), Mr. Osmund Perkins (son), Mrs. W. Perkins (daughter-in-law), Mr. Frank Perkins (son), Mrs. O. Perkins (daughter-in-law), Mr. A. Abbott (son-in-law), Mr. W. Mumford (son-in-law), Mr. S. Perkins (brother), Mrs. S. Perkins (sister-in-law), Mr. W. Perkins (brother), Mrs. Roberts (niece), Mrs. Bailey, Miss L. Abbott and Mr. G. Perkins (grandchildren), Miss H. Freeman (friend), Mr. H. Perkins (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. E. Poole (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. A. Poole and Miss G. Poole (sister-in-law and niece).

A coiled bell rope lay on the coffin, which was carried to its last resting place by brother ringers of St. Peter's, Messrs. A. Y. Tyler, J. Mawby, C. Newman, J. Ward, H. Chambers, E. Shelton, A. Bigley and F. Palmer.

The visiting ringers walked in front of the cortege, headed by Mr. F. Barber, Wellingborough, secretary of the Wellingborough District, bearing a beautiful floral tribute in the form of a bell, from his brothers ringers of St. Peter's. Other representatives present were Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild; Mr. C. W. Clarke, Bedford; Mr. J. W. Taylor, Northampton; Mr. J. R. Sharman, Cogenhoe; Mr. A. Martin, Higham Ferrers; Mr. T. Hensher, Mr. J. Main, Mr. G. Basford, Mr. C. Richardson, Mr. T. Abbott, Finedon; Mr. J. Packwood, Wellingborough; Mr. F. Kirk, Raunds; Mr. J. Garratt, Mr. W. Whitmore, and several others.

At the close of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells over the grave by Messrs. A. Bigley 1-2, C. W. Clarke 3-4, A. Y. Tyler 5-6, and J. Mawby 7-8.

After the funeral half-muffled touches were rung on the tower bells, the methods including London, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, and Bristol Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

It was a happy day at Sunderland for ringers on Saturday week when the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association held another successful meeting. Members were present from Whickham, Newcastle, Morpeth, Chester-le-Street, West Hartlepool, South Shields, as well as the local men. The bells of St. Ignatius Church were kept going until five o'clock, and afterwards a substantial tea awaited the ringers in the Institute. A short meeting followed, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, presiding.

After the loyal toast, the chairman made reference to the forthcoming marriage of Mr. Robson, the secretary of the Eastern District. In a happy little speech he said he was sure that all the members would wish him and his bride all health and happiness.

Mr. J. W. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and said they always welcomed the ringers to Sunderland. He welcomed Mr. J. Leighton back again among the ringers, after a serious illness. That day he had rung the first touch on the bells for over 12 months.

Mr. Storey, in proposing a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing tea, said they owed them a debt of gratitude for giving up their Saturday afternoon. The ringers fully appreciated their part in the meetings.—Mr. Anderson proposed, and Mr. Robson seconded, the re-election of Mr. R. L. Patterson as vice-president, and Mr. Picking proposed, and Mr. Leighton seconded, that Mr. F. Robson be secretary for the coming year, these nominations being subject to approval at the annual meeting.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Houghton-le-Spring on September 9th.

After the meeting ringing took place at Holy Trinity Church. The methods rung were Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION CAERLEON BELLS AGAIN RINGING.

The quarterly meeting was held at Caldicot on Saturday, July 29th, and was splendidly attended by members from both counties. Soon after two o'clock the bells were raised and rung in the standard methods, and at 4.30 service was held, the Vicar (the Rev. Theo. M. R. Younghuges) officiating and giving an address. Tea was afterwards served in the Church Institute, the members enjoying the hospitality of the Vicar, who afterwards presided over the business meeting.

The Hon. Secretary reported that since the last meeting the bells of Caerleon tower were again ringing. Some minor repairs had been done to the tower. Since the arrival of the new Vicar a new leader had been appointed, and the bells were being rung for the Sunday services and a weekly practice night arranged.

Instruction reports were received, progress being reported at Nash, Redwick and Caerleon.

Restoration and augmentation reports were also received, and the representatives to the Central Council meeting gave their report, for which they were thanked.

New members were elected from several towers.

The Hon. Secretary commented on the leading article in 'The Ringing World.' After reading the first portion referring to 'Putting something in,' he endorsed all that had been said by the hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association at their meeting. They had, he said, the same experience in that part of the country. The Hon. Secretary then referred to the arrears of subscriptions, ringing of peals, etc.

The meeting closed with the very best thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality.

The Vicar having obtained permission for the visitors to view the Castle and grounds, a party took advantage of the opportunity. Further ringing until late in the evening brought a most enjoyable and successful meeting to a close.

A GOOD TIME AT KEYSTON. HAPPY GATHERING OF RINGERS.

There was a happy gathering of ringers at Keyston, Hunts, recently, when the marriage was solemnised between Mr. John James Lilley, son of Mr. C. R. Lilley, and Miss Elsie May Fensome, daughter of ex-Sergt. Fensome, of Keyston. The visiting ringers were also delighted to meet once again Mr. Harry Chapman, formerly of Manchester, who now lives here in retirement. As one of them writes, he was welcomed by Mr. Chapman 'as of old, with his usual gist of enthusiasm, and both of us synchronised with a feeling that confronted us with a programme of ringings and meeting of ringers which is akin to our state of calling.'

We don't quite know what this means, but they evidently had a good time.

Ringers were present from, among other places, Irthlingborough, Rushden, Woollaston, Raunds, Nottingham, etc. Ringing took place on the five bells, Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles being accomplished.

After the ringing, refreshments were partaken of at the local hostelry, where touches and tunes were rung on handbells, and in the evening part of the company paid a visit to the residence of the bridegroom's father to enjoy further hospitality and to extend their good wishes to the newly-wedded pair.

We are confirmed in our view that the ringers had a rollicking time from the fact that our correspondent goes on to say: 'The company later reassembled to bless the day, which surely and slowly was closing, after which we cautiously and carefully retired to our virtuous couches.'

The next day one of the visitors discovered a beautiful and tuneful peal of eight bells at Raunds, on which he helped to ring Stedman and Double Norwich, and then 'after inspecting the church's precincts and historical adjuncts,' made a long detour to survey 'the green pasturage and foliage in its prime and colourful state in a quiet and peaceful countryside which could scarcely be surpassed.'

BROOKFIELD RINGERS' OUTING

The ringers of Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, Manchester, accompanied by wives and friends, visited North Staffordshire and Cheshire for their annual picnic. Proceeding by motor coach, Newcastle-under-Lyme was reached, and the fine peal of 10 bells was soon ringing, also an old acquaintanceship of long standing renewed, the two persons concerned not having met for 35 years.

Leaving Newcastle, with the addition of two more handy men who were cordially invited to join the party, Wolstanton was the next place of call. Here a few short touches were rung. They then continued to Lawton, the venue of the picnic, where, after a fine tea, for which thanks are due to Mr. W. Rigby and his friends, ringing was again indulged in on the handy ring of eight, touches ranging from Grandsire to Double Norwich being successfully brought round. The ringers wish to thank all steepkeepers, incumbents and others for their co-operation in making this, the 13th post-war picnic, so successful.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. SIX-BELL FESTIVAL.

The annual festival of Truro Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at Callington. It was a six-bell festival, the towers of Callington, Linkinhorne, St. Mellion, Pillaton and South Hill being used. All these towers contain rings of six, with the exception of South Hill, which has a ring of five in a minor key.

Ringers were present from Truro Cathedral, St. Anthony-in-Meneage, Callington, St. Gluvins, Kea, Landulph, Laneast, Launceston St. Mary's, Launceston St. Thomas, Lewannick, Lezant, Manaccan, Pillaton, Redruth, South Hill, South Petherwin, and also a few visitors from Plymouth, and other parts of England.

A fine service was held in Callington Church, conducted by the Vicar, the singing being led by the church choir.

After the service the ringers and their friends sat down to tea in Callington Town Hall, during which the Rev. W. H. R. Trehella thanked the incumbents of the various churches for the use of their bells, and the Rector of Callington, Rev. R. W. Marsh, and his churchworkers for the service and for organising the tea.

Lieut.-Col. C. F. Jerram, the Ringing Master, mapped out the times of ringing in each place in such an excellent way that neither the bells nor the ringers were idle all the time. Everyone seemed happy, and no grumbling was heard.

Ringing varied from rounds to some of the higher methods. Lezant is to be commended for their excellent striking in 'call changes' at Callington. They rang with an open lead at the hand-stroke. Perhaps this is the first step in their advance to half-pull methods.

It was pleasing to see several of the clergy present, including Revs. R. W. Marsh (Rector of Callington), Perry Gore (curate of Callington), I. S. Jenkins (Rector of Calstock), R. Hocking (Rector of Pillaton), and G. E. B. Scott (Vicar of Lewannick).

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN DEVON RINGER. LEADER OF CHARLES CHURCH BAND.

The many friends of Mr. Walter H. Marsh will learn with regret of his death, which occurred at Plymouth on July 17th, at the age of 77 years. A man of forceful personality, he was held in high esteem by all with whom he had come in contact. As a keen churchman he served as a chorister for 40 years, and as a keener ringer he was responsible for teaching the rudiments of change ringing to numberless learners at the Church of Charles, Plymouth, where he was the leader. Such were his methods that one could not fail to learn under his tuition, and he brought his hand up to a very high standard. His punctuality was a byword, and as chairman of the South-Western Branch of the Devon Guild he controlled the meetings admirably until ill-health compelled him to relinquish all his activities.

Ringers from Cornwall and Exeter joined the Plymouth ringers in attending his funeral on Saturday, July 22nd. The bells of Charles Church were rung half-muffled for the service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave, to which old comrades carried him.

On the Wednesday following his death a representative band of the South-Western District rang course of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob at the Church of Emmanuel, Plymouth, with bells half-muffled, and on Saturday evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief, was attempted at Plympton St. Maurice. Those taking part were J. Woodley, W. G. Lavers, W. J. Rundle, W. Oatway, J. Pook, W. Wonnacott, W. Richards and A. Wonnacott.

On Sunday evening, at the Church of Charles, where Mr. Marsh had served so long, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory, half-muffled, by H. Rogers, A. Weatherby, S. Pengelly, W. Oatway, S. O'Shaughnessy, J. O. Pook, A. T. Westcott (conductor) and J. Sims.

NEARLY A BACHELORS' PARTY.

It was nearly a bachelors' party that met at Penn for the July practice of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, only one male having the forethought to bring a lady with him. Numerous methods were rung, Cambridge being greatly in demand. One lively youth of some 70 odd years rang his first course of 'bachelors' delight' at the first attempt.

The usual excellent tea was enjoyed by all, a 'thoroughly domesticated' young man officiating with the teapot. The handbells (since sold) were produced and sounded quite pleasing. Is there to be any commission for those who advertised their musical qualities?

More arrivals after tea helped to swell the party to its usual numbers. The 'globe trotter' left early, but it is understood that the bells were kept going until a late hour.

The next gatherings of this branch are to be held in London on August 5th, and Windsor on August 26th (see notice column), but ringers are advised not to wait until afterwards and say, 'I wish that I had been there.'

ORIGINALITY IN COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was stated at the Central Council meeting that 'real originality in peals of ordinary length does not exist nowadays.'

I would invite any holding this view to try their luck with Silchester Surprise, and should like to hear their opinion when they have produced a peal or two.

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BELL FOUNDER'S EMPLOYEES' PEAL.

LOUGHBOROUGH MEN RING BOB MAJOR.

Peals scored by ringers having the same Christian name, by fathers and sons and husbands and wives are not now unique, and although several peals have been rung before by employees of one firm, the peal rung at Loughborough on Monday, July 24th, as recorded elsewhere in this issue, is not without interest.

Even to-day, with facilities for peal ringing such as never before existed, there can be few, if any, firms anywhere which can claim, like Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the proud distinction of having amongst their employees a band capable of ringing a peal on eight bells. In addition to those who rang in the peal referred to, there are Mr. E. Denison Taylor, head of the firm, and Mr. J. Oldham, the manager, who often take a rope when visitors to the foundry wish to see an exhibition of change ringing on the bells in the foundry campanile.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have usually had a muster of men who understood the practical side of ringing in addition to bell hanging, for as far back as 1888 the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., with his two sons, the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., and Mr. E. Denison Taylor, together with seven of their employees, rang at Loughborough Parish Church a peal of Stedman Caters.

More frequent attempts for peals would be made by employees of the Loughborough Foundry were it not for the fact that some of them are rarely at home at the same time.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at St. Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart, on Saturday, July 22nd, and the musical ring of six bells was made good use of during the afternoon and evening by members from Buckland, Burstow, Godstone, Merstham and Reigate, with visitors from Brighton and Shoreham, while members of the local band mustered in good force. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. Chamberland, of Hurst Green, Oxted. Tea and meeting followed in Chart Hall, at which the Master of the association, Mr. K. D. C. Birt, presided. One new member was elected, and it was announced that the next meeting would be held at Reigate on September 16th.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. Chamberland, to the organist and organ blower, to the local band for making arrangements, and to Mrs. L. A. Tidy for providing an excellent tea. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until nearly 9 p.m. in various methods up to London Surprise.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Conductors of peals rung to-morrow and on Monday are requested to forward their reports in time to reach us on Tuesday.

Ringers desirous of purchasing copies of the Central Council publications should note that they may now be obtained from the new hon. librarian, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Watlington Rectory, King's Lynn, Norfolk. The list of publications will be found in an advertisement.

In a handbell peal of Doubles, rung at Gravesend, Kent, the conducting was shared by two of the ringers who alternately called the six-scores. It all helps to make a change. We remember a handbell peal some years ago in which each ringer called a quarter-peal, and each quarter-peal had a different calling. There have been numerous instances of a change over of conductor with each 720 of a peal of Minor. Why not a peal of Stedman Triples with courses called by all the ringers in turn?

The tower of Buckfast Abbey, Devon, is to be raised another 40ft. The work will be carried out by the five monks, under the leadership of Brother Peter, who last August completed the building of the Abbey after 25 years. They are now erecting the scaffolding.

When the tower is completed the bells will be raised and the present belfry used as the ringing chamber. Ringing is at present done from a stone gallery.

An attempt for an 'Ernest' peal took place at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, but failed after 2 hours' ringing. Another attempt will be made later.

In the report of the peal of Bristol Surprise at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, on July 22nd, and published in our last issue, the name of the ringer of the 7th should have been Frederick J. Cullum.

MUSICAL BIKES!

It is reported that the famous Dr. Strabismus, of Utrecht, has approached a ringer with yet another idea from that fertile brain.

This is no less than to attach to the side of the front fork of a bicycle an octave of small hemispherical or cup bells. By means of tappets on each spoke the bells will strike in their proper turn, the curve of the fork allowing 'compass' and preventing 'firing.'

Seventy spokes, each with its suitably affixed tappets, and—oh, boy! away to work to an oft-repeated but perfectly struck Plain Course of Grandsire Triples. The ringer is referring the learned doctor to Mr. Cyril Johnston.

HANDBELL RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND.

CHRISTCHURCH RINGERS VISIT DUNEDIN.

Messrs. J. R. de Lambert and G. Lightband, members of Christchurch Cathedral Company, New Zealand, recently spent a week's holiday in Dunedin. The opportunity thus presented was taken advantage of to put in as much useful handbell practice as possible.

On May 1st, at 9, Balmoral Street, the residence of Mr. J. S. Wilde, 720 of Bob Minor was rung by: C. Wilde 1-2, J. R. de Lambert 3-4, J. S. Wilde (conductor) 5-6. On May 23rd, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: *G. Lightband 1, *J. R. de Lambert 2, J. S. Wilde (conductor) 3-4, J. Whipp 5-6. * First 720 in the method.

During the week other successful items included 120's of Grandsire Doubles, touches of Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, plain courses of Grandsire Triples and Major and Bob Major.

SQUIRE PROCTOR AND DUFFIELD.

CHILDREN 'TEACH' THEIR FATHER.

As a complement to the ringing history of Bennington and its association with the revered name of Squire Leonard Proctor, it may be of some little interest to those of his brother ringers in the mid-Victorian period to give some extracts from an amusing letter received from him by Dr. Symons, of Penzance, in July, 1885:—

'I had a fortnight since a great ringing treat in visiting Duffield, near Derby. Mr. Percival Heywood is a capital ringer, his family all ring and the peal of eight are very ringable near his house. Started for a peal of K.T.B., rang well for 75 minutes, when the tenor man caught his foot with the rope as it lifted from the tenor box, this knock knocked him clean off the box and also not being satisfied with his own fall, but he must needs cannon against the seventh man and knock him over too, so they both came sprawling into the middle of the ringing floor and "Mr. General Stand" was immediately called into requisition.

'Wonderful to see little daughters of Mr. Heywood ringing two handbells in hand well—"Superlative Surprise" telling their father where to go to—three daughters and two sons, all ring, seven and eight years old! When hunting "quick" they say, "Father, we are going by the "express train," you by the stopping train; therefore, dodge and stop at intermediate places and stations.

'Father has a private rail in his grounds, stations, etc., 1,000 yards long, tunnels, etc., and drives his own engine. A wonderful clever man and fine place.'

A CELEBRATED SOHAM FAMILY.

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES RECALLED.

A meeting of the Central Division of the Ely Diocesan Association at Soham, Cambs, on Saturday, recalls the notable performances at this church in the distant past, when a society calling themselves the Soham Youths flourished for many years.

Prior to the year 1788 the tower contained a ring of six bells. Then Thomas Osborn, of Downham, Norfolk, cast a peal of eight to replace the former ring, and it was on this octave that the Soham Youths began their activities. They soon gained proficiency, and a number of peal boards in the tower record some of their more notable achievements. The first appears to have been a peal of 5,120

In the following year the bells were increased to ten, the two old trebles being recast and two more bells added by John Briant, of Hertford. Robert Tebbit was at that time one of the churchwardens, and his name appears on the bells.

Another tablet records a peal rung on November 16th, 1820, 'in honour of the Queen's acquittal'—when party feeling ran high over the King's treatment of Queen Caroline. A year later came a peal of New Treble Bob Royal (what we now know as Kent), and the last of the tablets records a peal of Grandsire Tittum Caters, rung in 1830, in which, again, the name of Tebbit occurs—William, who was the conductor, John, Robert and Thomas, jun. And with that peal the ringing history that is left to us of the Tebbits and the Soham Youths comes to an end.



SOHAM CHURCH.

Oxford Treble Bob Major rung in 1790. Among the ringers were Thomas, Robert and Edward Tebbit, who played a prominent part in the ringing in this tower for many years thereafter, and were succeeded by their sons.

In 1795 they rang a peal of Norwich Court, in which the name of Thomas Tebbit, jun., appears, and in 1800 came a peal of Imperial the Third. Luke, Goldsbrow, Joseph Finch, Robert Silver, Thomas Brown and Thomas Talbot are other names which appear in the records, and some of them were still actively engaged in peal ringing in 1820.

The most notable performance was in 1809, when the Tebbit family, of 'three brothers and their sons,' rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major: Thomas Tebbit 1; Robert Tebbit, son of Robert, 2; Benjamin Tebbitt, 15 years of age, 3; John Tebbit, son of Thomas, 4; Robert Tebbit 5; Edward Tebbit 6; Thomas Tebbit, son of Thomas, 7; William Tebbit, son of Thomas, 8.

At the meeting, on Saturday, it was only possible to ring rounds on the fine peal of 10. Grandsire Caters were tried, but with no success. Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Grandsire Triples were, however, rung. Among the visitors were Rev. E. Banks James, Rev. E. B. Sheppard, Miss Price, and Mr. C. W. Cook, District Master, Ely Archdeaconry, of Newton. The towers represented were Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, Chatteris, Fordham, Mildenhall, Over, Willingham, Wilburton. The next general meeting is at March, but there is also to be a meeting at Sutton in connection with a thanksgiving service of the rehanging of the bells, which has been carried out by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The probable date is August 19th or 26th, but notice will be given in the proper columns of this paper. Ringers are always welcome at Sutton, the 'cathedral church in the Isle.'

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

JOIN WITH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT HEADINGLEY.

The July meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held in conjunction with an informal meeting of the Yorkshire Association at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, when Canon Marshall invited all present to use the Vicarage grounds, in which were hand-bells and garden games, where the young and not-so-young ringers filled in the time between the spells of ringing in the tower.

Tea was served in the church schools, when 77 members and friends took advantage of this provision.

The Leeds Society members held a business meeting immediately after tea. Mr. J. W. Baxendale was chairman. Three new members were elected—Messrs. J. Croft, of Burley, J. E. Cawser (hon. general secretary of Yorkshire Association), and H. Walker (unattached).

The suggested date of the next meeting was August 26th, to be held at Shipley.

The Chairman proposed the very best thanks of the society be accorded Canon Marshall for allowing the use of the bells and the Vicarage grounds, also to the ladies who served tea, and to the local company for the other arrangements.—Canon Marshall replied.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SMALL ATTENDANCE AT SUMMER FESTIVAL.

The police forces at Leatherhead and Ashted did not find it an extremely difficult task to control the crowd which the summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild attracted to those places on Saturday, July 22nd. Only just over thirty members attended the meeting, and this was the poorest attendance for a summer festival since the formation of the Guild. A possible explanation is to be found in the fact that a change of date had been necessary.

The bells at Leatherhead Parish Church were rung during the afternoon, but neither Grandsire nor Stedman Caters would 'go,' although, fortunately, three leads of Treble Ten were brought round for the service touch.

The Guild's form of service was conducted, and an address given by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, and (all members please note) it was learned that the lady organist had left a sister who was very ill in order to play.

After tea, to which 42 sat down and which was served in the Leatherhead Institute, some of the party went on to Ashted, where the peal of eight were kept going in the standard methods until late in the evening. A broken rope at Leatherhead brought the ringing there to an early close.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. PRESTON BRANCH SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday. The bells, which are noted as one of the finest, if not the finest, peals of eight in or about Lancashire, were kept going, with an interval for tea and the business meeting, from before three o'clock to eight, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Besides the usual members present, there were visitors from the Fylde, Wigan and Manchester Branches, to whom the chairman extended a hearty welcome, the visitors suitably replying.

The meeting confirmed the re-election of Mr. W. Loxham, of Penwortham. The next meeting was then fixed to be held at Eccleston on Saturday, September 2nd.

Mr. C. Sharples gave a report of the committee meeting held at Walkden in June.—The report was accepted with thanks to Mr. Sharples.

The Secretary, in giving his report of the working of the branch during the year, said since the last annual branch meeting, meetings had been held at Preston St. Mark's, Hoghton, Brindle, Brownedge, Penwortham, Samlesbury, Tarlton and Broughton, as well as having the association annual meeting at Chorley and a joint meeting with other branches at Poolstock.

The attendances had been about the average for the past years.

FALLING OFF IN PEALS.

The number of branch peals rung was the lowest for years, only three having been rung, namely, a peal of Minor in three methods at Garstang—the first peal on the bells—a peal of Double Norwich at Whittle-le-Woods, and a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Leyland St. James'. Twenty-four members had rung in one or more peals for the association, ranging from Plain Bob to the Surprise methods. Seven members have rung their first peal during the year, whilst six rang their first in some method, and one his first as conductor in a method.

One redeeming feature about the members who had rung peals was that they included members from towers from which no members had rung peals in the past, but there were still one or two towers in the branch from which no members had rung a peal.

During the year one honorary member and three new ringing members had been elected, and an old member rejoined.

In discussing the report, various members made comments on the reasons for the apparent falling-off in ringing activities, but the feeling of the meeting was that the ringing of the Surprise peals in the branch by bands mainly composed of branch members would ultimately be for the good of the branch in the future.

The secretary was thanked for his report, which was adopted.

The nominations for the association officers was then proceeded with. Mr. F. G. Bradley was nominated for vice-president, Mr. E. R. Martin for treasurer, and the retiring ringing secretary and two auditors were renominated.

Mr. Wm. Sharples was re-elected as Ringing Master and representative on the committee.

The election of branch secretary then took place, Mr. Rigby having intimated to the members his desire to retire from the office. Various members tried to persuade him to take office once more, but as he remained firm in his decision, Mr. Wm. Taylor said it was with great reluctance that he moved that the secretary's resignation be accepted with regret, and that the best thanks of the branch be accorded to him for his services.

RETIRING SECRETARY NOMINATED AS VICE-PRESIDENT.

Mr. F. G. Bradley, in seconding, said it gave him great pleasure to say a few words of appreciation of the splendid and efficient manner in which Mr. Rigby had done his work as secretary.—Other members also supported the vote of thanks.

Mr. Rigby thanked the members for their kind words of appreciation, and said he would only be too pleased to help his successor as far as possible.

Mr. John Charnock, of Whittle-le-Woods, was elected to the office, on the proposition of Mr. Wm. Taylor, seconded by Mr. F. Rigby.

Mr. F. G. Bradley then said that, seeing that Mr. Rigby had retired, he himself would like, with the consent of his proposer and seconder, to withdraw his nomination for the position of vice-president, and proposed Mr. F. Rigby for the position. This was agreed to unanimously.

Other business included a proposal that combined practices be held at four or five different towers in the near future, and another that a letter be sent to the incumbents of some of the churches in the branch to use their influence in getting some of their ringers to attend the branch meetings.

The usual vote of thanks to the local authorities for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness, concluded the business.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbots on Sunday, June 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. V. Sinkins 1, A. Cutmore 2, W. E. Judd (conductor) 3, H. Cook 4, W. H. Wood 5, E. R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt 7, C. Warner 8. Arranged as a farewell to Mr. P. V. Sinkins, who is leaving Kensington to reside at Southsea.

A NOTABLE CHURCH.

BUT CRONDALL'S BELLS NEED RESTORATION.

Tucked away in the folds of the low hills, through which the road from Farnham to Winchester runs, but a mile or two off the main highway, is the village of Crondall. It is a village not much known to fame, but it can claim a priceless possession in its Norman church—one of the best and most complete examples in the South of England. Its chancel, at any rate, was built by a master hand, for the roses in the vaulted ceiling bear the marks of one of the builders of Canterbury Cathedral, and, so it said, no other church in the country can boast of it. Only in Canterbury and Crondall can you find the marks which distinguish this particular master craftsman. The church, built almost as it stands at present, was erected about 1150, on the site of an earlier building, probably of Saxon origin. The circular Saxon font is still in use, and there seem to be traces of Saxon workmanship in the remains of an ancient tower, which at one time was entered by a doorway from the chancel.

Nearly three hundred years ago a new tower of imposing proportions but of complete incongruity with the ancient church was built in brick and to the eastward of the old tower, from which it is separated by a space of some twelve or fifteen feet. The base of the tower is used as a vestry; to gain access to the upper floors the stone stairway in the old tower (where pigeons nest) is still used, and the ringing room and the floor above are connected with it by open galleries. Thus, to reach the bells from the ringing room, one has to cross a gallery, mount the stairs in the old tower, and recross another gallery. The last stage of the journey is up a fairly long and precipitous ladder.

There are six bells in the tower hung in a frame, bearing the date 1642, which has long since passed the stage of usefulness. It is massive but decrepit, and, in ringers' parlance, 'walks round the tower' when the bells are rung. The tenor moves in three directions, in addition to revolving, when it is pulled off. The loose frame goes backward and forward; the bell goes from side to side through ill-fitting bearings, and up and down owing to loose gudgeon plates, and it also 'wobbles' on the stock, coupled with all of which the bells are badly out of tune! The serious need for the attention of a competent bell hanger is obviously indicated.

Of the bells themselves three were by Henry Knight, 1616 and 1619, two by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, 1788, and one a pre-Reformation bell bearing a Latin inscription, which, broadly interpreted, reads, 'Chiming I will call to prayer; I ring when folk do wed and toll in lamentation for the dead.' The tenor was recast about 50 years ago.

DISTRICT SECRETARY'S BEREAVEMENT.

It was here on Saturday that the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting, which was attended by about 25 ringers, but the actual ringing was limited by the physical energy necessary to keep the tenor going. Six scores of Grandsire, short touches of Bob Minor and courses of Treble Bob and Cambridge were all that were rung, longer lengths not being worth the effort required.

The Rector, who has not long been in the parish after many years in the mission field, conducted the Guild's service and gave an impromptu address. He also presided at the subsequent tea and business meeting, at which he was elected an hon. member, and the general hon. secretary of the Guild (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), in proposing a vote of thanks to him, took the opportunity of pointing out the necessity of calling in an expert to report on the condition of the bells.

A gloom was cast over the gathering by the news of the sudden death of Mrs. W. Denyer, of Aldershot. Her husband, Mr. W. Denyer, is the 'father' of the Aldershot tower, where he is constantly training literally young blood, and has a band of over twenty ringers whose degrees of advancement vary from rounds to the Surprise stage. Her eldest son is Mr. C. W. Denyer, the enthusiastic and capable hon. secretary of the Farnham District, and a daughter and two other sons—one aged only nine—are ringers at Aldershot church. Mrs. Denyer, who was 54 years of age, had a seizure on Thursday morning, and passed away in the afternoon. Despite his bereavement Mr. C. W. Denyer very courageously carried out his duties in connection with the meeting, at which the hon. general secretary expressed the Guild's regret at the death of Mrs. Denyer and their sympathy with Mr. William Denyer and his family.

The funeral had taken place on Saturday morning, when the choir boys and organist attended, and two of Mrs. Denyer's favourite hymns, 'Jesus lives' and 'O blest Redeemer,' and Psalm 23, were sung. As the cortege left the church for the cemetery the bells were rung half-muffled, and as the committal was being said their distant notes were wafted on the breeze to the mourners and formed a fitting requiem to one into whose life bells had so largely entered, although she herself had not been a ringer.

FIRST 720 AT 12 YEARS OF AGE.

At Braintree, on Sunday, July 23rd, for matins, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: Miss Myrtle Reason (aged 12 years, first 720) 1, W. G. Melbourne 2, G. Wiffen 3, S. Warne 4, H. Coote 5, A. Wiffen (conductor) 6. For evensong, 336 Bob Major: Miss Edith Reason 1, Miss Myrtle Reason 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, G. Wiffen 5, S. Warne 6, H. Coote 7, A. Wiffen 8.

A LONG TRIP.**220 MILES FOR A DAY'S OUTING.**

The ringers of St. Mary's Slough, selected Swanage for their annual outing, and were favoured with very fine weather. The journey was made in a comfortable motor coach kindly provided by the Parochial Church Council, and was thoroughly enjoyed by a party of 15, including Messrs. F. Taylor and A. Perryman, two veterans, who no longer handle the 'dancing sally.'

On the outward journey a visit was paid to the new Church of All Saints, Basingstoke, where a pretty little ring of eight bells (tenor 10 cwt.) was placed at the disposal of the company. Here Messrs. H. Horne and Wanning gave the party a welcome on behalf of the absent Vicar and wardens.

Near King's Worthby, a fine clump of beech trees stands by the roadside, affording peaceful shade for the ringers' humble lunch, which thoughtful friends of 'other years' again supplied, consisting of the now familiar black bottle, brown jar and the farmer's thumb-piece. Resuming the journey, 'longing eyes' were cast towards the central tower of Winchester Cathedral as the coach wended its easy way through the old city. Along the fine roads of the New Forest distant views of the Dorset country and the urge of the 'Demon of Speed' seemed to say 'Onward' to our careful driver, but all in vain. We 'sloughed' down approaching Ringwood at a certain bend of the road to glance regretfully at the bank where three members of an old Slough family recently met their death. In the old days of motoring one of the wayside signs shown at danger spots represented a skull and crossbones. If the Ministry of Transport will visit Upton Church, Slough, he will find a more appropriate one, 'Tis the pace that kills,' which was engraved on stone long before the very first motor vehicle appeared in Bucks, strangely enough upon the Upton and Datchet road.

Swanage Bay, sparkling in the sun, gave the party a cheery welcome, and at the Trocadero Hotel hot luncheon was served in excellent style half an hour late, per programme, plus ten per cent. appetite. Here another warm welcome was given by the generous host, Mr. E. Sargeant, who at once arranged for tea at the same hotel at 5.30 p.m. instead of at Romsey, as intended.

Swanage Parish Church, dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, possesses an old octave of mellow bells, with a tenor at 22½ cwt. in the key of E, and these were set going to various musical touches of Triples and Major by courtesy of the Rector. All the local band of ringers were away on their outing, but a willing representative did 'belfry duty' on behalf of Capt. J. B. M. Ridout and Mr. W. J. Bastable, who had made arrangements for the visitors.

During the afternoon sight-seeing was indulged in. There is so much and yet so little to see at the seaside nowadays, even if you have forgotten your field glasses. Most of the company climbed up Peveral Point, Durlston Head, to gaze across to the Isle of Wight or Poole Harbour, and the Isle of Purbeck, made famous by its building stone for the church. A certain Preist's Way was explored, but Brother Edward, the monk who officiated, had no tuncure.

Time, like an ever-flowing stream, reminded the company of the homeward journey, not that from which no traveller ever returns. Accordingly six o'clock found the coach moving, and passing in rapid succession Corfe Castle, Wareham Church and Ringwood Causeway, in due course deposited its burden at the north transept of Romsey Abbey, where ringing was enjoyed from 8 till 9 p.m. Here Mr. F. H. Paskins and several Abbey ringers received the visitors and showed them up the 'long, long trail' to Ethelfreda's belfry, with its grand historical peal of eight bells, with tenor 25 cwt. in D. These bells have recently been restored and go well, and after several standard methods had been rung the visitors lowered them in peal in excellent style as a finale to the day's ringing.

Continuing homewards, the same old beech trees afforded umbrella cover whilst the onions were all cleared up, as well as a couple of 'erates' from 'Old Bill,' who remembered that 'closing hour' was ten o'clock. The party passed the old 'dug out' at Windsor whilst the curfew chimed were going, and reached St. Mary's, Slough, after 17 hours' absence, safe and sound from a journey of 220 miles.

Mr. A. Bateman, the home steeplekeeper, is asking all kind friends of the bellringers to accept the united thanks of his men through the Press, as he would rather push a jackplane than the mighty pen.

W. H. F.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT VISIT BEDDINGTON.**

The meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association, held at Beddington on Saturday, July 22nd, was not too overcrowded, but in spite of lack of numbers some good work was done. A lovely day, a beautiful old church set in delightful surroundings, a splendid peal of bells, a welcome superlatively hearty, a nice tea party, and a social hour after ringing should have been sufficient inducement for 50 to attend. However, among other things Cambridge Royal and London Major were accomplished. At the social hour vocal items were rendered by Mr. David Wright, Mr. Royden Davies, Miss Price and others, some handbell ringing being interspersed among them, Miss Bradford very ably presiding at the piano.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT EPSOM.

A most enjoyable meeting was held at Epsom on Saturday, July 29th. It had been arranged as a joint meeting of the North-Western Division of the Surrey Association and the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, but the members of the Leatherhead District must have forgotten their social obligations, as the district secretary was the only resident member present, with the exception of the two local towerkeepers. The visitors had the opportunity, seldom given in these days, of ringing at the Parish Church and also Christ Church in the evening.

There being no service, the ten bells at St. Martin's were kept going until 5.20, when the company adjourned to Wright's Restaurant for tea, 25 sitting down, representing a wide district of Surrey, with visitors from Kent, London and Twickenham. After tea, the Parish Church was again visited for a short time, and then a move was made to Christ Church, where full use was made of the peal of eight until nine o'clock. A good standard of ringing was maintained throughout the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, Cambridge Royal and a course of Bristol at the one church, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and a touch of four spiced Surprise methods at the other. So in spite of disappointments all enjoyed a good time, and thanks are due to the Vicars of both churches and those who made the arrangements.

BEACONSFIELD RINGERS IN HERTS AND BEDS.

On Saturday, July 22nd, the Beaconsfield ringers, accompanied by friends from Farnham Royal and Amersham, set out to visit towers in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. After a slight delay (partly caused by one 'little' fellow getting stuck under a bus seat for some unknown reason), a start was made shortly before 1 p.m. The first call was made at St. Peter's, Bushey Heath, where the ringers were pleased to meet and ring with an old member of the band, Mr. C. C. Mayne. After enjoying a few touches on the bells, the journey was continued to Hemel Hempstead, where, though time was short, everyone managed to have a pull. The next stop was at St. Albans Cathedral, where great admiration was expressed for the tone and 'go' of the bells. The one regret here was that time was very limited owing to a late arrival.

After tea, for which arrangements were made by one of the local ringers, the party pushed on to Dunstable, where everyone enjoyed ringing on the beautiful bells, while the architectural beauty of the Priory Church was much admired. Leighton Buzzard was next visited, and here some of the party tried Stedman Caters for the first time. The last tower, Tring, was reached eventually, and, judging from the number of ringers left in the belfry at the last, it was concluded that the outing had, at any rate, satisfied some people's appetites for ringing. Beaconsfield was reached at 10.45 p.m. The methods rung were Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents of the various towers, and also the local ringers who welcomed them at each tower.

TALL TOWERS TOO TIRING**FINEDON RINGERS AMONG LINCOLNSHIRE BELLS.**

The Finedon (Northants) ringers and friends spent their annual outing in a visit to Lincolnshire. Starting at 7.30 a.m., the party travelled via Kettering and Stamford to Harrogate, where several well-struck touches were rung. The fine old Saxon tower was greatly admired. Lincoln was reached at 11.45, most of the party having a look round the stately Cathedral, but the big climb to the ringing chamber was too much for some of the cripples, who, however, found a great deal to interest them in the ancient city. After dinner they proceeded to Heckington, where the fine peal of eight (tenor 1 ton) were soon merrily swinging to Stedman, Superlative, etc., excellent striking prevailing throughout. The next stop was Boston. The 186 steps to the ringing chamber were almost too much for the old hands, and the big circle seemed to upset the ringers, the striking leaving much to be desired. The tone and 'go' of the splendid peal were, however, greatly admired.

Surfleet was reached after a pleasant journey, and the party were met by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Clark. Tea was arranged in the Church Hall, the Vicar and Mr. W. R. Madgwick sitting down with the visitors. General regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of Mr. Rupert Richardson. After tea, a move was made to the belfry. The younger members of the party were allowed a few rounds on the twelve, and excellent touches on the back eight followed. The splendid tone and ease of handling of this light twelve delighted the visitors. The next stop was at Crowland Abbey, where the Vicar gave a brief but very interesting lecture on the wonderful church and the adjoining ruins, which was very much appreciated. The journey was continued through Peterborough to Orton Longueville, where a social hour was spent at the Gordon Arms, all the singers being in splendid voice. Dropping the visitors on the way, home was reached about midnight, after a most enjoyable day. The thanks of the party are heartily extended to Mr. Rupert Richardson, who made all the arrangements for ringing, also to the Vicars of the various churches and the ringers who welcomed the tourists.

T. R. H.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Kirdford on Saturday, July 22nd, and was attended by 15 members from Billingshurst, Crawley, Heene, Rudgwick, Warnham and the local band. After ringing several touches in different methods, the members attended a short service, conducted by the Rev. G. Wells, Vicar of Kirdford, who also joined the company at tea, but owing to an engagement was unable to stay to the business meeting.

Mr. W. Charman therefore presided, and the following new members were elected: Messrs. L. Brunt, W. Carver, H. R. Parker, H. R. Coombes, P. Edgehill, T. Freeland, L. Link, J. A. McCrae, J. Seamark, S. Selsey and R. Weston, of Westbourne, and W. Stent, of Kirdford.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. W. Charman and to Mr. Dunton for making the local arrangements were passed, and another visit to the belfry for further practice brought the proceedings to an end.

DEATH OF A TETTENHALL RINGER.

Tettenhall tower has suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. Arthur Bennett, the sad event occurring suddenly on Saturday, July 22nd. Deceased, who was 57 years of age, had been a member of Tettenham band for about twenty years, and his loss will be felt very much by his fellow-ringers. The deceased was not a prolific peal ringer, having rung eight peals for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and previous to coming to Tettenham, had rung peals for the Salop Guild.

He was laid to rest in the churchyard on Wednesday, July 26th, a large number of wreaths, including one from the ringers, being sent to show the respect in which he was held by the villagers and friends. In the evening a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) was attempted, but, one of the muffles turning on the clapper, it was called round at the quarter-peal: N. H. Smith 1, C. R. Collins 2, B. Dalton 3, A. D. Collins 4, H. T. Piper 5, R. Pickering 6, H. Boswell 7, T. W. Bate 8.

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 22nd, ringers and friends of St. John's, Bournemouth, had their annual outing. They travelled by coach through the New Forest to Fareham, and after ringing for more than an hour sallied forth to Chichester. Despite the heat, justice was done to the appetising luncheon. Ringing at the Cathedral campanile included Stedman Triples and Kent Major. The journey was continued to Portsmouth, where, after tea, a visit was paid to Portsea, where the visitors were met by Messrs. Hannis and Taylor, of the local ringers, who gave them a very hearty welcome and joined in the ringing. The party then journeyed to Bassett, Southampton, to visit the miniature zoo, where one of the monkeys took quite a fancy to 'Little Willie,' showing his affection by biting him. Charming little fellow—the monkey. All good things must come to an end, and the homeward run was not without its delights.

The ringers wish to take the opportunity of thanking incumbents and tower correspondents who helped to make the outing so very enjoyable.

LINCS RINGERS AT NORFOLK RESORT.

A pleasant day that will long be remembered by the Spalding, Lincs, ringers was spent at Great Yarmouth. With the adult members of the choir and Canon Nicholas, the party left home at 7 a.m. by motor coach. After a delightful journey and a short stay at Dereham, the party arrived at Yarmouth Parish Church at 11 a.m. The bells were already raised, and some of the local band were there to welcome the visitors. Touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung on the hack eight, and with the assistance of other visitors the twelve were got going in rounds. After lunch some of the party enjoyed a trip on the sea, while others were content to sit on the front and enjoy the sea air. Incidentally, they got a good view of H.M.S. 'Warspite.' The return journey was made after tea, and Spalding reached about 10.30 p.m. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the local ringers for their assistance.

A WEEK-END OUTING.

The annual outing of the St. Albans Cathedral Society took the form of a week-end at Herne Bay, the fourteen members arriving there on Friday evening, June 30th. As had been their good fortune for several years past, the weather was excellent. On Saturday a visit was paid to St. Lawrence, where a meeting of the Kent Association was held, an account of which has already appeared in these columns, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. On Sunday morning a visit was paid to Canterbury, where after a hurried look round this beautiful old Cathedral a visit was paid to the belfry, and the bells got going for the morning service.

Monday was spent round and about Herne Bay until it was time to catch the 3.48 train for home, after a delightful week-end. Thanks are offered to the Kent Association, Canterbury District, and its secretary, Mr. A. Smith, also to the Canterbury Cathedral Society for the cordial reception given to the visitors.

WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY.

LYME REGIS RINGERS' OUTING.

For their annual outing Lyme Regis, Dorset, ringers took a very enjoyable trip into Hampshire on Saturday, July 22nd, in glorious weather. After a break at Wimborne for a short, second breakfast, Romsey Abbey was the first point of call for ringing. Here they were met by Mr. Paskins, captain of the Romsey band, and Mr. Smith, of King's Somborne. These grand bells, going well now, were fully appreciated in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, and the glories of the ancient abbey church also were duly admired. Hursley, so prominent to-day as sheltering the tomb of John Keble, came next, and touches in the four standard methods were rung, Mr. Hunt giving a cordial welcome. Winchester was reached for luncheon. A pull on the Cathedral bells not being permitted, some part of the afternoon was spent on the six at St. Maurice's Church, Kent, Plain Bob and a good course of Cambridge Surprise being rung. The route for the return journey was via the delightful Salisbury road, with a halt at Stockbridge, where Mr. Carey and some of his ringers were waiting to offer welcome. On these light bells, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and some excellent Cambridge Surprise were tapped off. Salisbury was reached for tea about 6.30 p.m., the final tower of the day being St. Martin's. This had a special attraction, as the Rector, Canon W. N. Willson, had been Vicar of Lyme Regis previously. Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major were rung here, in which Messrs. F. Romaine and C. D. Heginbotham, of Salisbury and Devizes fame respectively, joined. Before the departure of the visitors, Canon and Mrs. Willson kindly entertained them with refreshments in the Rectory garden. The last stage of a long day's journey began about 8.45 p.m., and home was reached safely at 11.30.

The Lyme Regis band wish to thank all the incumbents who so willingly opened their towers to them, and also those at the various towers who made ready for them and met them with such friendly welcome.

C. C. C.

A TEN-TOWER DAY.

CHURCH WITH A THATCHED ROOF.

On Saturday, July 1st, the St. Clement's, Ipswich, company of ringers, accompanied by two members from Rushmere St. Andrew, had their annual outing—a motor tour of the Norfolk and Suffolk borderland. Starting at 8 o'clock, the first stop for ringing was made at Thrandeston, where is a ring of six. The next call was at Brockdish, where after a ring on the six the party were entertained to refreshments by the Vicar, and had a look round the Vicarage gardens. Moving on to Starston, the six bells were soon in use. Here again the Vicar was present to welcome them. A short run on to Redenhall completed the programme before dinner. An hour of ringing on the fine ring of eight passed all too soon. Dinner was excellently served at the Magpie Hotel at Harleston. A move was then made to Alburgh, where, however, owing to delay in obtaining the keys, only a short stay could be made, but long enough for all to have some Major. Bungay was the next place for ringing on the eight, but the reversed ringing position caused some trouble at first. Here Mr. Barrell, a member of the local band, had everything ready. The next stop was at Ditchingham to try the recently restored peal of six, which are hung in new iron frames and modern fittings. They proved well worth the visit.

The next call was at Stockton, where is a small church with thatched roof and a round tower with spire. The 'go' of the five bells could hardly be termed excellent, but some 120's were scored with hard work. This, however, was easily compensated for by an invitation by a retired clergyman living at Stockton Hall, and who at one time was connected with St. Clement's and Rushmere, as well as several other nearby churches. Tea was served on the lawn, an ideal spot for such a hot day. Having taken leave of their hosts, the ringers began the return journey via Bungay to Wissett, where hangs a good ring of six in a round tower. Here they were met by Mr. F. Lambert, of Halesworth, who had walked over to meet them. He also travelled to Chediston, the last stopping place. Here the six were made good use of, after which the usual group photograph was taken, which proved quite a success in spite of the late hour of nine o'clock and waning light. Leaving at 9.15, the last stage was via Halesworth to home, which was reached at 10.45, after a most enjoyable day. Ringing took place at 10 towers, the distance covered being over 100 miles.

MUFFLED BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled at Irchester on Tuesday evening, July 25th, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. C. Payne, who was laid to rest on the previous Saturday.

Mrs. Payne was the wife of Mr. C. Payne (belfry foreman at Irchester) and mother of Mr. F. Payne, both of whom are members of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and the deepest sympathy is extended to them in the great loss they have sustained. The ringers were R. Payne 1, A. D. Stone 2, W. Dunkley 3, C. Aldridge 4, L. Chapman 5, G. D. Deighton 6, O. Payne (conductor) 7, H. Goosey 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**INVITATION MEETING AT WITHERNSEA.**

An invitation meeting was held at WitherNSEA on Saturday, July 15th, when a good company assembled from the towers of Eastington, Howden, Hull, Patrington and Selby. A variety of ringing took place in Minor and Doubles methods, affording useful practice to several inexperienced ringers. After an interval for tea, the party again ascended the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8 p.m.

A vote of thanks was accorded for the use of the bells, and in reply the local secretary gave those present a cordial welcome, and expressed a desire for such meetings to be held with greater frequency, not only to promote good fellowship and advancement in proficiency, but to stimulate and encourage the members in punctual and regular attendance in service ringing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**A BRADFELD DEANERY REVIVAL.**

The Bradfield Deanery Branch held its summer meeting at Stratley on Saturday, July 8th. This was the first meeting, other than the annual meeting, to be held by the branch for some years, and it is hoped other meetings will be arranged in future. Amongst those present were Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D. (the chairman of the branch), Rev. J. Hughes (Vicar of Stratley) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), also representatives from the following belfries: Aldermaston, Abingdon, Basingstoke, Beedon, Bradfield, Caversham, Cholsey, Compton, Exeter, East Isley, Goring, Henley-on-Thames, Peasmore, Reading (St. Laurence's and St. Mary's), Stratley, Tlcale and Wokingham, a total of 43 members.

Rev. J. Hughes conducted the service, assisted by Rev. H. C. Wilder. Tea followed, and a very happy company gathered at the table. The Chairman thanked the Vicar of Stratley for the way he had welcomed the branch, also for his address, and the arrangements made. He also thanked all those who had given assistance and made the meeting a great success.

A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by W. Hibbert 1-2, R. Hibbert 3-4, Miss P. Holloway 5-6, E. Caudwell 7-8. The company then dispersed, some going to Goring, where they had the pleasure of ringing on a lovely peal of eight touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples. Other ringers returned to Stratley, and several touches of Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles were successfully rung.

The secretary of the branch, Mr. T. W. Palmer, would like to thank all those who turned up from near and far, also those who so ably assisted him, especially Mr. H. Perry and J. Bower, foremen of the Stratley and Goring towers respectively. The branch annual meeting will be held on Saturday, September 30th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World' at a later date.

LONDON RINGERS VISIT BERKSHIRE.**TRIBUTE AT GRAVE OF REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.**

The annual outing of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild, took place on July 1st. Proceeding to Reading by train, the party were joined by Messrs. J. C. Truss, G. Martin, F. and D. Borcham and F. West, and the journey was then continued by motor coach to Highclere, where the bells, a delightful little peal, were set going to Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Double Norwich. The church stands in beautiful surroundings. Hungerford was the next call, which was reached after a splendid ride through glorious country. Lunch was partaken of at the Plume Hotel, where full justice was done to the good things provided, although one gentleman, calling 'Time' too soon, nearly made the party miss a course. After lunch, they found their way to the tower, when Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were brought round on the nice peal of bells, which go very well indeed.

The next point of the journey was East Garston, to pay tribute at the grave of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. The Master of the Holborn Guild laid a wreath on the grave, after which the Rector of St. Andrew's offered a prayer. A course of Stedman Triples was then rung by the following: C. F. Winney 1-2, J. C. Truss 3-4, G. Martin 5-6, A. A. Hughes 7-8. This little ceremony was most impressive. After a look round the church, the ride was continued to Bucklebury through most delightful country. Here they were met by Mr. Matthews and Miss Stella Davis, who gave the party a hearty welcome. Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were all recorded. Tea was served in the Village Hall and much appreciated and enjoyed. The opportunity was taken of proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Andrew's for his presence, and his gift of cigars.—The Rector, in reply, said how delighted he was to be with them, and how much he had enjoyed the ride and scenery. Returning to Reading, the Rector was left at the railway station, and the ringers went on to St. Giles' Church, where they were welcomed by Mr. A. W. Osborne. Here the bells were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich. Afterwards the party proceeded to the Shades to discuss the day's doings, etc. Here they were all delighted to meet Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hibbert, Mr. and Mrs. Cullin, Mr. C. Gardner and Mr. W. B. Kynaston, of Swindon. The 'Bishop' could not attend. Time flew all too fast, and the 10.15 p.m. train to Paddington conveyed the party safely to London after a happy and glorious day.

A TOUR IN WEST SUFFOLK.**GLORIES OF A PAST AGE.**

The ringers of St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 1st. Favoured by excellent weather, an interesting tour of West Suffolk was carried out by means of a motor coach, a distance of about 190 miles being covered. Leaving Hillingdon at 7.30 a.m., a pleasant drive through Uxbridge, Rickmansworth and Watford, thence by the Great North Road, brought the party to Baldock. Refreshments were eagerly sought upon arrival, and the ringers then visited St. Mary's Church, where excellent use was made of this fine ring of eight, with a tenor of 23 cwt. in D.

Again on the road, the coach sped on its way through pleasant rolling country. Newmarket Heath presented a pretty spectacle, at Bury St. Edmunds, the White Lion was found with difficulty, its unpretentious frontage misleading all. A very plentiful and appetising lunch was disposed of in a workmanlike manner! The old Norman bell tower attached to St. James' Cathedral was then visited. The ringing on this fine ring of ten, tenor 30 cwt., cast in 1736 (incidentally a maiden ring) was greatly enjoyed. Leaving Bury, the main road was forsaken, and the signposts to Lavenham eagerly followed. The past prosperity of East Anglia is shown in a remarkable manner by comparison of church accommodation and the present population. A very striking example is Lavenham, surely one of the finest Perpendicular churches in the country. This church was built in the fifteenth century, mainly through the generosity of a family of clothiers living at Lavenham. It is 200ft. long and 60ft. wide, with a tower, the finest in Suffolk, 141ft. high. The population of Lavenham to-day is 1,620! The bells are indeed worthy of the tower, with a tenor of 23 cwt., cast in 1625 by Miles Graye. The opinion of the visitors, however, was divided as to whether 'its equal cannot be found in England,' as stated on a peal board in the tower! After ringing and enjoying the extensive views from the top of the tower (what a climb!), a reluctant departure was made.

Sudbury, the next stop, possesses three fine churches, all being built or rebuilt in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. St. Gregory's, where the bells were rung, occupies a site of an old wooden Saxon building, which it is thought existed up to the time of the Conqueror. Continuing the journey, Dunmow was reached at 5 p.m., where an enjoyable tea was partaken of at the Angel and Harp. St. Mary's Church was then visited, and the musical ring of bells, tenor 21 cwt., rung. The 6th and 7th were cast about 1600. One item in the church deserves mention. A carpet from the chancel steps to the altar was made by members of the local branch of the Mothers' Union. Several other evidences of local craftsmanship were also to be seen.

The final halt was at Hertford, where the bells of All Saints' (a very fine ring of ten, tenor 25 cwt. in D) had been placed at the disposal of the visitors. This church is the successor to the one burnt down in 1898. After a visit to the shops, on a final souvenir collecting expedition, the last stage of the journey was commenced. Hillingdon was reached soon after 10 p.m., bringing to an end a day of pleasant memories. The methods rung were confined to Grandsire Stedman and Plain Bob, but all enjoyed the fine tone of the different bells, and the towers snatchers had a happy day!

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY'S OUTING.**EXCURSION TO NORWICH.**

The Saffron Walden Society held their annual outing on Monday, July 3rd, in ideal weather. Leaving at 9 a.m., and proceeding via Newmarket, the first call was made at Mildenhall, and the bells were set going to Stedman Triples, after which touches of Cambridge and London Surprise were brought round. They then moved on to Elvedon, and quite enjoyed ringing on the light peal in the memorial tower. The methods rung here were Stedman Triples, London and Double Norwich.

At Wymondham they were met by Mr. G. Peggall. Hot lunch was served at Underwood's Cafe, and they then proceeded to climb the 92 steps to the belfry. By the time they reached the top they were more than pleased to find the bells 'up.' The methods rung were Stedman, London and Cambridge. Going on to Norwich, they visited St. Peter Mancroft, where they found Mr. G. Howchin awaiting them. The first touch on this glorious peal was Stedman Caters, and afterwards two touches of Stedman Cinques, the visit closing with three leads of Kent Royal. After tea at St. Michael's Coslany, touches of London, Superlative and Stedman were rung, and this completed the ringing of the day. The homeward run was commenced at 7.30, and Walden was reached at 10.30, all agreeing that it had been a good day. The society's thanks are due in the first place to Mr. G. H. Cross for the trouble he took in making most of the arrangements, also to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the steepkeepers for having the bells 'up' at all the towers.

FARNHAM.—On Sunday, June 25th, for morning service, in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Portsmouth to preach at the church, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Denyer (Aldershot) 1, J. Beagley 2, J. Read 3, W. H. Viggers (Aldershot) 4, G. Upshall 5, C. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 31st. *St. Mary-le-Bow Cheapside, on the 8th, St. Magnus' on the 24th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The annual branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: Election of officers and fixing date for annual social.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Marden on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) available 4 to 8.30 p.m. Tea, at the Volunteer Inn, 5.30 p.m. —A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Middleton on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nell St, Milnrow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Members and friends are invited to St. Andrew's, Holborn, London, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in The Court House, followed by social.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. All outstanding subscriptions must be paid at this meeting. — J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, August 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea in Schoolroom at 5. Edington bells also available during the evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on Aug. 5th at Widford (6 bells). Bells ready during afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea after, 1s. each. All welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shepton Beauchamp on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Visitors welcomed. — D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stradbroke on Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8) available all day. Also Wilby (8), Fressingfield (8), Wingfield (6), and Laxfield (6). Tea, 1s. each, at the Queen's Head, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8). — 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 Yaxley on August Bank Holiday Monday. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by kind invitation. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday prior to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held on Saturday, August 12th, at All Saints', Rainford. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. For tea, please notify Mr. J. W. Hall, Bank Villas, Rainford, not later than Wednesday, August 9th. Good bells, excellent bowling facilities, beautiful scenery. All ringers and friends welcome.—Claude I. Davies and Norman Brown, Branch Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Aug. 9th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Blackhill on Saturday, Aug. 12th. St. Aidan's (8), Benfieldside (6) are available from 2 p.m. for the rest of the day. The bells of St. Mary's (R.C.) from 2 to 6. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Warboy on Aug. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Morecambe on Aug. 12th. Bells at 2 p.m. Meeting in the National Schools at 5.45 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., to all who notify Mr. H. Palmer, 14, Oxford Street, Morecambe.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) ready early. Service 4 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry afterwards. Will members please make own arrangements for tea? A good meeting hoped for.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. per head for those who notify Mr. A. Steele, Queen's Villas, Crofton, near Wakefield, by Tuesday, Aug. 8th. A good meeting desired.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Barkway on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 at Wheatsheaf. Everyone welcome.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Deal on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. L. Ladd, Tormore Cottage, Upper Deal, on or before Thursday, Aug. 17th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Further particulars next week. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to full members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—(Southern Branch).—The summer meeting will be held at Bredon's Norton on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Service with an address at 5 p.m. The Rector, the Rev. W. H. B. Yerburch, will provide tea for all those intending to be present. Please oblige by letting me know who is coming by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

ABBOTS LANGLEY.—Saturday, Aug. 19th (6 bells). Bells available from 3.30. Tea, Village School, at 5.30. Buses from Watford or St. Albans, or train to King's Langley (1 mile).—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police again invite all ringers and their wives and friends to their Athletic Ground, Bromwich Street, on Saturday, August 19th. Usual arrangements. Names by Wednesday, Aug. 16th, to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Preliminary Notice.—A dinner to commemorate the jubilee of the society will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. The Lord Bishop of Lichfield has promised to preside. Details later. Please book the date.—H. Knight.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held this year at York on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Further particulars later.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

LEEDS.—Practice on the bells of Leeds Parish Church is *cancelled* until further notice.—F. Renton, Hon. Sec., 143, Stratford Street, Beeston Hill, Leeds 11.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Wilfred Williams has removed to 10, Stapley Road, Hove, Sussex.

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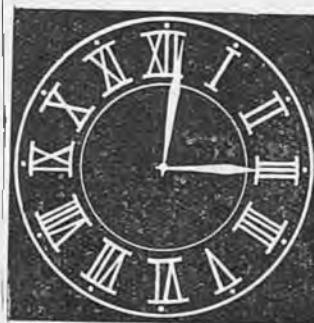
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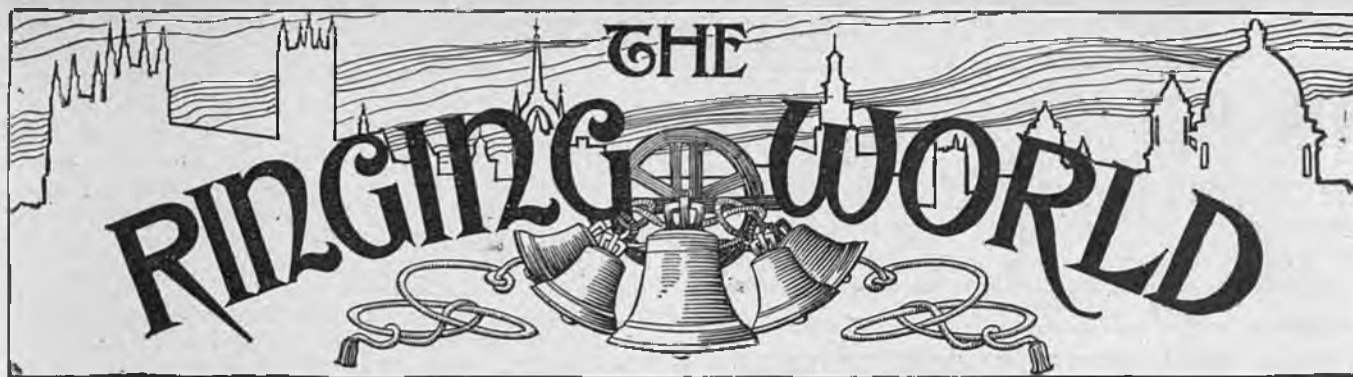
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IS PEAL RINGING FUTILE?

We publish elsewhere in our columns a letter on the subject of peal ringing which has reached us from a source which demands respect. The writer is a ringer of long standing and considerable repute, and although he has adopted a *nom de plume* on this occasion our readers may take it that his letter has behind it the full force of genuine conviction arrived at after many years of wide ringing experience, and, doubtless, much thought. Having said this, however, we hasten to remark that we profoundly disagree with several of the conclusions at which 'Enlightened' has arrived, and we are quite sure that the majority of our readers will be with us in this respect. In his arguments against peal ringing our correspondent gives three reasons for his conclusions; that it is (1) futile, (2) a desecration of the bells of the Church, (3) a nuisance to many parishioners.

Is peal ringing futile? This may be a matter of opinion, but in our view peal ringing is a means to an end—it is the best means of raising the standard of striking and of securing the highest competence in accurate method ringing. We do not pretend that the end is always achieved, but we do say that the general standard of ringing to-day would have been nothing like as high as it is without the peculiar practice which peal ringing has provided. While there are plenty of 'sloppy' ringers who get through peals, we think it can hardly be denied that peal ringing with any band makes, in the end, for good ringing. There is also another aspect from which to judge peal ringing. No other practice can take its place in the cultivation of the mental attributes necessary to good change ringing—concentration, consistent accuracy, the subjugation of the individual to the collective aim. From each of these standpoints one peal is worth far more than four quarter peals; not only because the ringers attach more importance to it, but because of the greater sustained effort which is necessary.

Is peal ringing a desecration of the Church? In our view, emphatically no, if the behaviour of the ringers is consistent with the sacredness of the place in which they are engaged. When bells are dedicated they are set apart from 'profane and unhallowed uses,' and, when proper reverence is observed by the ringers, we cannot believe that peal ringing, which should bring out all the best characteristics in a ringer, is 'profane and unhallowed.' A peal can be no more profane and unhallowed than a practice, whether of the ringers, the choir or the organist, and we feel that our correspondent has adopted an exaggeration of language when he includes all peal ringing under the term of 'desecration.'

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Is peal ringing a nuisance to many of the parishioners? Here there is more room for agreement with 'Enlightened.' There are undoubtedly numerous towers where the noise of the bells is more than the immediate neighbours ought to be asked to put up with, not only for peals, but also for practice. But the remedy is not the abolition of peal ringing; it lies in the effective control of the sound of the bells—a matter which, as was mentioned in our leading article last week, is simple and inexpensive in the majority of cases, and is one which should be undertaken wherever necessary by the church authorities.

TEN BELL PEAL.

YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 1 Treble	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 6
MRS. G. H. CROSS 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 7
F. NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE BAILEY 8
GEORGE MAYERS 4	WILLIAM CLOVER 9
GEORGE HOWCHIN 5	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER D. POOLEY Treble	THOMAS C. CASTLE 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	LEONARD E. FIDLER 6
HERBERT ELSE 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN 7
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 31, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY JACKSON Treble	ALFRED KING 3
CHARLES W. SMITH 2	HORACE H. SMITH 6
ARTHUR MARKWELL 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
ALBERT FLEET 4	†FREDERICK BOWLER Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

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Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
*WILLIAM HENLEY 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	*WILFRED EDWARDS 7
†DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* 350th peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Superlative on the bells. Rung as a fourteenth birthday compliment to Miss M. Wingrove, daughter of the conductor.

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On Wednesday, August 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR Treble	JOHN RADCLIFFE 5
JOHN CLAYTON 2	HARRY MELLOR 6
ERNEST GARSIDE 3	VERNON SYKES 7
HARRY PICKLES 4	FRED DUNKERLEY Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by RALPH TAYLOR.

Ringers of the 6th, 7th and tenor are from Oldham, the others are all regular service ringers at the above church.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE TWELVE-PART, No. 94
Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	NORMAN G. LEECH 6
J. CHARLES DICKEN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first peal of Stedman Triples in twelve equal parts.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	STANLEY COFLING 5
MISS VIOLET BECKETT 2	EDWIN R. GOATE 6
MRS. G. H. CROSS 3	FREDERICK A. FINCH 7
*WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* 100th peal of Double Norwich. E. R. Goate has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ALFRED B. PECK 6
JOHN W. WARD 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
ARTHUR T. GREENWOOD 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
First peal in the method as conductor. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

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On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

ROBERT THOMAS Treble	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 5
LEONARD DRAKE 2	G. WILFRED SLACK 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	GEORGE W. SLACK 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

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On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	CRCIL C. MAYNE 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
LEONARD STILWELL 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WM. WELLING.

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KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LAWRENCE AND ANN,

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

WILLIAM C. DOWDING Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
HENRY H. FEARN 4	C. HOWARD STANLEY Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT (No. 20). Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT
First peal of London Surprise Major on the bells.

CHULMLEIGH, DEVON.

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On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 25½ cwt.

ARTHUR NEWTON Treble	ARTHUR A. TRUMAN 5
ERNEST W. HILL 2	EDWARD W. BIFFIN 6
WILLIAM A. WILLS 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
WILLIAM H. HOWE 4	*HYLA NEWTON { Tenor
	*LEVI NEWTON {

Conducted by P. NEWTON.

* First attempt for the peal. First peal on the bells.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

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On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	MISS PAT HOLLOWAY 5
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 6
*MARK ROSIER 3	EDGAR HUMFREY 7
MISS VERA ROBINSON 4	REGINALD W. REX Tenor

Conducted by C. J. HIBBERT.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.	
A. PADDON SMITH Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	ARTHUR BRAINES 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
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Tenor 15 cwt.

*NELSON BOURNE Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	CHARLES H. SONE 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	FREDERICK A. LEASON 7
HARRY BAKER 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Major.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

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On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
WILLIAM C. ROMSEY 2	GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
SHELFORD SPARROW 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

SIX BELL PEALS.

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On Tuesday, August 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, and one each of London Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

ARTHUR F. PUTLAND Treble	REGINALD G. HARVEY 4
WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY 2	HARRY S. BARKER 5
HARRY SIEBBINGS 3	EDWARD J. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.

First peal in six methods by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. C. Ringrose.

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On Wednesday, August 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE C. HILL Treble	WILLIAM J. HENNIKER 4
MISS GLADYS PACK 2	JOSEPH T. PACK 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

First peal in seven methods by all the band, and first on the bells. Ringers of treble and 4th belong to the local company, 3rd from Little Chart, the remainder are from Egerton.

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On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Wragby Delight, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN MAJOR Treble	FRANK ATKINSON 4
ARTHUR PANTHER 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
GEORGE LORD 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Rung to celebrate the 400th anniversary of this church (1533-1933). First peal on the bells since 1910. Ringers of 2, 3 and 5 belong to Wath, 4 to York Minster, and treble and tenor to Felkirk.

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KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 38 methods, spliced into seven extents, viz.:

- (1) Melandra, Castleton, Peveril, Beeston and Leasowe Delight.
- (2) Chepstow, Dover, Balmoral, Skipton, and Fotheringay Delight.
- (3) Rostherne, Ely, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bagedone Delight.
- (4) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight.
- (5) Charlwood, Newdigate, Neasden, Old Oxford, St. Albans, College Bob IV., Wragby and Willesden Delight.
- (6) Oakley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob.
- (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.

SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN. Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	JOHN WORTH 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

This peal contains the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true extents.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 6, 1933 in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANCES;

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

ALBERT CRAWLEY Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 4
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	HARRY PARKER 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except treble ringer.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and one each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

EDWARD J. SHYNN Treble	REGINALD G. HARVEY 4
WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY 2	HARRY S. BARKER 5
HARRY SIEBBINGS 3	EDWARD J. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

In St. Margaret's Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5131 CHANCES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 5-6
PERCY HARRISON 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET.

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

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RECAST RING OF SIX AT DAGENHAM. BELLS RING AGAIN AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS.

Dagenham is one of those many villages and townships that have been assuming in these last few years a dual personality. As one approaches the vicinity of this one-time rural retreat in Essex, the new great Ford works loom into view not many furlongs from the by-pass road to Southend. Thence a mile run through modern villadom brings the visitor to old-fashioned Dagenham and its church, dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul, with tower and timbered spire.

The church was rebuilt and a ring of six bells installed in 1804 during the incumbency of Rev. Henry Morice, but records dated October 3rd, 1552, give evidence of the bells that were installed in a previous belfry:—

'Bell mettall. It'm. Remeynyng in our church iijj bells wyth a lytyll sance bell and a cloke strykyng upon the grett bell the gret bell weying by estymacyon xc
the thyrd bell weying by estymacyon viijc
the secundo bell weying by estymacyon viijc
the treble bell weying by estymacyon vjc
the lytyll sance weying about xxxli.'

The peal erected at the beginning of the last century had fallen into a grievous state, and had not been rung for about fourteen years. The wood frame was 'mobile,' the fittings in serious condition, four bells were cracked, and the whole ring was of poor tone.

The determined efforts of the Vicar, the Rev. George Jones, and his Council, have now altered this state of things, and the rededication of the bells by the Bishop of Barking (Dr. Inskip) took place on Thursday evening, July 27th, in the presence of a large congregation, clergy from neighbouring parishes, and a strong complement of ringers.

The wood frame has been reinforced and set on heavy steel girders; ball bearings and other new fittings have been supplied, and all six bells recast into a most musical ring with a 14½ cwt. tenor in F sharp.

The previous inscriptions have been reproduced with the addition on each bell of 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1933,' and the firm were congratulated on all sides for yet another perfect peal, easy to handle and of outstanding musical quality.

Just inside the west entrance to the church and in the tower is a plate bearing the inscription: 'To the glory of God. All six bells were recast, and a new steel grillage erected, in the year 1933, by the efforts of the parishioners and largely by the generosity of Mrs. C. Gunary and her sisters in memory of their parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry and Maria Farrance, formerly of this parish. Rev. G. Jones, Vicar. Edward J. West and Frederick T. Lazell, Churchwardens.'

The Bishop based his address on the words 'Rejoice in the Lord.' The word 'bell' only occurred twice in the Bible, he said, and bells were not known in this country much before the ninth century, when they were then used in some of the ancient abbeys. There were no foundries, and the bell founders used to travel about the country and would cast bells at the churches where required. Things were very different to-day. It was recognised that every church had to have its bell or bells, and they ranged from the type to be found in St. Paul's Cathedral down to the awful little tinkle from a single bell rung continuously by some diminutive choirboy.

In ancient and historic churches, such as that at Dagenham, it would be particularly appreciated that they should have a peal of bells. In new towns they were proud of their associations with the past, and that was where they were the envy of Americans, who had nothing that could be called really old. No one could foresee the future of Dagenham, but it had already taken its place among the important towns of the country, and the growth of its population was the greatest in the past ten years of any town in the kingdom. It was up to the people in the district to maintain the traditions of the past and also to build up traditions for the future, and he hoped that an enlightened Church would play no small part in that. They had been without a peal of bells for fourteen years, and he hoped that, now the belfry had been renovated and the bells recast, they would do justice to the town.

His Lordship went on to refer to the ringers, and said that they, like engine drivers and others who did useful work, were often taken for granted. Yet they often served for years without further reward than the satisfaction they got out of their labours.

Proceeding, he referred to the uses of the bells and of the sorrows and happinesses which they indicated. He hoped that they would strike a true note and that their message would bring back the wanderer to the right road.

After the Bishop had dedicated the bells they were rung in rounds by members of St. Margaret's Society, Barking, till the choir, clergy and Bishop had returned to the chancel. After the service 240 Bob Minor was rung by F. E. Collins (Croydon) 1, R. Fenn 2, G. W. Faulkner 3, E. G. Cottis 4, A. Chaplin (Dagenham) 5, C. Fenn (conductor) 6. There were about 50 members of the Essex Association present, including Mr. Pryor (Master South-Western Division) and Mr. E. J. Butler (divisional secretary), and many visitors. All of the ringers afterwards had the opportunity of ringing, and touches in methods from Cambridge Minor to Grandsire Doubles and rounds were rung. Everyone was delighted with the 'go' and tone of the bells.

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A LINCOLNSHIRE BEAUTY SPOT.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at West Deeping on July 29th. It was not an overcrowded gathering, but ringers were present from Market Deeping, Bourne, Wymondham, Grantham, Folkingham, etc. Despite 72ft. of rope, the bells go well, and touches of Surprise Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and quite a happy time was spent, thanks to the arrangements made by the Vicar, Mr. Neal and Mr. Cuthbert Bradley. Tea was served on the Vicarage lawn, and thanks are due to the ladies for their efforts in this direction.

West Deeping was beautiful from the pride taken by the villagers in the appearance of their homes. Nearly every house was gay with well-tended flowers growing in the windows and gardens, while the old water mill added a touch of picturesqueness to the scene.

The spire of the church was struck by lightning recently, but happily very little damage was done.

MR. GEORGE GILBERT'S 300 PEALS.

Mr. George Gilbert, of Maidenhead, who has had the rare experience of ringing two peals with seven ladies, has just completed his third century of peals. In these 300 peals 442 ringers, of whom 31 were ladies, took part. In the 131 peals which Mr. Gilbert conducted, 43 ringers rang their first peal and 301 their first in the method.

Doubles:	Rung.	Conducted.
In three methods	2	2
In four methods	1	1
Minor:		
In one method	1	1
In two methods	2	2
In three methods	5	5
In four methods	12	9
In five methods	4	3
In seven methods	63	26
In eight methods	2	2
Triples:		
Grandsire	35 (g)	26
Oxford Bob	1	—
Plain Bob	4	4
Stedman	28	2
St. Clement's	1	1
Plain Major:		
Canterbury Pleasure	1	1
Double Norwich	17 (a)	2
Little Bob	1	—
Plain Bob	24 (c)	16
Single Oxford	1	1
St. Clement's College	1	1
Treble Bob Major:		
Kent	22 (f)	12
Oxford	11	10
Spliced (Worcester Variation)	1	1
Surprise Major:		
Bristol	7 (e)	—
Cambridge	8	—
Double Dublin	1 (b)	—
Guildford	1	—
London	13 (d)	—
New Cambridge	1	—
Painswick	1	—
Pudsey	1	—
Superlative	13	2
Surrey	1	—
Yorkshire	1	—
Caters: Stedman	6	—
Royal:		
Plain Bob	1	—
Kent Treble Bob	3	1
Cambridge Treble Bob	1	—
Cinques: Stedman	1	—
Totals ...	300	131

(a) Includes 11,008. (b) Includes 8,600. (c) Includes Army and Navy Peal. (d) Includes George peal. (e) Includes George peal. (f) One with seven ladies. (g) One with seven ladies. Rung in 116 towers, in 10 counties and for nine associations.

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Among those present at the opening were Mr. C. F. Johnston, representing the founders, and ringers from Barking, Hornechurch, Romford, Leytonstone, West Ham, Woodford, Stamford-le-Hope and Orsett.

On the following Sunday four of the Barking company, at the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. G. Jones), assisted in the ringing for the services. In the morning the first 720 Bob Minor on the bells was rung by: E. G. Cottis 1, R. Fenn 2, S. J. Holgate 3, J. Berry 4, A. Chaplin 5, C. Fenn (conductor) 6, and in the evening another 720 of the same method with A. Chaplin as conductor. Messrs. Berry and Chaplin are local ringers.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT CHESTER.**

The annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Chester on Saturday, July 29th, when there was a good attendance representing all the seven branches of the Guild and several visitors from the bordering counties. The Guild's form of service was conducted in the Cathedral by Rev. W. R. Ingham, the secretary and treasurer of the Guild, and an instructive address was given by the Lord Bishop of the diocese.

At the business meeting held directly after the service, the Master, Rev. C. A. Clements, spoke of the loss the Guild and ringers in other parts of the country had sustained by the death of Rev. A. T. Beeston, who was the secretary of the Guild from 1907 to 1926, treasurer from 1908 to 1932, and for several years a trustee of the Guild. As a mark of respect all present stood in silence.

The report and statement of accounts were confirmed.

All the officials, with the exception of two vacancies on the committee, were re-elected, the vacancies being filled by Rev. H. S. T. Stevens, Crewe, and Mr. T. Thompson, Bowdon and Stockport.

Mr. J. Norbury gave an interesting report on the proceedings of the meeting of the Central Council held in London at Whitsuntide.

After a short discussion it was decided to hold the next annual festival at Grappenhall on August Bank Holiday, 1934.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean and Chapter for allowing the use of the Cathedral for the service, the refectory for the tea and the meeting, and for the use of the bells, also to the Lord Bishop for his address, and to all the officials for their work during the past year.

An excellent tea had been arranged by a band of voluntary helpers, and the company numbered more than 100, one of the greatest of recent years.

The bells of the Cathedral, St. Mary's, Handbridge, St. Mary's-within-the-Walls and Christleton were open for ringing during the evening.

BELLS OF ST. NICHOLAS', ABINGDON.**RESTORATION COMPLETED.**

On Sunday afternoon, July 30th, the Church of St. Nicholas, Abingdon, had a crowded congregation at an inspiring service, when the peal of six bells was rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

The bells are a light ring of six with a $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. tenor in B flat, all cast by Rudhall in 1741. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have retuned the peal, a remedy that was badly needed, and rehung the bells in a heavy cast-iron frame together with new fittings, which include ball bearings and the last word in modern bell hangers' improvements.

That the bells now 'go like tops' and sound a musical little ring was the testimony of parishioners and ringers alike.

The opening rounds were rung by the St. Nicholas' band, A. E. Lock, Miss D. Stanley-Turner, Mrs. A. E. Lock, F. Juggins, F. Barrett, J. Gerrard, whilst ringers in numbers arrived for the ceremony and subsequent ringing from Appleton, Hagbourne, Harwell, Headington, Isley, Marcham, Miln, Oxford, Reading, Slough, Sutton Courtney, Stevenston, Sunningwell, Wittenham and Wycombe.

At the appointed time in the service the Bishop, accompanied by the Rector and warden, proceeded to the ringing room, where Mr. Cyril Johnston (representing the bell foundry) handed the ropes to the churchwarden (the Hon. A. D. Chetwynd), who requested the Bishop to dedicate the bells.

The civic dignity of the borough was added to the ceremony in this ancient church, for the Mayor, aldermen and councillors attended in their robes, together with Major-General E. J. Cooper (vice-chairman of the Church Council), General Sir Charles Corkram, and other distinguished parishioners.

THE LATE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN'S PEALS.

The late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn rang exactly 400 peals. He conducted Thurstons' Four-part 40 times. His peals were as follow:—

Minor 3, Grandsire Triples 49, Grandsire Major 1, Grandsire Caters 16, Bob Major 7, Bob Major (on handbells) 1, Bob Royal 2, Stedman Triples 158, Stedman Caters 31, Stedman Cinques 25, Kent Treble Bob Major 21, Kent Treble Bob Royal 7, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Little Bob Major 3, Little Bob Royal 2, Double Oxford Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 24, Superlative Surprise Major 17, Cambridge Surprise Major 18, Bristol Surprise Major 4, London Surprise Major 5, Washbrook's Caversham Major 1; total 400.

DUBLIN.—At Christ Church Cathedral, on Thursday, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples; A. Cook 1, G. Lindoff 2, G. G. Lindoff 3, H. Richardson 4, J. Davidson (first quarter-peal) 5, F. Stephen 6, W. Lynch (conductor) 7, W. Stephen 8.

SULGRAVE.—On Tuesday, July 25th, the 5th anniversary of the opening of the bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): G. Shallard 1, L. Parker 2, W. Branson (conductor) 3, J. Mardell 4, L. Wootton 5, W. Wilcox 6. The above are all Sunday service ringers.

VILLAGE RINGERS VISIT LONDON.**A TOUR OF THE CROYDON FOUNDRY.**

Ringers of the village of Great Chishill, with their president (the Vicar), vice-president (Mr. G. W. Tottem), and a few friends, visited the Metropolis for their annual outing last week. Leaving the Cross by coach at 7 a.m., a pleasant run through the country brought them to the city just as teeming thousands were wending their way to work. The party found much to interest them in the sights of Central London, as they passed through on their way to Croydon for a visit to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Foundry. Here, having picked up their appointed guide, let the recorder of the company describe their experiences:—

Used as we are to the sounds of nature and the peace of the countryside, it was disconcerting to be amid the din of the 'shop' into which we were shepherd. After a bit, however, we learnt the knack of making our voices heard under the racket.

A volume could be written on the casting of a bell, and it must suffice if we give here just a vignette or two. At the time of our visit the moulds for four large bells were in preparation, as also the metal. There were two and a quarter tons of this being reduced to liquid form, under the watchful eye of 'a little gentleman with a shovel.' He allowed us the privilege of using one of his peep-holes, but he did not allow us to drop a shovelful of coal in the 'right' spot of his precious furnace. Indeed had he suggested such a thing, our refusal would have been very emphatic. We can think of many much cooler jobs. He was no doubt an artist at his job—some day he will be counted one of the old hands; at present he has only been in the foundry some 60 years.

Amongst the many interesting details noted was that of the process of tuning. Obviously a rough cast bell has a note of its own, but before it can take its place in a 'ring' it must be tuned and finally tested and passed by Mr. Johnston himself. The primary tuning is carried out by a young lady member of the staff. At the moment there were no bells under inspection, but she gave us an exhibition of her skill. Within a circle of some 24 bells (standing on their crowns) she manipulated a series of independent hammers of varying weights, the heaviest of which must have turned the scale at a round dozen lbs. Watching her it was a little difficult to decide whether she was performing on the bells or going through a graceful physical exercise, but there was no doubt about her being able to touch a bell in the right spot.

Gillett and Johnston have a high reputation as clock makers as well as bellfounders, and their products can be found in many countries outside the Empire, notably America. The term 'mass production' has not yet entered their vocabulary. Within the last few weeks they have completed the job of recasting and erection of Row bells.

After bidding adieu to Mr. Johnston and our guide we went to the great air-port of Croydon. Mounting to the roof of one of the buildings we had a bird's eye view of the entire aerodrome. Machines were standing around like so many cars in a park. Our attention was centred in the giants, and we were fortunate in seeing one start off for Paris, and the arrival of a machine from Paris.

After lunch we had time to pay a short visit to the Parish Church (St. John's), which we found worthy of a much longer stay. In many respects the church is similar to the Parish Church of Saffron Walden.

Our next 'point' was South Kensington, which provided another run, which brought under view many interesting features of London. As soon as we reached Kensington we had an hour and a half in which to see part of the Science and Art Museum. By a coincidence this section contained models of gliders and flying machines of the past 50 years, as also the actual machines which had helped to make history in recent times, notably Amy's Australian machine. In addition to these there were innumerable models, all of which could be set in motion by pressing a button or turning a handle, and even the oldest of us could not resist the temptation 'to see how it worked.' It was a trying matter to gather the flock together from such fascinating surroundings, but as we had arranged for tea in the Victoria and Albert Museum force had to be used to disengage the youngest of the party from his particular model. After a pretty full day, the homeward journey was made quite without incident, and we reached our destination by nine o'clock. It will be some time ere we finish comparing notes on a most successful outing. G. W. T.

WEDDING BELLS.**DURHAM DISTRICT SECRETARY MARRIED.**

On Saturday, July 29th, at St. Oswald's Church, West Hartlepool, the wedding of Mr. F. Robson and Miss D. Dodsworth took place. While the happy couple were leaving the church the bells were rung to Grandsire Triples. The ringers attended the wedding reception and afterwards returned to the tower and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

The bridegroom is well-known as a district secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and rings regularly for Sunday services and practices at the above church.

The ringers were: W. Pillar 1, W. Oxley (Sunderland) 2, T. Stephenson (Sunderland) 3, T. Metcalf (Middlesbrough) 4, H. Robson 5, E. Robson 6, R. L. Patterson (conductor) (Sunderland), 7, S. Breeze 8.

TILEHURST RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, June 24th, the ringers of St. Michael's, Tilehurst, Berks, went by coach for their annual outing. They were accompanied by friends, among whom was Mr. E. G. Foster, the local branch secretary, and the party made a tour through Bucks, stopping to ring at Haddenham, Long Crendon, Thame and Great Milton. Tea was enjoyed at Long Crendon, and the ringers once more thank the Rector most heartily for his generosity in providing it. They wish to thank also the Rector of Long Crendon and his efficient helpers for their splendid catering.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—On June 25th, for morning service, 1,257 Stedman Caters in 51 mins.: A. R. Glascock 1, W. Pickworth 2, D. Pink 3, J. Armstrong 4, J. E. Miller 5, D. Ovington 6, N. Tomlinson 7, H. Miller 8, S. Wade (conductor) 9, A. G. Crane 10.—For evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Tomlinson 1, E. H. King 2, W. Bowden 3, J. E. Miller 4, J. Armstrong 5, W. Pickworth 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, A. G. Crane 8.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral on Sunday, June 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major (1,296 changes): H. F. Clulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, P. C. Hooper 3, G. E. Foster 4, E. H. Clulow 5, E. Foster 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, J. F. Milner (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and by all the ringers. A birthday compliment to Joyce, daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

KINGS NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 25th, for evening service, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal (1,296 changes) of Stedman Caters: A. Chambers 1, C. Webb 2, J. Jaggar 3, C. H. Stanley 4, H. Williams 5, A. S. Downes 6, J. E. Eaton 7, J. Screen 8, G. E. Fearn (conductor) 9, J. Betterton 10. Arranged for Mr. J. Jaggar, of Warley, and Mr. J. Screen, of West Bromwich.

SEDBERGH.—Service touches rung during the last quarter included 1,008 Double Norwich, 784 Double Oxford, 1,008 Stedman Triples, 928 and two 1,024's Superlative Surprise. Ringers taking part: H. Danson, Miss N. Harrison, E. Jennings, E. Pennington, J. Smith, T. Sisson, H. Haresnape, J. W. Pennington, G. Braithwaite and G. F. Woodhouse (conductor).

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, May 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples from Carter's Odd Bob peal: J. S. Hawkins 1, H. C. Alford 2, T. Langdon 3, C. J. Choct 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, R. W. Green 6, E. Brett 7, W. J. Norton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Sevadain, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hawkins.

WOODBRIIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

The first peal in this method, which is another by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, was rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, last April. Here is the method and the composition:—

The Method.	5,024.
12345678	23456 W. M. H.
21354768	52436 —
12537486	45623 — —
21573846	65324 —
25137864	26354 —
52318746	32465 — —
52137864	42563 —
25318746	64523 —
52381764	35642 — — —
53287146	64352 — —
35821764	36245 — —
38527146	43652 — B —
83572416	26435 — — —
85374261	42635 —
58732416	64235 —
57834261	26543 — —
75384621	35264 — — —
73586412	23564 —
37854621	52364 —
38756412	43526 — — —
83765142	54326 —
87361524	35426 —
78635142	23456 —
76831524	
67813542	
76185324	
76813542	False course ends.
67185324	24365
61758342	32546
16785432	53624
61874523	46253
16847253	65432
16482735	

Bob 18642735

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The cost of the Law James memorial, which consists of two treble bells to make a ring of twelve at Surfleet, where Mr. Jamca was Vicar for more than 30 years, has been £176 0s. 6d. Towards this sum £162 19s. 10d. has been subscribed, and the fund is to be closed on August 31st. All further contributions should therefore be sent in by that date to the Master, Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Lincs.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are shortly dispatching to Canada a very fine carillon of 23 bells, with a bass of four tons. The bells are of wonderful tone and perfect in their harmonic blending. They are to be erected at the new Roman Catholic Cathedral, at Hamilton, Ontario, and the biggest bell is to be hung to swing. Canada is dotted along the banks of the great St. Lawrence river with bells from the Whitechapel foundry, some of which went out over a hundred years ago.

Can any church in the country claim an older complete ring of eight bells than St. Lawrence Jewry, London, the official church of the city Corporation? These bells, which are all intact, and a year or two ago were rehung and greatly improved by tuning, were cast at Whitechapel in 1687.

In the report of the peal of Stedman Triples at Brookfield Church, Gorton, Manchester, on July 24th, the name of the ringer of the 4th should have been Alfred Frost.

THE CARE OF CHURCHES.

VIEWS OF THE S.P.A.B.

The annual report of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, a book of more than 160 pages, which has just been circulated, will be of much interest to antiquarians, but, except that a number of churches are listed among the cases in which the society has given advice, there is nothing this year which immediately concerns the interests of church bellringing.

There is, however, a section on the care of churches generally, in which it is recorded that there is no doubt at all that the parish churches of England are now receiving better care and more thoughtful treatment than they have received for two hundred years. This is due, says the report, to a changed public opinion, an opinion that was largely formed by the society, and which is now expressed by it and by the Diocesan Advisory Committees.

To-day, continues the report, there are two causes at work which too often bring harm to these old buildings. The first of these is the scare about the death watch beetle. It is very rare to find an old oak roof or framework that shows no sign of this insect's activity. This has always been so; and it is not certain that it has not always been equally active. The society finds people prepared to take up the sound covering of roofs so that they may come at and treat timbers that, as yet, show no structural distress. The society views this procedure with alarm where old roofs are concerned, for apart from extravagance of cost where such works are done in this atmosphere of beetle panic, more old worked timbers are discarded than is at all desirable. Most roofs that show no distress are good for another century or two.

The second tendency has much that is theoretically laudable to encourage it. The desire to make a 'permanent' job of repair work is often plausibly brought to the fore and is not uncommonly opposed to proper economy and to common sense. This desire, so apparently well backed by a moral or semi-moral incentive, does cause loss of interest to an ancient building when it is allowed free scope.

What the report advocates in preference to 'permanent' repair in such cases is continual watchfulness and 'daily care.'

May we add that so far as this advice applies to bells and bell frames it is excellent—when the authorities start with bells and frames in perfect order. But when the contents of the tower have passed the stage of usefulness—and in this case we refer particularly to bell frames—'patching' is a wasteful expedient if the bells are to be applied to the purposes for which they were primarily installed, and used in the manner in which they were intended and are expected to be used.

SILCHESTER SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I shall be surprised if the Rev. E. B. James, or any other composer, is able to produce a peal in the above method with tenors together, as there are only 21 true plain courses, with eight false course-heads to each course as follows:—

46253	}	related simple transposition rows.
65432		
53624		
32546		
54263	}	related complex transposition rows.
46325		
34562		
62345		

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HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**HOW THE PEAL MAY HAVE BEEN BUILT UP.**

By JOSEPH J. PARKER.

The origin of some of our old peals will always be of interest, and anything calculated to show the mental stages gone through by the early composers should be interesting.

While I was engaged upon my investigation of Grandsire Triples in the year 1888 I built a certain table of lead ends, with a view to trying to obtain a six-part peal with the 6th and 7th never called 'Before.' While experimenting with the table, I noticed that certain passages in the table were similar to some passages in Holt's peal. This set me wondering what suggested to Holt the idea of having two bells never called before, and those two bells the 2 and 6; also why the peal contained so many calls.

To get anything like a feasible answer to these questions, we have to consider what material Holt would have in those days to assist him in producing such a peal. To this last question I will suggest that the Bob and Single peal gave him the idea for a six-part peal, with the 6th and 7th never called before, and I believe this was the kind of peal Holt set out to compose.

Taking the Bob and Single peal to start with, naturally it would occur to Holt to substitute bobs for all the singles, not that that would get him very far.

At this stage a few experiments will have suggested a table of lead ends, similar to the one I built in 1888, at which time I happened to transpose the peal from the row 347526—to see what it would be like with the 6 and 7 taking the place of 2 and 6, I found that it produced a very poor peal, and I took no further interest at the time.

Having recently reproduced the transposition from my table, to see what actually happened in the process, I found the result very interesting. I will here give a description of the table, which is built in three sections.

SECTION A.

This section is built to the six following rows: 236745, 346725, 426735, 327645, 247635, 437625. Bobbing every row, except when the 6 or 7 comes before, will give the whole section in six round blocks, with the 6-7 and 7-6 coming into 4.5 at regular intervals. These rows should be taken as the dominant numbers of 24 Q sets.

SECTION B.

This section is built to the six following rows: 234567, 342567, 423567, 324576, 243576, 432576. If this section is treated as section A, we get six round blocks, with the 6-7 and 7-6 coming behind at regular intervals. Here again we get the dominant members of 24 Q sets.

SECTION C.

This section should contain 24 B-blocks in which the 6th and 7th never come before.

I will now endeavour to show how I believe Holt first composed his peal. In dealing with section A and B by plaining nine Q sets in each case, he got the whole of section A, with nine B-blocks linked together into one round block.

He also got section B, with fourteen B-blocks linked together in the same way. At this stage a certain B-block will appear in both sections, but by omitting two bobs, the three false rows are cut out, and the two sections joined up, giving the peal in its transposed form, with section A at the beginning, and section B, with all the 6-7's and 7-6's at the end of the peal.

We now see that Holt had to transpose in order to get some 6-7's spread about the peal instead of 2-6's, and to get the singles to come in the last four leads.

With regard to the number of calls, I would suggest

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PEAL RINGING.

The following letter has been written to 'The Ringing World' by a well known ringer, whose views on peal ringing seem to have changed with the passing years. While many will disagree with him, his opinions deserve respect. We invite the views of others on the subject. Our own are given in our leading article.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The slow and gradual march of civilisation has witnessed the removal of many abuses, such as slavery (partially), duelling, bull-baiting, cock fighting, etc.

May we hope that the future will see the extension of this list by the inclusion of that gross travesty of music, viz., 'jazz,' and, finally, of 'peal ringing,' and that brutal sport (?) prize fighting.

This may seem an extraordinary view to be taken by one who has rung some hundreds of 5,000's. This aspect of peal ringing has gradually been borne in on me during recent years, and for the following reasons:—

- (1) Peal ringing is futile,
- (2) is a desecration of the bells of the church,
- (3) is a nuisance to many of the parishioners.

(1) It is futile, because unnecessary as a practice. I hold that any progressive band of ringers can become proficient in any method by constant practice on the weekly occasions.

When we consider that we begin all peals from 'rounds,' it stands to reason that of, say, the 40,320 changes of Major the much larger proportion are never heard by human ears. Why not make one of the other bells the 'hunt' bell instead of the treble, and if our talented composers could compose the 40,320 in blocks of 1,260 we would then probably hear some beautiful music hitherto unheard.

(2) The bells of our churches are consecrated instruments to be used to the glory of God and the service of the church.

Can you imagine one of our organists attempting a time record of organ playing? To my mind the ideal belfry would be where all the members were regular communicants of the church and where prayer was offered, at least, on all occasions when divine service followed the ringing.

I would rather see the front pages of your excellent paper filled with the records of first touches in such and such a method for service than all the 5,000's.

Have we not been too liable to forget the main object of our existence as ringers?

(3) I submit that, in the present overpopulated condition of the country, a continual ringing of the bells for three or four hours must be a tax on the nerves of many of our neighbours. If we were not ringers we should perhaps be the first to object.

I know that the above expression of my views will come as a sort of bombshell to many of our brethren, but if it has the least effect of causing them to regard their calling in a more serious light, and if it prompts composers to give us compositions which produce the hitherto unheard music, my suggestions will not have been in vain.

Apologising for the length of this epistle, for which, in your goodness, I trust you may find room,—Yours sincerely,

'ENLIGHTENED.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Sunday morning, August 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cockell 1, G. H. Archard 2, A. W. Angel 3, R. H. Legg 4, W. S. Burbage 5, W. C. West 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, F. Dodimead 8. Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Forest Hill, as part of a week-end's 'tower snatching.' He wishes to thank all members of the Devizes Branch for so kindly giving him such a good time.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, for evensong, on August 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wills 1, F. Lecks 2, H. Simmons 3, W. Bulpitt 4, H. Young 5, F. Collins 6, E. Denham (conductor) 7, J. Adcock 8. This quarter-peal was rung in honour of the first anniversary of the birth of the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, of the Bell Foundry, Croydon.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor (consisting of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 180 Plain Bob): R. Stirling 1, E. J. Shynn (conductor) 2, H. Scager 3, F. W. Shynn 4, J. Scager 5, P. C. Sayer 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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that Holt never selected and bobbed thirty Q sets, but that he adopted the plan of plaining eighteen Q sets.

In building his table, I think we may take it for granted that Holt began with section B, as he would naturally start with the row 752634, when the rest would follow.

DOUBLES.

HOW METHODS MAY BE SPLICED INTO TRUE SIX-SCORES

Often, when licence is claimed on behalf of the five and six-bell ringers for departure from the accepted standards of ringing, it is on the ground of the need for greater scope and variety. With regard to methods, however, the six-bell ringer has no ground for complaint, now that such a wide field has been introduced by 'splicing.' He, at least, has no more need to break the conventions of method construction because of the limitation of recognised methods at his disposal.

The case is, perhaps, somewhat different with the Doubles ringer. He has not got the scope of the six-bell man and his desire for variety cannot be so easily satisfied. There are, in fact, very few methods which consist of pure doubles changes and the consequence is that, if a number of methods are required in a peal, those coming under the heading of 'irregular' have to be rung.

When the Central Council first defined a 'legitimate' method and published the first edition of the 'Collection of Legitimate Methods' they said, in their preface, 'In dealing with Doubles every possible variation of every method is given because the number of methods is small and the committee wish to give five-bell ringers the greatest possible variety.' After detailing the number of extents obtainable in the methods which they gave, they added, 'It is to be hoped that five-bell ringers will find sufficient variety, without recourse to "Dreams" and other such productions, which are neither worth the paper on which they are written nor the time taken to practice them.'

When the new edition of the 'Collection' was published two years ago the committee, because the number of regular methods on five bells is so very limited, decided to give 'a selection of methods which contain features' (such as irregular lead ends, and bells lying still for more than two blows in one position) 'which should not be tolerated on larger numbers of bells where the scope is much greater.' The result is that five-bell ringers are given a selection of sixteen 'irregular' methods, which it may be taken for granted are, in the opinion of the committee, the best of the bunch. Of pure Doubles they give only Original (forward and backward), Carter's principle and the reverse, Stedman and the reverse, Grandsire and the reverse and Double Grandsire. They have omitted New Grandsire and its reverse, but have included Reading, which, while consisting of pure Doubles, has a plain course of only two leads, and has different work for different bells.

It is surprising how little advantage seems to be taken of the material provided for the five-bell ringers. They will clutch at mongrel compositions of Grandsire for 'the sake of relieving the monotony,' but miss entirely the greater attractions of mixing the methods. Even the ringing of the different variations of Grandsire would add a good deal to the interest of a peal and provide the conductor, as well as the ringers, with something about which to keep alert.

In the last annual report of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association it was suggested the Spliced Doubles might well be rung and that a six-score could be made up of half Grandsire and half Stedman, the methods being coupled together by singles. Any

methods of pure Doubles can be treated in this way, for the reason that in one method is rung all the in-course changes and in the other all the out-of-course changes, between which there can be no risk of repetition. Thus 60 of Original can be spliced to 60 of Stedman or Grandsire; 60 of Stedman to 60 of Carter's principle or Grandsire and so on, and in each case it would be a true six-score.

The splicing together of methods with one hunt, either with other methods of a similar character or with methods of pure Doubles, is not so simple a matter, because the methods themselves produce both in and out of course rows in the plain course, and it is extremely difficult to avoid repetition. Among the methods which can be thus spliced into true 120's are, however, Grandsire and Union Doubles. The latter method (No. 11 in the 'Collection') is as follows:—

1 2 3 4 5	
2 1 3 5 4	
2 3 1 4 5	
3 2 4 1 5	
3 4 2 5 1	
4 3 2 5 1	
4 2 3 1 5	Bob
2 4 1 3 5	2 4 1 3 5
2 1 4 5 3	2 1 4 5 3
1 2 4 3 5	1 2 5 4 3

1 4 2 5 3 1 5 2 3 4

A six-score of Union can be got by calling a bob at each course end.

4253

5432

3524

— 4352

Twice repeated.

A spliced six-score of Union and Grandsire can be got by ringing alternate leads of these methods.

2345 Union	2345 Union
4253 Grandsire	— 5234 Grandsire
4325 Union	— 3452 Union
2453 Grandsire	5324 Grandsire
— 5324	— 2453

Each twice repeated.

In these illustrations the first lead is rung in Union, the next in Grandsire, and so on, and in the first example the 120 is got by a Grandsire bob at every fourth lead. The second example is bobbed in the first lead of Union in each part and at every lead of Grandsire.

There are two pure, but irregular methods of Doubles, which can be spliced together, and, when rung in alternate leads, will produce the extent of the in-course rows without a bob. The second of the two methods is Reading Doubles (No. 12 in the 'Collection'), but the first is not to be found in the Council's book:—

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch was held at Surfleet on Saturday, July 22nd, under ideal conditions. A short service was held in the church, when an address was given by the Vicar, his subject being the Oxford Centenary. The lessons were read by the Rev. E. C. Gee, Vicar of Pinchbeck.

Tea was provided by the Master of the Guild and Mrs. Richardson on the lawn at Glyn Garth, and was very much enjoyed. A short business meeting followed, at which members were present from Donington, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Fleet, etc. Among the visitors were Mr. G. W. Hensman, of Pinchbeck, Mr. C. T. and Mrs. Colos, of London, Mr. F. W. Perrons, of Coventry, and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough. The members were pleased to have with them Mr. J. Phillips, the Eastern Branch secretary, after his recent illness.

The Rev. H. Law James memorial fund was mentioned, and the total cost was given as £176 0s. 6d. Subscriptions, etc., up to date, amounted to £162 19s. 10d.

It was decided to close the fund on August 31st, and it is hoped that further subscriptions will be forwarded before that date. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for arranging the service, and to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson for providing the tea and for the use of their lawn.

Afterwards further ringing was indulged in until about nine o'clock. During the evening there were two exhibitions at the local cinema of famous ringers and their doings, which were greatly enjoyed.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP.**

On Saturday last a quarterly meeting of the Crewkerne Deanery Branch was held at Shepton Beauchamp, and ringers to the number of about twenty attended from the following towers: Barrington, Bridgwater, Hinton St. George, Ilminster, Taunton St. James, Taunton St. Mary, Wilton and Yeovil, as well as ringers from the home tower.

Ringing began soon after three o'clock, and continued at intervals till 4.30, when the special ringers' service was conducted by the Rector. After this the party sat down to tea in the schoolroom. At the business meeting which followed, it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Crewkerne some time in October.

The meeting over, a move was made to the tower again, and ringing continued till about eight o'clock. During the afternoon and evening 'six-scores' of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, as well as some Bob Minor, were brought round.

SPICING OF DOUBLES METHODS—(continued)

1 2 3 4 5	1 4 3 5 2
2 1 3 5 4	4 1 5 3 2
2 3 1 4 5	4 5 1 2 3
3 2 4 1 5	5 4 2 1 3
2 3 4 5 1	4 5 2 3 1
3 2 5 4 1	5 4 3 2 1
2 3 5 1 4	4 5 3 1 2
3 2 1 5 4	5 4 1 3 2
3 1 2 4 5	5 1 4 2 3
1 3 4 2 5	1 5 2 4 3
1 4 3 5 2	1 2 5 3 4

The single is made as follows:—

32154
31245
13245
12354

and can be introduced in any lead in the first half so long as the second single is made in the corresponding place in the second half.

Other investigators may like to try their hand at splicing further methods of Doubles, but this article will be sufficient to enable five-bell ringers to break new ground and ring more than one method in a six-score. There has not yet been a peal rung on these lines. What band will be the first to do so?

QUICK SIX.**A NEW MINOR RECORD.****THIRTY-EIGHT METHODS RUNG IN A PEAL.**

A new record was created on Saturday, when a peal of Minor in no fewer than 38 methods, compressed into seven true extents, was rung at Knutsford, Cheshire, by a band who have recently been gradually adding to the number of methods in their peals. It is a truly fine performance and ranks with the greatest achievements in the annals of change ringing. One 720 had eight methods in it, and the others five methods each.

The previous greatest number of methods in a peal was 35, rung for the first time in 1923 at Norbury, Cheshire. Mr. J. Fernley, jun., who took part in that peal, was one of the ringers on Saturday, but the rest of the band was different.

With a different treble man, the band who rang the peal last Saturday rang 35 methods to a peal last April, but the 38 method peal included one 720 with five fresh methods. The Exercise will congratulate the company and particularly the able conductor, Mr. Ernest Bennett.

Of the peal itself the band are content to let the record speak for itself; but the incidents leading up to it are reported below. How many bands, we wonder, would have been in record-breaking form after such an experience? Here is what 'E.B.' writes:—

It was decided by six ringers, all suffering from 'Minormania,' that to attempt a peal of Minor in 38 methods would be a grand way in which to pass the afternoon away last Saturday, and so it was arranged to go to Knutsford and try the fine-tuned peal of six, which are a left-handed ring, so as to make things easier (?). The time for starting was 3.30 p.m., and the 'Bishop of Disley' and his mate (both plumbers) were met at the church by Mr. S. Hough, sen., at 3.10 p.m. There were no signs of the remaining three, and at 3.30 p.m., when the bus came in, 'him' from Grove was not on it, much to the distress of the 'Bishop.' The 'Bishop' and his mate then went to sleep until the next bus came at 4.30 p.m., when 'him' from Grove was on it, much to the Delight of 'Disley,' who said it was quite a Surprise to see him.

Still nothing could be seen of the two from Macclesfield (one of whom was another plumber), and as the band were then three short of being one too many they went to enjoy a nice tea at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Hough, whom they wish to thank for their hospitality. At 5 p.m. the other plumber of Macclesfield turned up straight from work on a motor bike, whereupon the 'Bishop' gave him orders 'to go to Macc' (a journey of 12 miles each way, i.e., 24 altogether), 'for yon chap called Wilf Stevenson, and to bring him straight back and not call at any place on the way.' The motor bike arrived back with its 'load' at Knutsford Church at 6 p.m. The peal was started at 6.14 p.m., and after 2 hours 58 mins. good ringing the conductor (one of the three plumbers) called, 'This is all' at 9.12 p.m., and a successful conclusion was brought to a day when a band met nearly three hours later than the time appointed.

A JOLLY DAY.

Apsley and Hemel Hempstead ringers had a long day for their annual excursion. They assembled at 7 a.m. and made an early call at Little Munden, the party being welcomed by Mr. W. Lawrence and Mr. S. Carter. Various touches were brought round on this peal of six, Mr. Lawrence delighting the visitors by ringing 1-2 to Bob Minor. Great interest was taken in an old tree in the churchyard, which is known to be at least a thousand years old. Leaving Little Munden after an hour's ringing, many twists and turns of the road and a good many miles were traversed before finally reaching Thaxted. This fine old church was much admired, but the ringing had to be curtailed owing to late arrival. A move was next made to Littlebury. This peal of six, although not exactly musical, were used to the best advantage for three-quarters of an hour. After dinner at Saffron Walden, where the visitors were met by Mr. L. Pitstow, who had helped considerably in the arrangements in this district, the party went on to Ashwell, where the best peal of six of the day was found. A remarkable feature of this tower is its height and the passages that have to be traversed to reach the belfry. Leaving Ashwell shortly after four o'clock, the journey was resumed to Pottton, another peal of six, but considerably lighter, the tenor being only 7½ cwt. It was a pleasure to be welcomed here by the Vicar. The annual photographs—quite an important feature of the day—were duly taken at this spot. After tea at Hitchin the party were met by Mr. Scott and a number of his fellow-ringers, and the beautiful peal of eight were kept going until about 8.30. A short time was then spent in Hitchin before setting out for home, after a very enjoyable day. The methods rung on the trip were Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and, with the assistance of the Hitchin band, Stedman and Double Norwich. The party wish to take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and the towerkeepers, etc., for making arrangements, without which the outing could not have been a success.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. F. Gearo 1, W. H. Howe 2, *Miss M. Pack 3, *G. A. Parsons 4, A. Hawkins 5, W. E. Troke 6, A. W. Coles (conductor) 7, J. Clifford 8. *First 'inside.'

MIXED GRILL.

The first ingredient of the mixed grill during the holidays has been the weather. It has grilled everybody and everything, and, in case you don't remember, it completes the trio of hot bank holidays this year. It made peal ringing seem a mug's game, and put 'paid' to the good intentions of more than one band. In fact, the wise ones left the said good intentions for another day and did not start. One company met on Monday morning in one of those well lighted towers with three great windows in the ringing room, which let in all the sun. It was already hot; it promised to be hotter. 'Come on, let's get 'em up,' said the conductor. 'Why?' asked the man who had been allocated to the not-so-good-going tenor. And, on contemplation, the wisdom behind that brief question appealed to the good sense of the remainder. The next question in another place was, 'What's yours?' Again the wisdom of it appealed to good sense.

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There are many seekers after antiquities among bells and their belongings. Recently in our columns information was asked for with regard to ringers' mugs, jugs and pitchers. A relic of apparently great importance has reached us. Its age is uncertain, and we have been asked to pass it on to the seeker after knowledge. It is a bell-shaped tablet, and appears to be of gold—on one side. It is about 2½ inches by 2½ inches—where the dimensions are not otherwise—and is covered with inscriptions. It has been autographed by many celebrities, including Caesar, Nero, Horatio Bottomley and William Pye, but as it is also 'S.P.Q.R., Fecit A.D. 1174,' there seems some doubt as to its authenticity. However, as the sender thinks it might be of priceless value to 'the Royal Hist. S. Fellow,' we shall have great pleasure in passing it on.

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And talking of history, here is a more serious inquiry which we have been asked to make. Can any reader inform us who cast the bells which hung in the tower of Christ Church, Spitalfields, London, before the destructive fire of 1836? In its day it was one of the seven rings of twelve in London, the others being St. Bride's, Cripple-gate, Shoreditch, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Cornhill and Southwark. St. Paul's and Bow did not have twelve till long after. Spitalfields were a peal of ten until 1801, when two trebles were added from the Whitechapel Foundry. The tenor in those days was said to be 44 cwt. After the fire the old bells were replaced with a ring of eight with a tenor of about three-quarters of the weight. They have not been rung for years, and have joined the 'derelict' rings of London, among them St. John's, Horsleydown, and St. Dunstan-in-the-West.

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A well-known ringer, who must be writing from experience, sends us a few hints to husbands whose wives are on holiday:—

Always put the broom out. This is a 'secret sign,' and in any case you won't want it until the last day. A good sweep up then works wonders and saves time.

Don't forget to invest in a bottle of 'liquid sunshine.' This will be useful when listening to the 'weather and news.'

A bed can be slept in for three nights (middle and two sides) before turning the mattress.

Dig a hole at the bottom of the garden to bury your unsuccessful attempts at cooking; to finish burning annoys the neighbours. 'Runners' can be bent to go in the saucepan, but a long pot is necessary if you want to cook a marrow, otherwise you will have to cut it up.

To make a jelly set, don't try, eat it out of the packet; you will get the flavour then, and if you drop it on the floor you can pick it up.

Don't write more than one letter to your wife, and when she comes home tell her what a fine time you have had, and how busy you have been writing letters, but don't say who to.

And, if you do go to a ringing meeting, keep with the party.

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The report of a peal of Minor, the first in seven methods by all the band, has reached us, and with it the following letter: 'I suppose you would call this our first real peal of Minor, being in seven methods. We think that you don't realise what local conditions really are, or you couldn't write such hard things about these Minor ringers. Here it is the exception to find a change ringing band at all, let alone anything progressive. Sorry to add this little growl, but we really think it wonderful to ring Minor at all. Best wishes.'

Have we said hard things about Minor ringers? Certainly not about the struggling bands. We sympathise with them. A peal in seven methods is a thing to be aimed at—that is the highest, we think, at which we have put it. What we complain of are the ringers who ring peals in one or two methods—whether on six or eight bells—and never aspire to anything more. We congratulate this band, who have just rung their first peal in seven methods, and commend their perseverance to those other ringers who prefer to sit down under difficulties and do not try to rise above them.

A 'SURPRISE' OUTING. HUNTING THROUGH HUNTS AND CAMBS.

The Irthlingborough ringers' 'good old annual' had this year to be curtailed to a half-day excursion. A start was made at 1.30 p.m., and Bourn, Cambs, was reached after a very pleasant ride via Kimbolton and St. Neots. The very sweet toned peal were soon merrily ringing to Bristol, London, Yorkshire, and Irthlingborough Surprise, finishing with a course of Stedman. Miss Kitty Willers joined the company and rang a very good course of Irthlingborough Surprise, never having previously struck a blow in the method—an excellent performance.



OVER CHURCH, CAMBS.

A cross-country run through beautiful scenery in lovely weather brought the party to Over, Cambs, where the Vicar and Messrs. Ginn (father and son) gave them a hearty welcome. Courses of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich were rung. The church, with its quaint carvings and misereres were viewed with great interest by the 'invalid' and the ladies. Once more on the road (very much cross-country), through Swavesey to St. Ives, an enjoyable tea, and on again through St. Neots to Eaton Socon. The magnificent peal of eight were greatly admired, and splendidly struck courses of Bristol, London and Irthlingborough Surprise were brought round—seven Surprise methods in the afternoon and all successfully completed!

A convivial evening at the Sun, with excellent handbell ringing, concluded the very pleasant trip. On arriving home (late) the 'poet' burst out with:

A party from 'ar tarn' one day,
Went ringing out Huntingdon way;
The methods they rang all went with a bang,
And they ne'er lost a touch the whole day.

T. B. H.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On July 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: John N. Jukes 1, Kathleen Morris 2, Arthur Morris 3, Paul Newell 4, Edgar C. Shepherd (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 2 and 4, whose ages are respectively 18, 13½ and 15 years.

A TWO-DAYS' TOUR. IN THE THAMES VALLEY.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Putney, held their annual outing on July 15th and 16th, and incidentally missed most of the storms which visited many places that week-end. A start was made from Hammersmith about 7 a.m. on Saturday morning, a handy coach for twenty being the mode of travel. After a quick run to Reading it was found that all (or nearly all) were quite prepared for the breakfast provided, and, having 'bruk' the bells at St. Mary's-in-the-Butts were tried out, Dr. Joyce kindly welcoming the visitors. Some touches were rung here, and the party moved on to East Hagbourne, where difficulty was experienced in obtaining keys, but one was found in the Old Boot. Breathe it not—it's a 'pub.' A very nice peal of bells of about 24 cwt. were here made good use of in the restricted time at the party's disposal, and after finding the luggage merchant—not in the Old Boot—they moved off for Sutton Courtney, passing 'The Wharf' of 'wait and see' renown just before reaching the church. Touches on this six, reputed a ton (but the expert said, 'Je ne pense pas'), were rung, a visit paid to Lord Oxford's tomb, a course of Grandsire rung on the churchyard stile on those delightful little handbells well known in the Isleworth region, and the company packed in again for Drayton, famous as the church of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. One of the touches rung here was judged by Mr. Challis Winney in connection with a competition for which valuable prizes were offered (but not forthcoming). The party were loth to leave this little eight, but time was fleeting, and lunch was waiting at Abingdon, which place had been made headquarters for the week-end. Ringing was resumed after lunch at Banpton, a beautiful eight (about 24 cwt.) being much appreciated by all, especially the crew who rang the faultless course of Bob Major—unfortunately for them not in the contest. Witney was next on the programme, one of the touches rung being in the contest. Operations were brought to a swift conclusion owing to a service. A move was then made to Oxford. On the threshold of 'the tea house of ten thousand joys' the party bumped into the 'bright young people' one reads of up for the Oxford Guild festival, who quickly invited the party to 'ring some.' 'After tea we'll be pleased,' was the rejoinder, and in the evening an enjoyable couple of hours were spent at All Saints' and Christ Church, the Oxonians very kindly giving over some of their own time to the visitors. This was all the more appreciated, as it was entirely spontaneous. Return was made to Abingdon, tunes and touches rung on the handbells, then supper and bed.

Before breakfast, on Sunday, the ducks were in the river, and, after a run out to Appleton, picking up Mr. Lock (whose help in this outing was responsible for most of the pleasure), to ring for morning service. The procession to the church, headed by the Royal Cumberland mace bearer and the venerable College Youth, was quite imposing. Good touches were rung in conjunction with Messrs. Holifield and White, the long peelers having quite a lot of reminiscences to go over. Back to Abingdon to dinner, and after a leisurely afternoon there was the ten at St. Helen's, Abingdon, to conquer. The touches were finished by a splendid course of Double Norwich Major, some of the locals assisting. On the homeward journey a visit was paid to Dorchester Abbey, where the party were welcomed by the Vicar and spent three-quarters of an hour in dispensing sweet sounds on the country air. The archaeologists would have made a longer stay, but the outing secretary wanted everyone home in good time and early for work on Monday. So the party reached Hammersmith soon after ten o'clock, having had a strenuous two days, and having rung about 6,000 changes in five methods in eleven towers. Thanks are extended to all who helped in one way or another to smoothe the path to so much enjoyment.

RINGERS SUMMON FIRE BRIGADE.

AMUSING INCIDENT AT LANCASHIRE MEETING.

As the result of a meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association, held at the village of Blackrod, on Saturday, July 29th, it is hoped to interest the local band in change ringing. At present their limit is a plain course of Grandsire Doubles rung, not by method, but from memory. Practices in change ringing are to be arranged and help given. The six bells (tenor 10 cwt.), cast in 1786, are of good tone and go well.

An amusing incident occurred when the first of the visitors arrived. Not being able to find any of the local ringers, and wishing to draw the attention of someone in authority, a bell was tolled from inside the church with the tolling rope. Now this bell is tolled in a certain manner to give an alarm of fire in the village, and unwittingly it was tolled in this particular way on this occasion, with the result that men were soon running from the cricket field, bowling greens, clubs and inns to their homes to don their uniforms, and eventually gather in the churchyard for information as to the whereabouts of the 'fire.'

The mistake was taken in good part, and the firemen dispersed before the 'village' gathered round.

Touches were rung in Grandsire Doubles and Minor, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, and Kent Minor.

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MORE ALLIANCE MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A little over four years ago a letter from Mr. J. A. Trollope appeared in your columns, in which we were informed that he had worked out the extent of these methods.

Probably most of those who have purchased the 'Collection of Minor Methods' imagine that it contains all the methods possible in this class, but it does not. Nine methods have been omitted, and this appears to have been done deliberately.

Would the Methods Committee please let us know what objection they have, if any, to the nine methods, named and numbered as below, being adopted as an addendum to their 'collection'?—Yours faithfully,

'THE MAD HATTER.'

(66)	(67)	(68)	(69)	(70)
Kilndown.	Tonbridge.	Headcorn.	Hever.	Marden.
123456	123456	123456	123456	123456
213465	213465	213465	213465	213465
231645	231645	231645	231645	231645
326154	326154	326154	326154	326154
362514	362514	236514	236514	362514
635241	635241	325641	325641	632541
653214	632514	352614	352614	365214
562341	365241	536241	536241	356241
652431	635421	563421	352641	532641
564213	364512	654312	536214	523614
546231	365421	645321	563241	256341
452613	634512	463512	352314	526314
425163	643152	643152	562134	562134
241536	461325	461325	651243	651243
214356	416235	416235	615423	615423
124365	146253	146253	165432	165432
P. 142635	164523	164523	156342	156342
B. 142356	164235	164235	156423	156423
S. 142365	164253	164253	156432	156432
O (c)	N (c)	N (c)	M (c)	M (c)

(71)	(72)	(73)	(74)
Snodland.	Farleigh.	Bellring.	Swanscombe.
123456	123456	123456	123456
213465	213465	213465	213465
231645	231645	231645	231645
326154	326154	326154	326154
236514	236514	236514	236514
263541	263541	263541	263541
625314	625314	625314	625314
623541	652341	265341	265341
265341	562431	256431	623541
263514	526413	526413	263514
625341	254631	254631	625341
652314	245613	245613	652314
562134	425163	425163	562134
651243	241536	241536	651243
615423	214356	214356	615423
165432	124365	124365	165432
P. 156342	142635	142635	156342
B. 156423	142356	142356	156423
S. 156432	142365	142365	156432
M (c)	O (c)	O (c)	M (c)

A MUFFLED 'DIRGE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A few months ago I was having tea at some 'tea rooms' by the side of the Parish Church of Pinner, where they were ringing a 'muffled peal' for their late Rector.

I thought, at the time, that it sounded particularly solemn and appropriate, but, being with friends, I did not take very great notice.

On thinking it over afterwards I came to the conclusion that there were only six bells out of eight being rung, and that the 'tenor' and the one above were missing. This would make the peal the last six notes of the Phrygian ecclesiastical mode, with the minor second at the end, and would account for the mournfulness of the sequence, say, A flat, G, F, E flat, D flat, C (with slight pauses on the last two notes). Do you ever ring a dirge in this scale? Of course, I may have been mistaken, considering the lapse of time after hearing it and thinking over the matter.

STEPHEN PLUMMER,

Organist of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C.2.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1687).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 31st, St. Magnus' on the 24th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Brightling on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by kind invitation.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 318, Mawneys Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held on Saturday, August 12th, at All Saints', Rainford. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Good bells, excellent bowling facilities, beautiful scenery. All ringers and friends welcome.—Claude I. Davies and Norman Brown, Branch Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Blackhill on Saturday, Aug. 12th. St. Aidan's (8). Benfieldside (6) are available from 2 p.m. for the rest of the day. The bells of St. Mary's (R.C.) from 2 to 6. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warboy on Aug. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Morecambe on Aug. 12th. Bells at 2 p.m. Meeting in the National Schools at 5.45 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., to all who notify Mr. H. Palmer, 14, Oxford Street, Morecambe.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) ready early. Service 4 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry afterwards. Will members please make own arrangements for tea? A good meeting hoped for.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Barkway on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 at Wheatsheaf. All welcome.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

CLOVELLY.—The ring of six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) at All Saints' Church, Clovelly, recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and installed in a new frame and fittings, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Monday, Aug. 14th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Deal on Saturday, Aug. 19th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—(Southern Branch).—The summer meeting meeting will be held at Bredon's Norton on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Service with an address at 5 p.m. The Rector, the Rev. W. H. B. Yerburch, will provide tea for all those intending to be present. Please oblige by letting me know who is coming by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police again invite all ringers and their wives and friends to their Athletic Ground, Bromwich Street, on Saturday, August 19th. Usual arrangements. Names by Wednesday, Aug. 16th, to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. G. Hall, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Aug. 16th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

ABBOTS LANGLEY.—Meet there Saturday, Aug. 19th, for six-bell practice, tea and a gossip. Bells open 3.30. Tea 5.30. Travel any way you choose, rail, coach, bus, etc.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—A pleasant afternoon will be the result of attendance at the next meeting on Saturday, Aug. 19th, at St. Mary's, Woodford. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. A postcard from prospective visitors will greatly assist tea arrangements.—James G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bebington Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Ringers requiring tea, please send word not later than Tuesday, 15th inst. A good meeting is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea to follow, at the Hambro Arms. The bells of Bere Regis, Hilton and Puddletown also available. Permission has been given to visit the Abbey gardens and grounds.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at Boyne Tea Rooms at 1s. 3d. per head. Will members requiring tea notify me not later than Tuesday, Aug. 15th? Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Aug. 19th. 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 monthly meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Aug. 16th.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be held at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. a head.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, August 19th, at St. Martin's, Ruislip. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Fabb's Restaurant, High Street, at 5.30 p.m., at 1/- each. Book these dates please, and come to Staines on September 9th and Hillingdon on October 14th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, August 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Ringers for tea please notify me 17th inst. All ringers welcome.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, August 19th. Bells (6) will be available 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

LADIES GUILD, ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at Enfield (St. Andrew's) on Wednesday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All attending should advise Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, by Aug. 21st.—M. L. Cross, E. J. Butler, W. Lawrence, C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colaton Raleigh on Aug. 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of a new secretary takes place at this meeting. Bells at East Budleigh and Otterton available. Numbers for tea by Aug. 21st to M. Powell, Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale and Manchester Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at St. Mary's Church, Radcliffe (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge) and business meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. W. Emerson, 75, Knowles Street, Radcliffe, not later than Wednesday, 23rd inst. It is hoped that members of both branches will make a special effort to attend.—J. Bracewell and D. Brown, Branch Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Preliminary Notice.—A dinner to commemorate the jubilee of the society will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. The Lord Bishop of Lichfield has promised to preside. Details later. Please book the date.—H. Knight.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held this year at York on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Further particulars later.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

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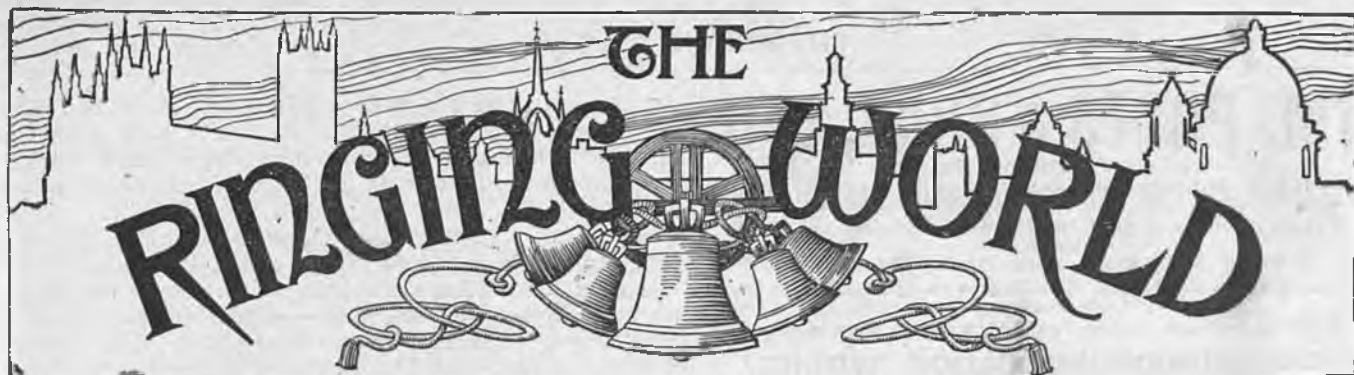
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E. Maurice Atkins ... 5	Harold Marcon ... Tenor

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* First ten-bell peal. † First ten-bell peal 'inside.' Rung to commemorate the centenary year of the Oxford Movement and the jubilee of the Community of the Epiphany, Truro, founded by Bishop Wilkinson, second Bishop of Truro. Ringers of 3, 5, 6 and tenor from Oxford, London, Aldershot and Lincoln respectively.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH STANIER ... Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6
SIDNEY ELTON ... 2	* NORMAN G. LEACH ... 7
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 3	* HORACE OVERTON ... 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	WILLIAM FISHER ... 9
GEORGE OLIVER ... 5	BERT HORTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. The band are from 10 different towers, situated in four different counties.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED PYE ... Treble	WILLIAM PYE ... 6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 8
WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
JAMES E. DAVIS ... 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. DAVIS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	HARRY BROWN 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*CHARLES BROWN 7
WILLIAM TATE 3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 8
HARRY C. WALTERS 4	HAROLD WALKER 9
*GEORGE ROBINSON 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRIGHTON.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
KEITH HART 2	WALTER PERKINS 7
ALBERT D. STONE 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 8
*WILLIAM A. BOND 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
KENNETH SNELLING 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

*FREDERICK TARGETT ... Treble	RONALD G. BECK 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 7
DR. F. S. POOLE 3	JAMES HUNT 8
ALFRED WYATT 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES 9
ARTHUR REED 5	THOMAS J. SETTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

REGINALD W. PYE ... Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung on the 58th birthday of Mr. T. Lincoln, who afterwards kindly entertained the band.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 6, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE ... Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 5
†WALTER H. DOBBIE 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
†E. LEONARD TAYLOR 4	NORMAN E. TUMBER ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY B. DOBBIE.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. ‡ First peal in method 'inside.' Rung for the 49th anniversary (August 4th) of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbie, of Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, parents of the ringers of 5, 6 and 7, and grandparents of ringers of treble and 2.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE RASHBROOK ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATOR ... 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL ... Treble	ARTHUR HAWKINS 5
JOHN PHILLIPS 2	ALFRED W. HEATH 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	D. REES JAMES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. S. E. James for having them in readiness. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES ... Treble	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... 5
FRANK CORKE 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
CECIL C. MAYNE 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
*REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
LEONARD STILWELL 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Cambridge. C. C. Mayne's 100th Surprise peal.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE GREEN ... Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
*CHARLES W. BORTON 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
GEORGE RASHBROOK 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method.

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HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	ALBERT E. SELLARS ... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	WALTER GODDARD ... 6
H. NOBLE IMESON ... 3	JOHN W. HOBSON ... 7
EDWARD RICKITT ... 4	LEONARD ROOMELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. RAVENSCROFT.

Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS

First peal of Major on the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	KEITH WHITTLE ... 5
MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... 2	*LEONARD OFFORD ... 6
WILFRED JARVIS ... 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... 7
LEONARD JARVIS ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Bob Major.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
FRANK LAWRENCE ... 2	*FRANK WEST ... 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. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 5
KEITH HART ... 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6
WALTER PERKINS ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF DEXTER'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM D. WHITE ... Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 5
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 2	ARTHUR H. REED ... 6
WILLIAM A. SIVIER ... 3	S. GEORGE COLES ... 7
*CYRIL J. STEVENS ... 4	S. PERCY MERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. WYATT.

* First peal.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM STOCK ... Treble	HARRY CHAMBERS ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 2	JOHN R. SHARMAN ... 6
JAMES T. WARD ... 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 7
AMOS SMART ... 4	CHARLES W. BIRD ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTROW.

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
HARRY HOVERD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Treble	*A. OWEN WRINTMORE ... 5
WILLIAM C. WEST ... 2	WALTER FARLEY ... 6
*TREVOR B. HOLLOWAY ... 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 4	CHARLES RAISON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First attempt for Stedman Triples.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK KIRK ... Treble	AMOS SMART ... 5
JAMES T. WARD ... 2	HARRY CHAMBERS ... 6
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 7
MISS E. STEEL ... 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWIN R. GOATE ... Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 2	WALTER JOLLEY ... 6
RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 3	WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... 7
ANDREW L. WHATLING ... 4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
*JOHN WHEADON ... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
JOHN W. WARD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford and College Single.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

The conductor's 400th peal, also his and R. G. Knowles' 200th peal together.

MONEDWEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JOHN ARBON Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5
JAMES BENNETT 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal of Minor.

ULCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford, and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK ROBERTS Treble	WILLIAM J. HENNIKER 4
†GEORGE C. HILL 2	JOSEPH T. PACK 5
MISS GLADYS PACK 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

* First peal and first attempt (aged 13 years). † First peal in more than one method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

WHICKHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 of Oxford Bob, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN THOMPSON Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN 4
†J. A. BROWN 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

* First peal on the treble. † First peal of Minor.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lancashire, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

CHARLES W. SMITH Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
JAMES T. WARD 2	AMOS SMART 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

A NORTHERN TOUR.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D flat.
T. REGINALD DENNIS Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells and in the county.

KIRBY STEPHEN, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells and the first peal of Superlative in the county.

SEDBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	CHARLES E. LAWSON 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. This peal was rung by special request, fully muffled, as a mark of respect to Mr. T. Blakcow, who was interred the same morning.

ORTON, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 13 cwt.
EDWIN JENNINGS Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS 6
*CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* 100th peal. First peal on the bells.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 32½ cwt. in D.

T. REGINALD DENNIS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells and in the county.

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THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENTIGERN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..Treble FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2 ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
EDWIN JENNINGS 3 CHARLES E. LAWSON 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4 T. REGINALD DENNISTenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells and by the association.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT J. HUGHESTreble GEORGE R. PYE 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2 T. REGINALD DENNIS 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3 JAMES GEORGE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4 JAMES C. E. SIMPSONTenor

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

ARLEDON, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELLTreble FRANK BENNETT 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2 ALBERT J. HUGHES' 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 3 JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
*EDWIN JENNINGS 4 JAMES C. E. SIMPSONTenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. BEGA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..Treble T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2 FRANK BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3 JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4 JAMES GEORGETenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal on the bells.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSONTreble GEORGE R. PYE 5
FRANK BENNETT 2 T. REGINALD DENNIS 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3 JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4 JAMES GEORGETenor

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

First peal on the bells and the first peal of Double Norwich in the county.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES GEORGETreble *EDWIN JENNINGS 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2 FRANK BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3 ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4 JAMES C. E. SIMPSONTenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALBERT J. HUGHESTreble FRANK BENNETT 3
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 2 T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3 JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4 JAMES C. E. SIMPSONTenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

PENRITH, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERDTreble GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 2 GEORGE R. PYE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3 JAMES GEORGE 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4 JAMES C. E. SIMPSONTenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal on the bells.

RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND.

CHRISTCHURCH SOCIETY'S 36,000 CHANGES IN A YEAR.

The 52nd annual general meeting of the Christchurch Cathedral Society, New Zealand, was held in the Deanery at the invitation of the Very Rev. Dean J. A. Julius and Mrs. Julius, on Thursday, June 15th, there being a good attendance of members. The secretary's report, covering a very successful year's work, contained an urge to increase the active membership, which was very low, as competition was necessary to keenness and progress. Exclusive of plain courses, a total of 36,492 changes had been rung in complete touches on the tower bells during the previous 12 months. The presence of Rev. C. A. Clements, of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Dunedin, enabled the society to attempt the higher methods on tower and handbells.

As was customary, a party of ringers with handbells accompanied the ringers' cake to St. Saviour's Orphanages on Christmas Eve, their visit (and the cake) being much appreciated. It was reported that the broadcast of the bells on Christmas Eve was heard in England. The report made reference to the good work done by the Master, Mr. G. H. Clayton, his example of keenness and regularity of attendance being one that all the members could well follow. The visits of such an experienced ringer as Mr. Wilde were invaluable to the society both in the practice and the theory of ringing. Two members were able to visit Dunedin a few weeks ago, where they were often the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilde, and, with the band of three ringers there, were able to score a 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor on handbells, as well as ringing touches in many higher methods. This band of three in Dunedin were doing good work, scoring very frequent 720's in a variety of Minor methods.

In discussing the report, the Dean congratulated the society on the amount of excellent work done and on the services rendered.

It is intended to institute an annual dinner to be held previous to the general meeting at the end of the year.

A vote of thanks to the Dean was carried with acclamation, and the meeting adjourned to enjoy a very good supper provided by Mrs. Julius.

The standard of ringing at Christchurch is slowly but surely improving, and it is hoped it will not be long before the society will be able to report a quarter-peal of Triples by the local band.

Once again the society extend to any ringer who may intend visiting the Dominion a hearty invitation to come and 'have a pull' with them. The hon. secretary is Mr. John R. de Lambert, 69, Riccarton Road, Christchurch, New Zealand.

OLD LONDON RINGERS MEET IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—During my recent visit to New Zealand I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Cornelius Charge, who until a few years ago was a very active ringer and composer in London. His many friends will be glad to know that he is in the best of health, and happy in the sunny climes of New Zealand. Bellringing, composing and everything connected with campanology still interest his very active mind. 'The Ringing World,' which he receives regularly, is the one great link which keeps him informed of the doings of the Exercise at home.

There is little scope for his talents in ringing in New Zealand, although I believe there is a peal of eight bells in Auckland. The nearest ringing band is at Christchurch, several hundred miles south. Still, Mr. Charge is busy finding the extent in certain methods and composing new peals in others. Any conductor calling one of Mr. Charge's compositions may rest assured that the pleasure is equally

shared by him when he reads 'The Ringing World.' He has still a great ambition to return at some future date and call some of his latest compositions.

We had not met for over 30 years. Then I was an active member in the ringing Exercise. My greeting to him was, 'Is it Bob or Single?' His reply was, 'It all depends on the method.' I formally introduced myself, and then followed an invitation, which I readily accepted, to spend an evening with him and have a long talk over old times. My wife and I spent a very happy evening with Mr. and Mrs. Charge, and many were the peals that we rang, or thought we had, during those few brief hours. Many compositions in his methods were discussed, and where they had been rung, and even the conductor's names were known to him almost in encyclopædic form.

In place of bellringing Mr. Charge's leisure time is now mostly spent in his beautiful garden. The display of fruit and vegetables, which only a wonderful climate like that of New Zealand can produce, is ample reward for his labours.

I bade Mr. Charge good-bye the day before I sailed, and his parting words were, 'Give my greetings to your brother and all old friends.' He handed me an envelope, addressed to my brother, which contained some of his compositions.

W. C. HASTED.

COMPOSITIONS BY MR. CHARGE.

Mr. Walter Hasted, who looked up his old police and ringing colleague in New Zealand, was an active member of the Exercise in London about thirty years ago, and both were members of the Royal Cumberland Youths. Among the compositions which Mr. Charge sent home were the following:—

5,120 BRISTOL SURPRISE.

23456 M. B. W. H.

23564	—	1
23645	—	1
34256	—	
45236	1	—
53246	1	—
34562	—	—
52643	1	1 2
24536	—	—
43526	1	—
32546	1	—

Repeated.

The 6th twelve times home.

5,024 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

23456 M. B. W. H.

24536	—	1	2
42635	2	—	2
36245	—	2	2
32465	—	1	2
34625	—	1	2
25463	1	—	2
24653	—	1	2
45362	1	—	2
52364	1	—	2
63254	—	2	2
62534	—	1	2
65324	—	1	2
43526	1	—	1
25346	—	2	2
23456	1	—	2

A ROUND OF ESSEX CHURCHES.

LAVENHAM RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 29th, the Lavenham ringers with their honorary members and probationers, held their annual outing, visiting Essex. Starting at 8 a.m., a pleasant run was made to Sible Hedingham, where the ringers were met by Mr. B. Pettitt. After everyone had stood in a touch or course, a move was made for Finchingfield, where good use was made of this peal of eight. At Great Bardfield Church the Vicar met and extended a hearty welcome to the party. He conducted the ringers round the church, pointing out many beautiful and interesting things, notably the elaborate stone screen built soon after the reign of Edward III. Only two other such screens are said to be in existence—one in the neighbouring church of Stebbing, the other in Trondhjem Cathedral, Norway. Another interesting object was the newly discovered aumbry in the north wall of the chancel. The fine and handy eight bells were also much enjoyed, both by the ringers and listeners.

Full justice was done to a splendid lunch at the Butcher's Arms, Tags End. Here the party was augmented by the appearance of their honorary member from London, N.7. Whilst the fragments were being recovered by W.R.J., the Dulcet Quartette entertained the villagers to some pleasing airs on a peal of sixteen. The next place visited was Thaxted. Here a fine peal of eight, with extra long draught of rope, was put to good use. A look round the church proved very interesting to the ringers, especially the inspection of a beautiful collection of robes, which have been in use at this church for more than four hundred years! At Saffron Walden the party were met by Mr. F. J. Pitstow. Courses were the order here, including a trial on the full twelve. At Radwinter, the next call, the ringing was somewhat spoilt owing to the 5th and 7th ropes 'slipping wheel.' Clare Church was next visited, and the grand old peal set going to various courses, including a short course of Kent, in which the following relatives took part: A grandfather, two fathers, two sons, two grandsons, two uncles, two cousins, two nephews and five brothers! A course of Bob Minor was rung to oblige Miss Chinery, of Ossett, Essex, and this concluded the ringing for the day. A halt was made at Long Melford, where a happy hour was spent with good cheer and handbell tunes. Home was reached at 10 p.m., everyone thoroughly satisfied that the day had been a huge success. Sincere thanks are herewith accorded the incumbents of the various towers and all the friends who helped to provide this good time. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Oxford and Superlative.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Bank Holiday week tour in the North of England was a very successful one, thirteen peals being rung in sixteen attempts. Four of the peals were 'the first in the method in the county.'

It is interesting to note that the peal at Truro, recorded elsewhere, was specially arranged to celebrate the centenary of the Oxford Movement in the only Cathedral built and completed in this country since the Reformation. The local ringers who took part in the peal deserve congratulation. Truro is one of the few centres of change ringing in Cornwall.

The bi-centenary of the Oxford Society is to be celebrated by a dinner at Oxford on October 21st.

It will be a surprise to many to read that there has been a society of ringers at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, for 52 years.

Young 'Teddy' Barnett, still only 14 years of age, has called a peal of London Surprise from a working bell. The grandson of the late Mr. E. Barnett has excelled all previous records in youthful peal ringing. We are not sure what his present total is, but it must be in the sixties, and a large proportion of the peals are in Surprise methods. Last week he rang one peal of Cambridge and two of London!

Teddy called the bobs with the greatest precision, and was warmly congratulated at the finish. On the one previous occasion when he attempted to call a peal of London it came to grief within a course of the end, not through any failure by the conductor, but through over-anxiety on the part of the rest of the band.

It is just a year since Mr. E. Barnett, sen., passed away. He would have been proud of his grandson, in his quiet way, had he lived.

FAMOUS LONDON BELLS.

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY AND CHRIST CHURCH, SPITALFIELDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Is the statement in Belfry Gossip that St. Lawrence Jewry bells are a complete octave dating from 1687 quite correct? The report of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments gives the tenor as by James Bartlet, 1687, 3 to 7 by the same founder 1679, and the two trebles later on in the eighteenth century.

The first recorded peal on the bells was 5,040 Union Triples, rung by the College Youths on February 17th, 1723, conducted by Annable. It was also the first recorded peal in the method, but possibly peals both in the tower and in the method had already been rung. Another early peal on the bells was the first five thousand of Court Bob (1735). It was also by the College Youths, and was conducted by Richard Spicer.

Christ Church, Spitalfields, was built in 1729 by money voted by Parliament. A heavy ring of eight, tenor 44 cwt., was given by one of the parishioners, a Mr. Wheatley. There were only two men at the time capable of casting such big bells—Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, and Samuel Knight, of Holborn—and probably they were Phelps' bells. In 1790 they were increased to ten, and in 1801 to twelve. In 1836, through the culpable carelessness of some boys, who used the belfry as a sort of clubroom, and possibly had made a fire there to warm themselves, the tower was burnt out and the bells and clock destroyed. The present bells were cast out of metal salvaged from the wreckage. They were said to be very inferior to their predecessors. In February, 1735, Laughton's band rang the first touch of Treble Bob on the bells, and five days later the Eastern Scholars rang the first peal in the same method. The tenor was turned in single handed by a man named Philemon Mainwaring, and that was the heaviest bell rung single handed to a peal of Major until the London Surprise at St. Mary-le-Bow in recent times. But only three days after the Eastern Scholars' peal the College Youths repeated the performance with John Trenell at the tenor. He had previously rung her to a 720 of Cambridge Minor. In 1785 Robert Mann rang her to 6,400 Treble Bob.

The heaviest bells rung to a peal of Major then and for many years after were St. Mary-le-Bow on the old lot, cast by Hodson, which were about the same weight as the present ring, but it took three good men to the tenor and two to the seventh.

Mainwaring was one of the greatest heavy bellringers of all time. He was the first man to turn in Southwark tenor single handed; but his greatest performance was to ring the 28 cwt. tenor at West Ham to 15,120 of Major. On eight bells it still stands unrivalled. No bell so heavy has been rung in on any number to a 15,000, and only one as a cover—the tenor at Loughborough to Stedman Caters.

In the early part of the nineteenth century several good peals were rung at Spitalfields by a disreputable set of men who called themselves the Junior Cumberlands. Their leaders were John Noonan and William Williams.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

CRONDALL CHURCH.**A TOWER WITHOUT STAIRS.**

In our issue of August 4th we described some of the charms and the peculiarities of Crondall Church, Hants. Below we give a photograph of the church, with its great brick tower, erected about 300 years ago. In this picture the present top of the old tower can be seen over the porch-way. In the right hand picture can be seen the unusual

method of access to the bell tower, which contains no staircase. Instead, the steps of the original tower are used and are connected with two of the floors by open galleries. The way from the ringing room, on the first floor, to the bells is across the lower gallery, up the steps of the old tower and across the upper gallery, thence by a long ladder to the bell chamber. The ground floor of the brick tower is used as a vestry, the door of which opens into the chancel.



Crondall Church from the north-west.



The galleries connecting the two towers.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH AT BRATTON.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bratton on Saturday, August 5th. There was ringing during the afternoon, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Seymour Collett). Tea was held in the Church Institute, to which 27 sat down and enjoyed the fare provided by Mrs. Cook. The usual short meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. One new member was elected in the person of Mr. A. C. Curtis, of Warminster.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Upavon, and that the towers be made available in the following order: Netheravon, Fittleton, Enford and then Upavon, for service, tea and meeting.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the members returned to the towers, with the exception of a few handbell ringers, who delighted the inhabitants of the surrounding cottages with some well-struck touches. Edington tower was visited during the evening, and amongst other methods a course of Minor was rung, but not enjoyed, on this 'not very excellent' peal. Steeple Ashton and Kcevil towers were also visited later in the evening.

Amongst those present were the following visitors: Messrs. W. J. Whiting (Leatherhead), A. P. Cannon (Forest Hill), W. C. Shute and J. Ralph (Kington Magna), W. B. Kynaston and N. Allnat (Swindon). Representatives attended from St. John's, Devizes, Urchfont, Rowde, Holt, Westbury, Warminster, North Bradley, Bratton, Bradford-on-Avon, and Melksham, the following methods being rung: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. In spite of the hot weather, those attending obviously enjoyed themselves, Bratton being situated in a most beautiful part of Wiltshire.

BELLRINGERS IN CAMP

August Bank Holiday week was spent by five young ringers from Raunds, Northants, in camp at Woodhouse Eaves, near Loughborough. On Sunday all went to the early service, and after breakfast returned to ring a 720 Bob Minor with the assistance of Mr. H. Haynes, the local captain. In the evening the party journeyed through beautiful country to Anstey to ring Grandsire Triples. On Tuesday morning, with the aid of Mr. I. J. Wade, of Anstey, a peal was attempted at Woodhouse Eaves, but came to grief in the fourth method.

Wednesday was voted the best day of all, a visit being made to Messrs. Taylor's Bell Foundry. The party, who were conducted round the works by Mr. H. Stubbs, saw frames and fittings being made in the foundry, and peals and chimes being completed in the other shops, and a huge oak frame under construction in the carpenter's shop. After signing the visitors' book, the back six of the foundry ten were raised, and with the assistance of Mr. Stubbs a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung. Some of the ringers, finding that little bells were not so hard to ring as they anticipated, had a go at the trebles, and a course of Plain Bob was rung on the front six.

On Friday morning, in company with Mr. Haynes, a visit was made to Old Woodhouse, where 720 Double Court was rung before matins. Saturday was the lucky day, a peal of 5,376 Bob Major being rung at Ratby. On Sunday morning a wonderful week was finished off with 720 Plain Bob at Old Woodhouse, Mr. A. Jaques, of Woodhouse Eaves, kindly making the team up.

The Raunds ringers wish to thank all Leicestershire ringers who helped to make their holiday such a success, and also Messrs. John Taylor and Co. for the very interesting visit to their foundry.

DOUBLES.

MORE METHODS FOR SPLICING.

The splicing together of Doubles methods, as was illustrated in the article published last week, should provide five-bell ringers with a new interest in the limited field at their disposal.

Here are some further methods which will splice into true six scores:—

St. Simon's. (No. 16).	St. Dunstan's. (No. 13)	Reading (No. 12).
1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
2 1 4 3 5	2 1 3 5 4	2 1 4 3 5
2 4 1 5 3	2 3 1 4 5	2 4 1 5 3
4 2 5 1 3	3 2 4 1 5	4 2 5 1 3
2 4 5 3 1	3 4 2 5 1	2 4 5 3 1
4 2 3 5 1	4 3 5 2 1	4 2 3 5 1
2 4 3 1 5	4 5 3 1 2	2 4 3 1 5
4 2 1 3 5	5 4 1 3 2	4 2 1 3 5
4 1 2 5 3	5 1 4 2 3	4 1 2 5 3
1 4 5 2 3	1 5 4 3 2	1 4 5 2 3
1 4 2 5 3	1 5 3 4 2	1 5 4 3 2
Bob 1 5 4 2 3	Bob 1 5 4 2 3	Bob 4 1 2 5 3
		1 4 2 3 5
		1 2 4 5 3

St. Simon's and St. Dunstan's can be spliced lead by lead. For example, beginning with St. Simon's:—

2345 St. Simon's

4253 St. Dunstan's

3254 St. Simon's

5342 St. Dunstan's

— 2453

Twice repeated.

This arrangement can be begun at any point and the bob in each part called either in St. Simon's or St. Dunstan's.

Other six-scores can be obtained by bobbing three of the four leads in each part, thus:—

2345 St. Simon's	2345 St. Dunstan's
— 5423 St. Dunstan's	— 5423 St. Simon's
— 3254 St. Simon's	— 3254 St. Dunstan's
5342 St. Dunstan's	— 4532 St. Simon's
— 2453	3425

Each twice repeated.

Similarly Reading and St. Simon's may be joined lead and lead:—

2345 Reading

5432 St. Simon's

3524 Reading

4253 St. Simon's

— 3542

St. Simon's may be rung first, followed by Reading, but the bob must be made in the St. Simon's method.

QUICK SIX.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, July 16th, for a Masonic festival service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): H. B. Whiteney 1, F. Plummer 2, F. Jeffs 3, P. Vickers 4, E. Belson (first quarter of Caters 'inside') 5, W. Botsford 6, W. Jeffs 7, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 8, J. Nicholls 9, J. Chandler 10. Ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 7 belong to the belfry of St. Barnabas, Linslade.

A DORSET AUGMENTATION.
CHARMINSTER BELLS REHUNG.

The five bells in the Parish Church of St. Mary, Charminster, a Dorset village near Dorchester, have been rehung and augmented to six, and an excellent 'splice' has been made by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who carried out the work. A fund for the provision of the extra bell and the restoration of the old ring was started during the incumbency of the late Canon W. G. Barclay, and money has been steadily coming in since the appointment of his successor, the Rev. D. F. Slembeck, R.D. The new bell is inscribed, 'In God rejoice,' and the initials F.V., W.B., c.w., D.F.S., v., 1933. These letters stand for Mr. F. Virgin and Mr. W. Batten, churchwardens, and the Rev. D. F. Slembeck, Vicar. There was ample room in the belfry for the addition to the peal, and the bells are hung in a manner that has elicited high commendation from experts.

A large congregation was present at the dedication service on Friday week, and ringers and others connected with the Guild from many parts of the diocese evinced their interest by attending. Among them were the Mayor of Dorchester (Mr. R. N. Dawes), for many years chairman of the Dorchester Branch, Messrs. C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis, hon. secretary of the branch), W. J. Simons, J. T. Godwin, H. G. Lock, J. Smith, J. Squire, and W. A. Groves (Dorchester St. Peter's), Miss Clapcott, Messrs. G. R. Runyard and R. Trevett (Bradford Peverell), P. Field, D. W. Chant, and P. Palmer (Buckland Newton), W. Bowditch, H. C. R. Vine, H. Smith, F. Bishop, and F. Isaacs (Evershot), K. Bowditch and S. Thomas (Sydling), C. H. Lathey (Bradpole), W. C. Shute (Kington Magna), W. B. Northover and C. A. Crabb (Bridport), C. Smart and F. Virgin (Upwey), L. G. N. Williams (Wool), J. Hannam, R. J. Tompkins, M. Furmage, C. W. Richards, W. G. Bird and F. Gale (Charminster).

The service was conducted by the Vicar, with whom were the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) and the Rev. A. F. Godley (Rector of Stratton). During the chanting of portions of Psalm xxxi. the clergy, churchwardens (Messrs. F. Virgin and W. Batten), and surpliced choir walked in procession to the foot of the tower, where the Vicar recited special collects and offered the dedication prayer, placing his right hand meanwhile on the rope of the new bell, which was afterwards rung by Mr. R. J. Tompkins, vice-captain of the ringers.

A VOICE BEHIND THE BELLS.

Clergy and choir returned to the sanctuary, and after the hymn, 'Glorious things of thee are spoken,' the Vicar announced that the cost of the new bell and necessary repairs to the other bells would be roughly £100. Of this there was in hand about £31 14s. 6d. in a sixth bell fund which was started in the time of his predecessor, Canon Barclay. There had been received in donations the sum of £47 5s. 6d., leaving about £21 to be raised. The Vicar added that they had received great encouragement and support from the Diocesan Ringers' Guild.

The Rev. R. H. Gundry was the special preacher, his text being, 'There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification' (1 Corinthians xiv. 10). In the course of his sermon he said that as the notes of the bells rang out from the old church towers there seemed to come to them the call of God's Own Presence. To many the harmony of the bells was nothing but a jingle, but if one would only take the trouble to listen they would hear the tones of harmony all through and the melody ringing in one great tune. There were some to-day who failed altogether to understand this; they did not seem to be able to grasp it. But behind it all there was the sound of a Voice which, like the whole peal in the tower, rang into their hearts—God Himself spoke to them. They wanted to remember throughout their lives that all good came down from above. The thought that came to them that evening was that which was described on the new bell, 'In God rejoice,' and that was something to remind them that God had them in His love and in His care. Let them rejoice with great thankfulness for what God had done, was doing, and would do. When they listened to the new bell let them try and pick out, as it were, the message that it rang to them, that in it they might hear the Voice of God and learn a new lesson, and so learn to trust and leave things to Him.

Before the Blessing, the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung, and a collection of £2 13s. 1d. was taken for the bell fund.

After ringing by St. Mary's Church ringers their colleagues from other towers availed themselves of the opportunity of ringing Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, and Bob Minor, and they were especially pleased with the tone and splendid splice, reflecting credit on the bell foundry.

BROKEN ROPE SPOILS JUBILEE PEAL.

At the Church of St. Elisabeth, Reddish, Lancashire, in connection with and to commemorate the festivities of the jubilee of the church, John R. Pritchard's well-known peal of Bob Major (5,056 changes) was attempted on Saturday, August 5th, but failed owing to the breaking of a rope after upwards of 4,000 changes had been rung in 2 hours and 20 minutes: Alfred Barnes (conductor) 1, William Brammer 2, Tom Jones 3, Harry Ashton 4, Alfred Frost 5, Charles E. Tomkinson 6, James Fernhead 7, Peter Laffin 8.

PEAL RINGING. SOME LEGAL ASPECTS.

The letter on the subject of Peal Ringing which appeared in our last issue was read with widespread interest. It has resulted in the following communication, which, while bearing the nom de plume of 'A Learner,' carries the considered views of a member of the legal profession.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of August 11th you invite comments on the letter of a 'well-known ringer' (who remains anonymous) in effect advocating the removal of peal ringing as an abuse which he compares (among other things) to bull-baiting and cock-fighting. Some of his conclusions are matters of opinion, but I should like to call attention to certain well-known facts which have a bearing on the question whether peal ringing is a nuisance. Let us start with facts.

(1) I read in the last annual report of the Guildford Diocesan Guild that two towers in an important town have been closed 'to any ringing by organisations outside the local bands.'

(2) Not long ago I read in 'The Ringing World' that in one tower (I forget where) the local authorities promulgated a rule that no ringing was to last for more than two hours. This time limit was afterwards extended to three hours, on hearing a ringers' petition, but a rule that payment was to be made for the use of the bells was insisted on.

(3) In a parish in the West of England, where there had been a good deal of ringing, some of the parishioners organised something like a jazz band orchestra, which assembled in the churchyard and made sufficient noise to interrupt the Sunday morning service. As the greater part of the congregation had probably nothing to do with giving permission to ring, the conduct of the rioters seems to suggest to me that if I am annoyed by the local fishmonger sending me stale fish I am entitled to retaliate by breaking the grocer's shop window. The persons who made the noise, I suppose, thought they were proving themselves to be in the right; in fact, they put themselves in the wrong, and only proved that they were very angry.

(4) Recently, there was the action against the Vicar of a church at Golder's Green, which ended in a compromise, no decision being given. It is to be noted that (according to the report in 'The Times') all the ringing complained of was in connection with some service; no peal was apparently rung, as the bells were rung by a mechanical chiming apparatus. At first sight it might appear that this case decided no legal principle; but this is not so. We all know that the Vicar's (or Rector's) consent is required for the use of church bells, but this case shows that even if the consent is given it does not necessarily follow that the consent is sufficient authority for a peal—or any other form of ringing. The Vicar is not in the position of an umpire in a cricket match, whose decision either way is final. If the Vicar refuses to allow ringing his decision is final; if he permits it, his decision can be challenged by an action in the Law Courts, alleging that the ringing is a nuisance. If the Vicar's decision was not open to review, there was a short answer to the action, but neither the Vicar's counsel nor the judge suggested that this short answer would be valid, and the hearing lasted into the third day.

There is another important point to be considered. Somebody had to pay the costs of the legal proceedings; and (if I rightly recollect the report) no order was made as to costs, which means that each side would have to pay its own. But suppose that the plaintiff in the action had complained of peal ringing, and suppose that the judge had decided that (in the special circumstances) such ringing was a nuisance, and had ordered the Vicar, as defendant, to pay the costs of both sides. This might be a serious liability for the Vicar, and it is very doubtful whether he would be legally entitled to charge the costs against the church fund. Any parishioner who subscribed to that fund would be entitled to say, 'I subscribed to any expenses which might be lawfully incurred. The order to pay costs was made because the Vicar was permitting a nuisance, which is not a lawful thing.' If this objection prevailed (which is not impossible), let us ask two questions. (1) Would any other Vicar give permission to ring a peal (if there was any serious risk of legal proceedings) without getting from the ringers beforehand some security, or indemnity, against costs? And (2) if he asked for such security, or indemnity, would any band of eight or ten ringers be prepared to give it?

I suggest that the actual facts above referred to do show that a section—be it large or small, reasonable or unreasonable—exists among the parishioners in many parishes, who object to peal-ringing, and if in any parish such a section successfully applies to the High Court for relief, the consequences to the ringing fraternity—so far as peal ringing is concerned—might be very serious. Is it worth while to run the risk of these consequences by ignoring these objectors?

A LEARNER.

PEALS A TRAINING GROUND.

Sir,—The Bible tells us, 'If Christ is not risen our faith is in vain.' To 'Enlightened' I say: If church bells are not 'God's instruments of music' our labours are futile. My experience is that those who do or have done peal ringing are the best ringers in most cases. To God be all the glory, and what glory is there in bad striking? This is where peal ringers score, giving their best, for as a rule peal ringing is good. I know a gentleman who never attends a place of worship, but he admitted when he heard church bells rung it made him 'think.' Any Christian must think; it is God calling him to remembrance. The only nuisance to parishioners is peals too often. We at Over are among the houses, but by good sense we approach any objection and still ring. If I never ring another peal I still think peals are training grounds for good ringing.

FRANK WARRINGTON.

Over, Cambs.

HELPING EMPLOYMENT.

Dear Sir,—To me your correspondent 'Enlightened' appears to see through very coloured glasses. I quite admit he is entitled to his views as others are to theirs. He apparently quite overlooks one cardinal fact, that man in his evolution has always striven to rise above his fellows, and human nature being what it is will continue to do so. Further, anything which tends to solve one of the most pressing problems of the day—unemployment—should be encouraged, and if I only walk a mile I am helping to tear out a pair of boots and so helping the bootmaker, and if I ride a mile I likewise am helping the transport trade, and the more peals that are rung the more bell ropes will be wanting sooner than otherwise. There are also other reasons why I myself am in favour of peal ringing. Doubtless other ringers will give their views. Having topped several centuries and being still in the running, like 'Enlightened,' modesty tells me to remain

A WAYFARER.

AMERICAN BOY RINGS QUARTER PEAL.

RINGERS FROM FOUR STATES AT GROTON SCHOOL.

One of Mr. I. J. Attwater's pupils at Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A., has rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and is the first student at this school to do so. It will be remembered that a peal of ten bells, hung for ringing, was put up at the school, with the idea of encouraging the art of change ringing, and Mr. Attwater was appointed instructor. As the personnel is, of course, constantly changing, it is not an easy task to get the pupils far advanced before they leave the School, but the youth—Albert D. Bosson by name—who has now rung his first quarter-peal, has great promise. He only started change ringing last September, but he can already ring four handbells (1.2.3.4) to a course of Grandsire Triples and 120 Grandsire Doubles. His success will give a stimulus to the Kent Guild, and as he will be at the School for two more years his help should be very valuable.

The quarter-peal was rung at a very pleasant and successful gathering at Groton School, Massachusetts, on July 9th, when nine ringers met from four States: Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut. As the school was closed for the summer vacation, the bells were up and in readiness at 11 a.m., and 504 and 336 Grandsire Triples were rung, as well as some Bob Minor.

After lunch, at Groton Village, which was generously given by Mr. S. Warren Sturgis, a start was made for the quarter-peal, all going well till the half-way was reached, when a serious trip called a halt, but at the second attempt the band settled down, and a very good quarter-peal was brought round in 47 mins., the first for a good many years in U.S.A. The band was Richard Newton 1, Isaac J. Attwater (conductor) 2, William Bashford 3, S. Warren Sturgis 4, Albert D. Bosson 5, Warren Sturgis 6, J. Roland Henson 7, James F. Laker 8. The ringers were all very satisfied at the success of the meeting, and thanked Mr. Sturgis for his efforts, which enabled the gathering to take place, and which it is hoped may be followed by another in the near future.

WEDDING BELLS AT MANGOTSFIELD.

On Saturday, August 5th, the bells of St. James' Church, Mangotsfield, were rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Charles Edward Jefferies (youngest son of Mr. John G. Jefferies, the popular chairman of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association) and Miss Evelyn May Bath.

The ringing for the wedding itself was carried out by the local band (with one exception), and they are to be complimented on the good striking, the 'firing' being almost perfect.

After the wedding the ringers were invited to the reception, which was held in the schoolroom.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: Verdon Palmer (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Frank Skidmore 2, A. T. Maggs 3, E. Palmer 4, P. C. Williams 5, F. Skidmore (conductor) 6, G. S. Wiltshire 7, A. Smart 8. After the ringing the ringers were kindly entertained by Mr. John Jefferies at the village hostel, and everyone had a jolly time.

BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article on this subject not only emphasises the value of your journal to the ringers of England, but is also an immediate call to them to use every opportunity of educating and informing the public as regards the scientific ringing of church bells. It cannot be denied that there is an appalling ignorance prevalent to-day regarding not only the art of ringing but of the manner in which church bells are rung. It is therefore up to us all, if we wish to preserve our art, to do our part, however little that may be, in removing that ignorance, and in giving such information through the press, or otherwise, as will enlighten the general public.

For your general information I will pass on what has recently been done in St. Albans, and which I suggest might be repeated in many other places. Some months ago Mr. Hughes (of Mears and Stainbank fame) was invited by the St. Albans Rotary Club to lecture on bell casting at their weekly meeting. Those of you who know Mr. Hughes will agree that it is superfluous for me to say that the lecture was interesting—it was more—it was educative and appreciated by the business men who form the Rotary Clubs. I was an invited guest on that occasion, and as evidence of the interest created by Rotarian Hughes, I was asked, at the close, at a future date to give a talk on change ringing, with demonstrations on the handbells. This talk I have recently given, and with the kindly help of my ringing friends we gave a demonstration of Triples, Major and Caters. There was unbounded enthusiasm, and bellringers have become 'heroes' in this ancient city, men with wonderful memories and of physical endurance and many other qualities which modesty forbids mentioning. The local Press gave a good account, and further commented upon the wonders of change ringing in an article in the same issue.

But this is not the end. On Sunday week the Rotarians organised an open-air service on the Verulamium site, which was attended not only by the civic authorities and combined choirs of other Anglican churches of the city, including also the splendid band of the Salvation Army, but by several thousand people. At this service we were invited to ring the handbells, and as the procession reached its appointed place we rang a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters. The effect of the ringing was 'electric'—dead, absolute silence everywhere, even among the children, only the bells giving forth their melodious notes, and at the end we felt that we had done something to help forward our cause by giving unbounded pleasure to so vast an audience.

Now what has been done in St. Albans can be multiplied all over the country. We have been hiding our 'mysterious art' far too long, and I suggest that now is the time to come out into the public gaze and demonstrate what ringing really means—in parish functions and other suitable places. Let the people know that it is a scientific problem, and requires a clear thinking mind, a stout heart and an enthusiasm which never cries 'Stand' at difficulties. Opposition may come at any time from some disgruntled being, who is never happy unless complaining (and, of course, not even then). If it should come, I am sure that you will find that your quiet propaganda work has not been in vain, and that you have gathered around you a vast army of those who really love the bells and will help you in difficult times, because you have taught them to enjoy the intricate and beautiful rhythmic music of the bells.

One more suggestion. Do not keep a closed belfry. Keep it clean, dust the chairs, and ask people to come and see the bells and explain how ringing is done. If you have an ancient peal, with a history, so much the better for your visitor. Much more could be said upon the subject you have ventilated, Mr. Editor, but I desire only to supplement your excellent article, so will conclude with thanks for your courtesy.

Duffield, St. Albans.

G. W. CARTMEL.

A MEDALLION OF THE 'WOODEN AGE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The 'relic' you most kindly sent on to me during my vacation 'Hovering near the Hart of Brighton,' is much appreciated and will be valued most highly. Would you allow me, through the medium of your columns, to thank the sender, 'Sir Josiah Stedman Cotton, M.C.A.C.R.,' and to explain that, although I share his doubts as to its antiquity, the relic is most interesting, and may be a copy of an earlier medallion. As you remark in your 'mixed grill' column, it appears to be gold on one side, but undoubtedly it goes back to the 'wooden age.' In my historical researches I have as yet been unable to trace the maker, 'Nero Roma-Madriana, Fecit A.D. 117,' but the superscription, 'Cæsar J.,' and the stamp which appears to be a crude reproduction of St. Peter's, Rome, may assist in tracing its actual history. It is significant that it appears to have once belonged to H. Bottomley, as his signature is on the obverse, while on the reverse are many hieroglyphics, which under the microscope might be decipherable. Doubtless, when I get back to my study, I shall (W.P.) spend many a happy hour in silent endeavour trying to decipher those superscriptions.—Yours fraternally,

Of Leicester.

SIR ROME, F.R.Hist.S.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very much interested in Mr. J. J. Parker's article on Holt's Original, because anything from him is always welcome, and when you are talking about Grandsire Triples his is the only name that can be mentioned alongside Holt's. But especially because, only a fortnight ago, working on my history of eighteenth century ringing, I wrote the following:—

'To-day, with our knowledge of the law of Q sets, to compose a one-part peal of Grandsire Triples is no very arduous undertaking. It was quite otherwise in John Holt's time. He had to deal with an entirely unexplored problem; his brain was a mathematical one, but it was totally untrained; and he, perforce, had to work by intuition and empirical methods. Yet, of course, he must have had some general scheme in his mind. The number of ways in which you can arrange bobs and plain leads in a 5,040 is so almost inconceivably great that no mere hit-or-miss plan is ever likely to bring success. What his scheme was cannot be known, but there is one which would be likely to occur to anyone in his position. It is to take the 15-lead blocks produced by the three-lead course plan and try and unite them by omits instead of singles. Annable had already experimented with this, but without success, and in itself it is not very promising. Yet, it well may have been Holt's starting point, and some confirmation may be found in the fact that in his peal the 6th is never called before.'

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE THIRTY-EIGHT METHOD PEAL.

BY JOHN P. FIDLER.

Although there are actually only three more methods rung in the Knutsford peal than in the 1923 Norbury peal, those who are conversant with Spliced Minor ringing will fully appreciate the added difficulties those few extra methods incurred. Every credit is due to the band, particularly when one realises that 'Method Splicing' was published before the three men at the 'heavy end' commenced to handle a bell. None of the 'old band' are jealous of the youngsters' performance, and I doubt whether there is a prouder man than Jim Fernley, sen., and when 'The Ringing World' reaches New Zealand there will be another proud man.

For some time now it has been common knowledge in Hazel Grove that the new company were out to smash the record, and I had hoped that a peal in a greater number of methods would have been rung at Norbury, but I am more pleased it has been rung at Knutsford, because only a few weeks ago it was reported in these columns that the Rev. A. T. Beeston was laid to rest there.

There is no comment in the peal report, and it is quite possible Knutsford was chosen unwittingly, but by ringing the peal there the ringers have paid A.T.B. a great tribute, and had he been alive he would have taken it as such. I shall never forget his expressions of delight when we had rung the thirty-five method peal: his face spoke volumes, and one could see that he then felt his labour had not been in vain.

Although he was not the discoverer of 'spliced' ringing, he did more to develop this system of Minor ringing than any other man, but little or no credit has ever been given to him for the part he took in building up 'multi-method' peals, because, when he was alive, he would not permit his name to be mentioned. One might safely say that only the Norbury company of pre- and post-war days know of the work he did and the trouble he went to, the very many times he has walked from New Mills to Hazel Grove, the hurried mustering of the band to try something new, the disappointments, the triumphs that made it all worth while! What a pity it is he died just before a peal was rung that would have let him see his efforts had been worth while.

Let us hope that what has just been done at Knutsford will be an incentive to others. All the data for ringing such peals is in book form, the spade work has been done—and much had to be done ere the earlier 'multi-method' peals were rung. The 'Cheshire Youths' have proved that by constant practice and study peals of more than seven methods can be rung in a few years. What they can do others can do, and such peals ought to be the rule rather than the exception.

Mr. J. P. Fidler was one of the band who rang the first 35-method peal at Norbury, Cheshire, in December, 1923. He is the author of the chapters on the practical side of 'splicing' which appear in 'Method Splicing'—a book on this very interesting phase of the art, which can be obtained post free for 1s. 3d. from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Monday, August 7th, at All Saints' Church, Arksey, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: F. Garner 1, G. Clark 2, E. Lea 3, H. Arrand 4, W. Johnson 5, E. Cooper (conductor) 6, T. Revill 7, T. Bysouth 8. Rung for the wedding of W. Revill, son of the ringer of the seventh, also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble, fourth, seventh and tenor, the last being 79 years of age.

ROTHERHAM BELLS.

'MAGNIFICENCE' v. 'PERFECTION.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the above heading, and to try and still the buzzing of the hornets and hackers-up of same, may I crave a small portion of an early issue of 'The Ringing World' to try to justify, in my humble way, the statement of Mr. F. E. Dawe as reported in 'The Ringing World,' July 7th, 1933, issue, p. 426: 'Rotherham were (should read "are") a magnificent ring, but were not the characteristically tuneful, musical and harmonious (here he should have inserted "well balanced for weight, one with another") ring that used to hang in St. Ann's tower.'

To start with the first part of the extract, the word 'magnificent' should be applied only to the very best of everything, i.e., that which is without flaw or mistake. Such an article generally finds its way to a museum or art gallery, for the sake of being taken care of and as a perpetual reminder of the age of that particular type of craftsmanship. Now as bells should not be museum pieces but articles of use, we certainly must not use the word 'magnificent,' but must search the dictionary for a more fitting word. Here we are, the word 'perfect.'

Now with this word we get bell founding more in form and keeping with bellringing, for clearness and comfort—clearness in being able to hear every bell distinctly, and comfort in ringing, whether on the light, middle or heavy end. Now with the old peal at Rotherham (with due respect to all the champions of the new, the majority have never rung on the back end yet, and I don't suppose they ever will; others have rung on the back and try to get away from it as much as possible; others write in praise of them, and I doubt whether they have had a ring on them), we certainly got the first item, i.e., clearness of tone (the comfort certainly had gone either in had steeplekeeping or age of bearings). One could hear every bell distinct from its neighbour, the only fault besides had going being the ringing chamber itself, but this had nothing whatever to do with the bells or tone as far as outside was concerned. With modern hanging, to have had the bells cleaned and the belfry alterations that have been done ready for the new peal, what a peal it would have been! Instead we have a 'magnificent peal' with all its attendant horrors, namely, odd-struck bells, trebles that cannot be heard, tenor too heavy for the rest of the peal, and ropes that slip the wheel in the hands of careless ringers. A few peals have broken down through the latter cause, even by the hands of so-called expert ringers. Still, the 'magnificent peal' is cast now, and the future generation will certainly have to eat more porridge than the present one does, and will have to keep to ringing Cater methods only, and not be able to get as much Royal method ringing as before, the task being too great to get the tenor into the speed required by the remaining nine.

Bells should be bells, and not glorified organs, which I am afraid is being aimed at at the present day, much to the detriment of good striking. The only effect seeming to be aimed at now is the eternal 'Three Blind Mice' with variations, to the exclusion of the remaining bells, a thing that was, if I remember rightly, condemned by one of the leading bell founders at a famous North Country minster some years ago. Certainly we get now a more musical 'Three Blind Mice' and not the bark that used to obtain in the ringing chamber, but the provisions in the ringing chamber did not apply then as now. So we must leave the question of 'magnificent' bells in the hands of those admirers to whom I presume the magnificence hides a multitude of sins (and had ringing) and gives an opportunity of not caring whether ringing is good or bad, so long as deaf ears can testify to the sweet cadences of sound (whether in jumbles or shots) that emanate from the so-called 'magnificent' bells.

With regard to the old peal at Rotherham, certainly there was not much antiquarian value attached to it, with the exception that the peal was subscribed for by the gentry of the district and citizens of the then small township of Rotherham, with the view of having a glorious peal of ten in the 'magnificent' (here, Mr. Editor, the word is used in its best sense) church. They were also a maiden peal—and since the meaning of 'maiden,' as applied to bells, is the casting of the correct note without any tuning, it is a thing to value in itself—but that certainly does not put, as dear old 'Irenæus' says, any antiquarian interest into the same. But how many good ringers bother about antiquarian interest in bells? I haven't come across one yet. All they seem to bother about is the clearness of tone, the easy going of the bells, and the quality of the ringing (not the quantity of noise). These three points being the main items, we leave the antiquarian interest to the antiquarians themselves. Possibly 'Irenæus' will say what the bells of Thrybergh require to make them into a good peal in his next article, which I presume will soon be coming (when we get the tuning fork tuned up to the 'magnificent' bell pitch), seeing he thought of giving Mr. Dawe an article on them.

As for his challenge to Mr. Dawe regarding the old eighth at Rotherham, can he bring proof of his argument, seeing the bell is recast, or shall we say it is all 'bunkum,' like his statement that he was one of two 'who received instructions' to inspect the old peal. I would have said 'asked to inspect,' but by whom and why I for

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OXFORD GUILD IN LONDON.

AN INVITATION MEETING AT HOLBORN.

So many London ringers having joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild during their excursions into Berks and Bucks, it was decided to try a meeting in London some years ago, with good results. An invitation from St. Andrew's, Holborn, tempted a repetition of the dose, with possibilities that it might become an annual institution (a bit later in the year, it is hoped). Ringers were present from a wide area, one having to get 'doctor's permission.' History always repeats itself, and it would not be surprising if some were trying to emulate those not unknown Londoners who found their 'better half' in Bucks. They are reminded that not all who run can wear the victor's crown, because on this occasion the sirens were apparently kept upstream by the busy 'lock' (a deep one).

The heat was very great, but touches in numerous methods were rung. However, the party were glad to adjourn for tea, enjoying the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hawkins.

Afterwards, a few words of welcome were spoken by Mr. A. A. Hughes on behalf of the St. Andrew's Guild, and then the party enjoyed a couple of hours of yarn spinning and music, Mr. E. A. Young bravely stepping into the breach to perform 'on the ivories.' Some of the Devon items were quite good, but wasn't it rather warm to be 'wrapped up in my old stable jacket,' although 'the yeomen of England' are rather conservative about their dress.

Several courses of Stedman Triples were rung, also one of Grand-sire Caters. A few tunes were rendered, but part of this band was holiday making. The evening (?) closed with a 'cup o' kindness.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 13th, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Spliced was rung by: H. Collins 1, G. Markwell 2, M. Ginn 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, H. Sharp 5, B. Markwell (Tunbridge Wells) 6.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Sunday morning, July 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. J. Nicholas 1, A. J. Lewis 2, W. Cosgrove, jun., 3, F. A. Nicholas 4, W. Matthews (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, G. Selby 6, A. P. Canon (Forest Hill) (conductor) 7, W. Cosgrove, sen., 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, July 30th, at Christ Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes): R. G. Townsend 1, E. Bishop 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, E. J. Berry 4, H. W. Bishop 5, S. Palmer 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, T. Townsend 9, A. E. W. Smith 10. Rung as a welcome to the newly-appointed Bishop of Bristol on his first official visit to Swindon.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, July 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): R. B. King (first quarter-peal) 1, S. H. Hoare 2, W. Paul (first quarter of Surprise) 3, A. W. Dix 4, C. N. Leman 5, F. Kirk (St. Albans) 6, R. G. Bell 7, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by members of the local band: R. Balchin 1, A. J. Bartlett 2, G. Luff 3, T. Atwell 4, J. Pelloe 5, M. Smither 6, R. J. C. Hagley (conductor) 7, W. Bartlett 8. First quarter-peal called and first attempt by conductor.

SALISBURY.—On Sunday, June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Jewell (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Maidment 2, J. Daniell 3, A. Fry 4, W. Romaine 5, A. Southey 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, E. Quinton 8.

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one fail to see, as certainly he has never rung on them much (neither on the new magnificent peal). 'Would have been better to have got the opinion of two qualified ringers (not writers), who with a good deal of common sense would have suggested, in the event of recasting, to lighten the whole peal, and not, as eventually happened, lighten the front nine and add a further 3 cwt. to the tenor.'

In conclusion, I must refer to the letter on page 440 of the July 14th issue of 'The Ringing World,' re the name St. Ann's as applied to our church. In old Yorkshire Association reports we find peals accredited to 'St. Ann's Church,' Rotherham. So we must presume at some time or other it was so called; why, we don't know. But there is a district close by the church which is called the St. Ann's Ward, in which was situated a well (called 'St. Ann's Well'), noted at that time for healing, so we must presume the St. Ann's Ward got its name from the church, and by the well being in that ward. Neither is there proof that the church has been called 'All Saints' only for the last fifty years or so, during which time a lot of smaller churches have been built in the district. Certainly it has always been called the 'Parish Church.' I hope, therefore, Mr. Dawe has spent no sleepless nights thinking he has the wrong name in the list of churches he has rung at. I hope this little article will impress upon bellfounders and the ringing fraternity (whether of antiquarian or scribe turn of mind) to make more use of the word 'perfect' and leave the 'magnificent' to the museums.

S. BRIGGS.

Clinton, Gerrard Road, Rotherham.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 31st, St. Magnus' on the 24th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Deal on Saturday, Aug. 19th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police again invite all ringers and their wives and friends to their Athletic Ground, Bromwich Street, on Saturday, August 19th. Usual arrangements.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—A pleasant afternoon will be the result of attendance at the next meeting on Saturday, Aug. 19th, at St. Mary's, Woodford. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. A postcard from prospective visitors will greatly assist tea arrangements.—James G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at Boyne Tea Rooms at 1s. 3d. per head. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, August 19th, at St. Martin's, Ruislip. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Fabb's Restaurant, High Street, at 5.30 p.m., at 1/- each. Book these dates please, and come to Staines on September 9th and Hillingdon on October 14th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, August 19th. Bells (6) will be available 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be held at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. a head.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

ABBOTS LANGLEY.—Aug. 19th, from 3.30. Tea at Village School 5.30. Nearest rail Kings Langley. Coaches from Watford and St. Albans stop at church.—C. H. Horton, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LADIES GUILD, ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at Enfield (St. Andrew's) on Wednesday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All attending should advise Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, by Aug. 21st. —M. L. Cross, E. J. Butler, W. Lawrence, C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colaton Raleigh on Aug. 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of a new secretary takes place at this meeting. Bells at East Budleigh and Otterton available. Numbers for tea by Aug. 21st to M. Powell, Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale and Manchester Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at St. Mary's Church, Radcliffe (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge) and business meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. W. Emerson, 75, Knowles Street, Radcliffe, not later than Wednesday, 23rd inst. It is hoped that members of both branches will make a special effort to attend.—J. Bracewell and D. Brown, Branch Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Ringing at Cosby (6 bells) in the evening. Please attend in good numbers. — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, Aug. 26th. 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, Leeds 12.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern Branch will be held at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth (12 bells), on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting between 5 and 5.30, the Vicar, Canon R. Aubrey Aitken, presiding.—J. Harwood, Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Badby (6) on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Ringing at All Saints', Hastings, after tea. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Barnby Don on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Will members please make own arrangements for tea? — E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the West Tyne Division will be held at Newton Hall on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) will be available during afternoon and evening. Ringers who intend visiting this Northumberland beauty spot are assured of a good time. Anyone requiring tea should let me know as soon as possible. — R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blayden-on-Tyne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Windsor Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Denney's, but please send your name. Old Windsor (8) bells available at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pilton on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. — F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Somerset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Tone on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after. Those wanting tea, please notify by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at Hawkshead on Sept. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Bells (6) available at 1 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 29th, please. All ringers welcome. — E. Stith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—Practice meeting at Long Crendon on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Invitation tea by the Vicar, Rev. D. R. A. Williams, to those who let me know by Wednesday, Aug. 30th. Good bells and a warm welcome to all.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. (please note new address), 27, South Street, Headington, Oxford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair). Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea, 5.15, and business meeting. Election of officers and other business. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held this year at York on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Further particulars later.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

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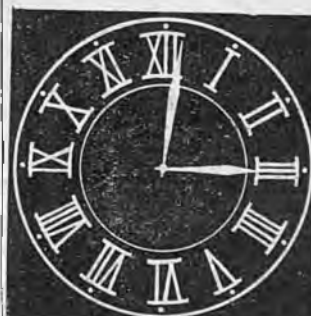
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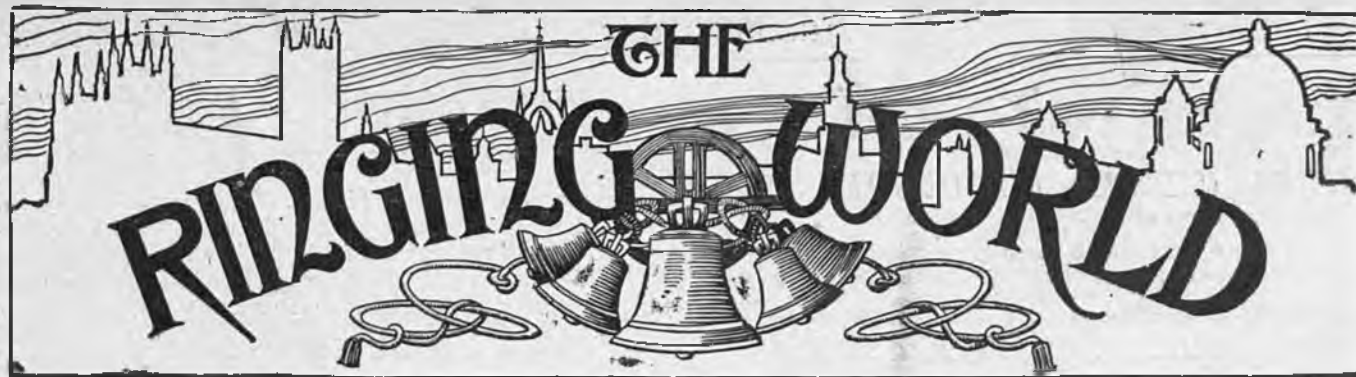
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Composed by C. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Dowding, who kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 2	REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON ... 6
ALFRED T. FOULTON ... 3	JOHN J. WEBB ... 7
ARTHUR W. DAVIS 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

A birthday peal for the wife of the conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2	JOHN W. WARD ... 6
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 5
RONALD H. BULLEN ... 2	ERNEST G. BAILEY ... 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for Messrs. White, Bullen and Bailey, who belong to Coventry, Langley and Stockport respectively.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN ... Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
*FRANCIS KIRK 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* 50th peal. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Miss Margaret Pack.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM SMITH Treble	JAMES H. SPENCER ... 5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 2	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 6
†GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL ... 3	JACK STUBBS ... 7
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Ringers of 3 and 5 are local, treble man is from Anstey, the rest are from Raunds, Northants. The Raunds men wish to thank Mr. I. J. Wade, of Anstey, for making all the arrangements connected with this peal.

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MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS 2	*HERBERT E. READ 6
WALTER C. MEDLER 3	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 7
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed and conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major. Miss Angwin and A. S. Roberts are from Truro, and S. E. Armstrong from Brighton.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS LINCOLN Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5
WILLIAM C. BUNN 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN 3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 7
WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is the 14th tower the conductor has 'circled.'

WALKDEN, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

MISS ANNIE POTTER Treble	WILFRED J. MOSS 5
JOHN POTTER 2	† FRED DUNKERLEY 6
*STEPHEN PARRY 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
THOMAS JONES 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD G. TALBOT Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 5
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
RONALD H. DOVE 3	TONY PRICE 7
*GEORGE L. GROVER 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal on eight bells.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 14, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILFRED STEVENSON Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY 5
THOMAS JONES 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6
NORMAN HEAPS 3	CHARLES OLLIER 7
*EDWARD F. MAWBY 4	WILFRED J. MOSS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

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

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Five 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
JOHN W. WARD 2	JOSEPH MARKS 6
ERNEST BRETT 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOSEPH WAGBORN, JUN. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

SCUNTHORPE, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ERNEST BRITAIN Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY 5
*MRS. J. BRAY 2	WALTER AYRE 6
*GEORGE W. MOODY 3	*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7
*FRANK LORD 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. First of Cambridge Major as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ARRANGEMENT OF H. COOPER'S ODD BOB AND SINGLE TWO-PART (C. VARIATION). Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD 2	JAMES S. HOITCHBY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This variation is now rung for the first time.

ECCELES, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, ☐

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILFRED J. MOSS Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
NORMAN HEAPS 2	THOMAS JONES 6
WILFRED HALLIWELL 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	WILFRED STEVENSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 5
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 2	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	GEORGE W. STEEL 7
GEORGE W. SLACK 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the recast bells. Arranged for Mr. C. McGuinness, of Lincoln.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT HEAZEL Treble	PERCY GREEN 5
*CHARLES STREET 2	BERTRAM HINES 6
ALFRED RAINBIRD 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
HAROLD PENNACK 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Harry Turner, one of the local ringers.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR ALFORD Treble	W. GLYN SHAW 5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS 2	CHARLES L. SADLER 6
REV. C. CAREW COX 3	ALFRED T. POULTON 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... Treble	JAMES GROUNDS 5
*FRED DUNKERLEY 2	JOHN BOOTH 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in method.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Three 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	TONY PRICE 5
*MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 6
ROYDON DAVIES 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 7
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 4	EDWARD G. TALBOT Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	WALTER H. POOLE 5
*WALTER E. PRIDDLE ... 2	JACK ROY 6
†ALBC A. WALKER 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG 7
WILLIAM A. SIVIER 4	SYDNEY PRIDDLE Tenor

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

* First away from tenor. † First peal. The trebleman's 100th peal for Association.

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

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
JESSE HARRISON 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	CRCIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

A birthday compliment to Master R. Welling, of Old Windsor, son of the ringer of the 5th.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
KEITH HART 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

FELSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
AMBROSE MASON 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
CHARLES W. BURTON 3	*JOSEPH WOOD 7
ALBERT WIFFEN 4	GEORGE GREEN Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First in the method as conductor. The monthly peal for the division. Rung on the 57th birthday of W. Lincoln, who afterwards kindly entertained the band.

PORTSMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Pro-Cathedral of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	HENRY J. TUCKER 5
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
ERNEST G. WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Chichester. The tenorman is from Cranbrook, Kent.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*FRANK CHAPMAN Treble	GEORGE KING 4
*FRANK ROLF 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 3	JAMES G. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by W. GORRINGE.

* First of Minor. First of Minor for the Guild.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of London, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose and Cambridge.

Tenor 6 cwt.

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble	THOMAS COOPER 4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY... 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for the ringers of the treble and 2nd, who were on holiday in Lincolnshire.

BARLEY, HERTS.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 Grandsire and 480 Oxford Singles, twice repeated.

WALTER CHAPMAN Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
HARRY HOWARD 2	FRANK HAYES 5
WALTER MANSFIELD 3	VICTOR G. LEE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. TACK.

Rung with the bells fully open (by special request) to the memory of Mrs. William Howard, who passed away on December 8th. Mrs. Howard was the mother of Mr. Robert Howard, president of the Herts Association, 1932-33.

CASTLE BROMWICH, BIRMINGHAM.—On August 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles by: J. L. Stokes 1, J. Wilkinson 2, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 3, H. Brown 4, W. C. Rhodes 5, E. Smith 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6, and first by a local band.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE,
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS E. M. P. FETHERS ... Treble	WILLIAM GAYES 4
JOHN WORTH 2	JOHN W. L. SLACK 5
STANLEY NOBLES 3	WILFRED STEVENSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal and first attempt by the treble ringer. She is to be congratulated on the way she handled the bell throughout the peal. She is 14 years of age.

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

On Monday, August 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	THOMAS COOPER 4
MRS. PEILLIS HUMPHREY ... 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

WEST DEEPING, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) York and Durham, (2) Primrose and Norfolk, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich, (4) Norwich, (5) London, (6) Hull, (7) Bourne.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN E. ALLEN Treble	THOMAS COOPER 4
*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 2	†CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in ten methods. † First Surprise peal in ten methods. Believed to be the first Surprise peal in ten methods in which a lady ringer has taken part. A birthday compliment to Mr. James H. Mussom.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8

*GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 9-10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Witness: Mrs. W. Ayre.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor size 14½ in C sharp

WALTER AYRE 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	ERNEST BRITAIN 7-8

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

PRIVETT, HANTS.—On Saturday, June 24th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,792 Superlative Surprise Major in 1 hour 5 minutes: J. D. Harris 1, V. E. Swift 2, G. E. Bassett 3, J. Topp 4, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 5, R. Swift 6, F. S. Bayley 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. It was intended to ring a peal, but, owing to the 6th rope becoming frayed, the bells were called round.

RINGERS v. POLICE.

ANOTHER ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT BOLTON.

On Saturday last Lancashire ringers, their wives and friends again took advantage of the invitation of the Bolton Borough Police by visiting their bowling green and athletic ground. The weather was ideal, and an added interest was a wonderful pageant held by the local hospital in the same grounds. It was the finest pageant ever held in the town, but the bowling green was reserved. It was here that battles were fought over again, and old scores wiped out.

The president of the association (Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A.) sent an apology for his absence.

During the evening a 'free and easy' social was kept going until nearly eleven o'clock. A concert party, arranged by ex-P.C. Hayhurst, assisted by Miss A. Potter, and touches on handbells provided the entertainment.

Mr. John Potter moved a vote of thanks to the Police for their kind invitation. In replying, Mr. Hayhurst extended a further invitation to the winter quarters later on in the year.

A SUSSEX VILLAGE RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. H. W. JONES, OF RINGMER.

By the death of Mr. Henry William Jones, the band at Ringmer, Sussex, has lost one of its oldest and most respected members. Mr. Jones passed away recently at the age of 63 years, after a long illness, patiently borne.

Mr. Jones was one of a young company formed at Ringmer Church well over forty years ago by the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was then assistant curate of the parish. Under this expert tuition excellent progress was made, and Grandsire and Stedman ringing was mastered. Then came Mr. Davies' departure, and ever afterwards that village band had a dour struggle for existence. Mr. Jones and Mr. Charles Painter were then, and remained through the years, the backbone of the little company—unable to do much change ringing unaided, but seldom failing to maintain a Sunday service band. Of a reticent, almost shy, nature, Mr. Jones was a safe ringer in the methods he knew—just one of those content to do his own bit to the best of his ability.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' salutes the passing of an old friend and early mentor.

The funeral took place on Friday week, when the coffin was borne from the house to the church by bellringers: Messrs. C. Painter, A. Carpenter, J. Geall and E. W. Geall. The Vicar officiated at the service, and referred to Mr. Jones' Christian characteristics and his faithful service to the church as ringer and sidesman.

The bells were rung muffled in the evening.

THE FOUR STROKES OF AN OUTING.

A MERRY BRISTOL PARTY.

On Saturday, August 12th, a merry party set out from SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, Bristol, at 1.30 p.m., for a short tour in Somerset. The first stop was Wymall Church, where the party was met by Mr. H. C. Windsor, and some touches of Stedman and Bob Major were rung on the excellent peal of eight there. The feminine element of the party was particularly pleased about the 'go' of the bells, one damsel remarking, 'I could ring this bell for a week.' However, time would not permit too long a stay, so on to Backwell, where another stop was made for a ring on the fine peal of six (tenor 19½ cwt.) to the tune of Stedman, Cambridge Surprise and Grandsire, after which the Vicar of Backwell, the Rev. H. S. Urch, an old acquaintance of several of the party, took part in some rounds, in which the Rev. M. E. Thorold, Vicar of SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, also took part.

By this time everyone was feeling a trifle 'peckish,' and the inner man and, of course, woman too, must be attended to, so the journey was resumed with 'Old Sol' still in attendance to Weston-super-Mare for tea, after which the party split up for a while, some to sun themselves on the beach or stroll on the 'prom' and view the mud, while one spark went for a swim. Everyone satisfied, the nose of 'the old bus' was turned toward Clevedon, where a very enjoyable hour's ringing took place. Grandsire and Treble Bob Major were brought round, and another 'peal of rounds' in which the ladies had to show the mere men how to ring the back bells. However, all good things come to an end. Time was getting on, and bidding 'Au Revoir' to Clevedon, the homeward journey was commenced, broken only by a short stop at the pump, or, to be more correct, the Bristol Hotel, and a very welcome stop, too, after such a hot afternoon. Then 'up in the cart' for the last time, accompanied by the faint aromatic odour of 'fish and chips,' which seemed to hang about in the vicinity of a certain elderly lady of the party with the austere countenance, who seemed to be trying to conceal a suspicious-looking parcel. Bristol was reached eventually, and so ended a delightful afternoon of handstrokes, backstrokes, crawl-strokes and sunstrokes, and the St. Philip's ringers take this opportunity of thanking those in charge at the various churches, who helped to make the trip such a successful one.

PINNER BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter from Mr. Plummer in 'The Ringing World' of August 10th about a half-muffled peal at Pinner, the tea rooms he speaks of are right underneath the tower, and have been the source of the chief objections to ringing since pre-war time, as the bells hit them hard.

In Mr. Plummer we have a man with a musical training and an alleged 'ear,' sitting under the bells for at least half an hour, and unable to recognise a common octave! The method was Stedman Triples, not Major, and was a slow, well-struck peal. I rang the seventh and Cecil Mayne the tenor. These are the sort of people whose word is sometimes the deciding factor on bells and ringing, as they have 'a musical ear' (P).

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, August 19th, at the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall, Essex, the marriage took place of Miss Mary Beckwith, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beckwith, of Coggeshall, and Mr. Partridge, of Braintree. The following ringers met at the church and rang 608 Double Norwich as the bridal party left (the church: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, A. Mason 2, C. W. Burton 3, F. Claydon 4, F. Ridgwell 5, W. Elliott 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, D. Elliott 8. The bells were also 'fired' three times. Afterwards 576 Kent Treble Bob was rung. The Rev. F. Pickford (Vicar) officiated at the ceremony.

The ringers were most hospitably entertained at the residence of the bride's parents. They desire to express their cordial thanks for the hospitality, and wish the bride and bridegroom long life, health and happiness.

WEDDING OF WOOLWICH TOWER SECRETARY.

The wedding took place at St. Mary's Parish Church, Woolwich, on Monday, August 7th, of Mr. Cyril Palmer and Miss Winifred Crussell. The service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Grey, assisted by Rev. P. Rodeck, with Mr. Robert G. Sales at the organ. Mr. Stanley G. Harris, of Woolwich Central Old Boys, ably carried out the duties of best man.

Mr. Cyril Palmer has been tower secretary of St. Mary's Church for the past five years, and the following ringers rang a touch of Grandsire Triples: Messrs. H. Finch, J. Lamb, H. James, J. Dafters, A. Rowe, T. H. Culver, B. W. Aldridge, E. Thraves.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EASTERN DIVISION.**

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Brightling on Saturday, August 12th, when about 25 members attended from Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), St. Leonards, Ringmer, Rotherfield, Mayfield, Battle, Heathfield, Frittenden, Kent, and members of the local band.

In the absence of the Rector, the service was conducted by the Rev. Canon J. C. Le P. Hatten, Rector of Dallington, who gave a most interesting address.

Tea was served at the Church Room, and at the business meeting which followed the Rector of Dallington occupied the chair and was made an honorary member of the association.

Mr. W. Franks proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Dallington for so kindly taking the service and for presiding at the tea and meeting, and also to the Rector of Brightling (the Rev. A. H. Huxtable) for the use of the bells and for providing such a splendid tea.

This concluded the meeting, and the members returned to the tower and kept the bells going until eight o'clock.

FINCHLEY RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.**PRESENTATION TO MR. W. WEBB.**

In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb, of Finchley, an attempt was made on Saturday, August 19th, for a peal, but unfortunately this came to grief. However, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung to celebrate the occasion.

Mr. Webb has been a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Mary's Church, Finchley, for 57 years, and during that long period has never once missed taking part in the Christmas ringing.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb kindly entertained the local ringers and several ringing friends at their residence, and during the evening a silver bell inkstand, suitably engraved, was handed to Mr. Webb from the local band.

PEAL RINGING.**AN ALTERNATIVE OCCUPATION.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—At last somebody has had the pluck to ask whether peal ringing should be abolished.

My answer is emphatically Yes! Perhaps the men would be able to be useful on a Saturday afternoon and evening, instead of rushing away directly after dinner and coming home last thing at night, pleased at their efforts of torture upon the public.

A RINGER'S WIFE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A correspondent seeks information as to whether there is any Sunday service ringing in Jersey?

Two interesting weddings are shortly to be solemnised. At the Cathedral, Guildford, on Saturday, September 2nd, Mr. Charles H. Kippin, of Beddington, the popular hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, is to marry Miss Jessie Melville, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Melville, of Guildford. Mr., Mrs. and Miss Melville are all ringers.

On September 7th, at St. Martin's Church, Dorking, Mr. Alan Roy Pink, Dorking, who is at present attached to the staff of the Midland Bank at Eton, is to marry Miss Elsie Cleve, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cleve, of Dorking.

ANCIENT V. MODERN BELL HANGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in Mr. Trollope's letter this week referring to heavy bell performances in the 18th century. It made me turn back to the interesting comparison in your issue of July 28th (headed 'Ancient and Modern Bell Hanging') between the fittings on Bow bells as they were and as they are now.

These bells previously hung in the old style plain bearings, and all but one on wooden headstocks, whereas they are now all in ball bearings and iron headstocks, and very nice they look.

Notwithstanding the old-style methods, Bow tenor was turned in single-handed to London Surprise Major by Mr. Bob Newton, and to Treble Bob Major a few years ago by Mr. Chas. Kippin (neither of them heavyweights). Southwark tenor, also on plain bearings, was turned in to Superlative Major by Mr. Bob Newton, and was rung by Mr. Peck to the record peal of Stedman Cinques, in which I had the honour to take part. St. Paul's tenor (plain bearings) was turned in to Cambridge Maximus single-handed by Mr. Peck. I also know of an instance when a well-known London ringer pulled up the whole twelve at Bow single-handed previous to an attempt for a peal.

In reviewing these performances and those mentioned by Mr. Trollope, I cannot help being impressed by the great skill of some of the older bell hangers. It is a point one is apt to forget, and it sets me wondering—will it be as easy to turn in, for instance, Bow tenor to a peal of Major under its modern conditions.

One very seldom hears of bells hung on plain bearings in these days, and I am thinking it will soon become one of the lost crafts. I know that ball bearings are a very nice job. They get over the trouble of lubrication, keep out dirt, and are clean, but it all sets one thinking.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM HIBBERT (YOUNG BILL).

Reading.

SUNDAY PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Is it not time some protest was made against Sunday peal ringing? I can scarcely conceive any occasion when a peal rung on Sunday does not break the spirit of the Lord's Day—a day of rest and peace. It is possible that some great national or Church celebration might justify a Sunday peal, if the commemoration were clearly and unmistakably associated with that day. To me there seems no other justification for a Sunday peal.

To utilise the day as merely another opportunity to add a peal to already glowing lists far outweighs, in my opinion, any 'excuse' that can be put forward, while to do so in the course of peal ringing tours, such as that which has recently taken place in the North, has nothing behind it but selfishness and the gratification of personal vanity. When Sunday is one of nine days available for peal ringing, and peals are to be attempted at the rate of two a day, why need these men deny themselves a full day's rest at the beginning of the most strenuous period of their tour and rob the inhabitants of the most prized hours of peace in the whole week? We may be told that the Church authorities readily welcomed the ringers, said they were pleased to have them there, or even asked them to come. That makes no difference to my point of view. With a programme that included eight other days' ringing in fifteen other towers I say that a Sunday peal in the circumstances is peal ringing and tower grabbing gone mad.

The ringers on that northern tour carry distinguished names; I hope they will pardon my outspoken remarks. I don't suppose I shall be far wrong if I say that this particular peal was arranged without any thought for the fact that it was Sunday beyond the consideration that it was necessary to fit it in between the services, but I suggest that men who are in a position in the Exercise in which they are looked up to for leading, should be careful of the example they set. I hope we shall read of no more Sunday peals, especially on tours of this kind.

OBSERVER.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the under-mentioned band: T. E. Thurland (first quarter-peal) 1, F. J. Hurrell 2, C. A. Bines 3, J. Hurrell 4, J. J. Lamb 5, G. Rawlings 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, G. Kilner 8.

OLD WINDSOR'S BELLS.

A CENTURY OF PEALS.

The 100th peal on the bells was recently rung at Old Windsor, Berks. It is, in a sense, a milestone in the history of the bells, and some particulars about them will probably be of interest.

The earliest records of St. Peter's Church, Old Windsor, say that in 1184 the church was connected with Waltham Abbey, the Abbot being Rector of Old Windsor. The actual date of the building of the church is not, however, known, but certain extracts show that there was a church many years before that date.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, OLD WINDSOR.

The first reference to bells appears in the churchwardens' account book of 1774.

Expences on going to Oxford and Salisbury and carrying old bells and bringing new ditto from Longford from bell founders ... £6 18 9
Smith's bill for ironwork in tower ... £7 5 0
Bell founders' bill ... £175 6 6

Edward Lawrence, John Close, Churchwardens.

Up to that date it is not known how many bells hung in the tower, but from 1775 until 1872 there was a peal of five by Thos. Swaine. A treble was added by Mears and Stainbank in 1872 as a thankoffering for the recovery of the Prince of Wales (King Edward VII.) from serious

illness. The bells were not only unmusical in 1890, they were also in bad order, and it was decided to tune and rehang the whole peal, also to add two trebles and so complete the octave, the treble being given by the Rev. J. H. Hindson (Vicar of Wraysbury, and late curate at Old Windsor), himself a ringer. The second was given by Mrs. A. H. Moore in memory of her husband. The old third was recast. The work was entrusted to the Whitechapel firm, and the result was the pleasant peal of eight that hangs in the tower to-day. The same firm again rehung the bells on ball bearings in 1927.

	cwt.	qr.	lb.	
Treble.	4	1	21.	
II.	4	3	24.	
III.	4	2	21.	
IV.	5	1	0 (approx.).	Thos. Swaine made us
V.	6	0	4 (approx.).	all five in 1775.
VI.	6	3	0 (approx.).	Thomas Swaine cast
				me 11th day of January, 1775.
VII.	8	1	0 (approx.).	
Tenor.	11	2	21 (G).	

The first peal on the bells was rung on December 22nd, 1890, after the dedication, and some well-known names appear in the record. It was Thurstans' 4-part peal of Stedman Triples: W. Lawrence 1, J. E. Hearne 2, A. Andrews 3, J. W. Washbrook (conductor) 4, Rev. F. E. Robinson 5, W. Napper 6, R. Flaxman 7, Rev. G. F. Coleridge tenor. The thermometer, it is said, registered 5 degrees Fahr., and persons passed freely in and out of the tower from the body of the church during the peal.

Situated in the extreme corner of Berkshire, joining Bucks and Surrey, with Middlesex only a mile away, Old Windsor has figured in three ambitious feats. On April 27th, 1901, a band of College Youths rang three Surprise peals in one day: London at Old Windsor, Berks, conducted by J. N. Oxborrow; Superlative at Wraysbury, Bucks; and Cambridge at Staines, Middlesex. Again, on April 24th, 1905, the same society rang three peals of London, one at Old Windsor, one at Wraysbury and the other at Isleworth, while on April 13th, 1914, a Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Pye, rang the last of four Surprise peals in one day, the other three being at Egham, Chertsey and Staines.

It was at Old Windsor, too, that the ladies rang their first peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Miss E. K. Parker (now Mrs. Fletcher).

The following is the list of peals rung in the tower:—

Grandsire Triples	43
Stedman Triples	19*
Oxford Bob Triples	3
Bob Major	6
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	5
Kent Treble Bob Major	3
Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major (Spliced)	1
Superlative Surprise Major	3
Cambridge Surprise Major	3
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1
Painswick Surprise Major	1
Lincoln Surprise Major	1
London Surprise Major	6
Bristol Surprise Major	4

Total ... 100

* Included first by a band of ladies and one non-conducted peal. In all, 31 conductors have shared in the calling of the peals. Mr. William Welling has for many years had these bells under his care, and all those who have visited the belfry must appreciate the attention which he bestows upon them. He has rung in 69 of the peals, conducted 34, and took part in the one non-conducted.

DOUBLES.

THE SPLICING OF EXTENTS.

A few weeks ago we printed the results of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's investigations into the splicing together of extents of Grandsire Doubles by inserting into one extent other six-scores produced from a reversal of the rows. By this means an infinite variety of callings was obtained, each composed of complete extents welded one into the other.

Mr. Lindoff extended his investigations into Bob Doubles and Stedman Doubles, and he gives below some of the results.

BOB DOUBLES.

This method allows little scope for splicing extents, and only one example appears worth considering, that of 360 spliced with bobs.

2345
3524
3542 —
5234
2453
4325
4352 —
3245
2534
5423
5432 —
4253
4235 —

Twice repeated.

This, started at a different lead, each time gives eleven extra variations.

STEDMAN DOUBLES.

This method, like Bob Doubles, must be spliced by calls.

The following are examples of reversed extents spliced into forwards, giving 240's, the notation being the number of sixes which separate the singles.

240's.
1 5 10 5 9 10
2 5 10 5 8 10
3 5 10 5 7 10
4 5 10 5 6 10
5 5 10 5 5 10
6 5 10 5 4 10
7 5 10 5 3 10
8 5 10 5 2 10
9 5 10 5 1 10

By starting each one at their different sixes some three hundred and forty are obtained, giving 81,600 changes. Below is given the 5.5.10.5.5.10.

23145	240. Continued.
34251	25341
34512	25413
41325	51234
41253	51342
15423 S	14523
15234	14235
53142	43152
53421	43521
32514	32415
32154 S	32145 S

Repeat.

One example, I think, worthy of special mention is that of 1.5.10.5, nine times repeated, giving 1,260 changes. Here are two parts:—

23145	240. Continued.
34215 S	34521 S
34152	42315
45321	42153
45213	25431
51432	25314
51342 S	51234 S
14523	51342
14235	14523
43152	14235
43521	43152
32415	43521
32154	32415
25341	32154

(Continued in next column.)

'THE IDEAL CONDUCTOR.'

'MOST DISCUSSED' MUSICIAN SAYS IT IS THE BELLRINGER.

In the course of an article in the 'Daily Mirror' on 'This modern music,' Igor Stravinski, described as 'the most discussed musician in Europe,' says that the ideal conductor is the bellringer.

'The aversion which I feel,' he says, 'from sensational conductors explains my attitude to musicians who wish to interpret my works.'

'A conductor who conducts in a sensational manner—that is to say, who capriciously alters the "tempo"—imagines that he is expressing the feelings of the composer whose music lies before him.'

'Actually, his interpretation is quite different from the original feelings of the composer.'

'People have often cited my saying that the ideal conductor is the bellringer. The man who pulls ropes that set bells in motion—for example, the famous Bow bells—has no immediate idea of what is taking place at the other end of the ropes. He cannot influence either the tone or the rhythm of the bells.'

'The music lives in the bells and is not born of the expressive power of man. For that reason, the bellringer seems to me to be the ideal prototype of conductor who has not to depend upon his own feelings.'

'It is the same with individual performances in orchestra.'

'For some time I had intended replacing the four pianos by four pianolas for my cantata, "Noces," because this technical instrument has complete musical precision and is not influenced by any nervous musician!'

FINCHAMPSTEAD RINGING ROOM IMPROVED.

PINE PANELLING AND NEW SEATS.

A pleasing ceremony took place on a recent Sunday evening in the ringing chamber of Finchampstead Church, when the Rector, Rev. R. D. Weller, M.A., dedicated the new work lately carried out to make the ringing room more comfortable and worthy of the fine tower and ancient church. The Church Council generously defrayed the cost of the work, which consisted of panelling all round the walls in Oregon pine 5ft. high, thus eliminating the contact with the white-washed wall when the ringers are seated after ringing. The uncomfortable forms have been removed and seats fixed in the recesses of the walls, thus giving more room as well as comfort. A table has also been provided, made from the old oak frame which was taken out when the bells were rehung some years ago.

The Rector was accompanied to the belfry by the churchwardens and the builders who carried out the work, and before the dedicatory prayers thanked the ringers (all young men) for their painstaking and consistent service to the church.

The Foreman (Mr. W. J. Paice) thanked the churchwardens and Church Council for their interest and generosity. The churchwardens remained for the ringing for evensong, and expressed their pleasure and interest in the ringers' work.

(Continued from previous column.)

23145	Continued.
25413	25341
51234	25413
51324 S	51243 S
12543	51432
12435	13524
23154	13245
23541	34152
34251 S	34512 S

Any part can be reduced to six changes by omitting the calls in that part. Each part-end comes into the plain course in regular order, and can therefore be brought round from any part-end.

It can likewise be started at different six ends, giving a number of variations.

I might state that it consists of nine and a half reverse extents spliced into one forward extent.

THE SPLICING OF GRANDSIRE AND STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to see the articles by 'Quick Six' in your two last issues, as I spent some time a short while ago experimenting with Spliced Doubles. There is one 'snag' in splicing Grandsire and Stedman which he does not mention, however; that is, that as in Stedman the single is made at the back and in Grandsire on the front, it is impossible to get a six-score exactly half of each. I found it possible to get over this by changing method just before the single, then both singles come at the back or both at the front. As two or three rows at the half-way single are the same, whether Grandsire or Stedman, it runs out quite true.

I found that Plain Bob and New Doubles can be rung in alternate leads, as can also Union and Grandsire, as 'Quick Six' points out.

R. D. St. J. SMITH.

Heanor, Nottingham.

WESTMORLAND AND CUMBERLAND.

JOTTINGS OF A RAMBLE AMONG THE FELS AND THE BELLS.

BY W. H. F.

O Christ, be Thou our strength, for though the day be long,
For old and young the bells at length must ring to evensong.

KENDAL HISTORY.

It was my privilege to make one of the party joining in what has recently become known as the 'Bennett Annual,' and having made a few notes during the week I beg to submit some of them, briefly, for the approval of our editor. A list of 17 towers was announced in 'The Ringing World,' of which 'ventures' 13 were successful, as recorded in the peal columns last week, three lost and one abandoned. To avoid the crowded 'Lakes Express' at mid-day the advance party from the London end left Euston at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, August 4th. This necessitated a change at Crewe, where they were placed in the wrong part of the train and were almost despatched, at Carnforth Junction, to Barrow-in-Furness. The new summer holiday tickets issued by the railway companies were a great boon to us. There was a certain amount of dressing to be done at the end of the journey, as we had removed our coats owing to the heat wave. Kendal was duly reached at five o'clock by the same train we had planned to avoid. Troubles are sent to try one, and the next disappointment was the absence of Messrs. E. Jenkins, of Bradford, Leslie Morris, of Leeds, the former having injured his hand at work that morning, and the latter called away on urgent duty at short notice. The other members of the team having safely reported themselves, it was decided to ring Major in a ten-bell tower for the want of another mate.

KENDAL CHURCH.

Some day this handsome building may be the Cathedral of the diocese of Westmorland. It measures 140ft. long by 103ft. wide, and is reputed to be the third widest church in the kingdom. It can seat upwards of 1,500 people. There are double aisles on either side of the nave, the four rows of Early English columns, with tall, pointed arches, forming a most graceful interior, beneath the timbered roof, with hammer beam trusses. Readers who have seen Abingdon Church, Berks, have only to place its campanile at the west end of the nave to find its resemblance to Kendal.

The local guide tells us: 'There is a peculiar charm about an ancient parish church. It occupies a large and prominent place in the outward life of those who live within sight of the tower and within hearing of its sweet-toned bells. It lights up memories of days long passed away. There arise unbidden in the mind pictures of the comings and goings of generations of parishioners of whom no record now remains, save on chiselled gravestones, in many cases moss-grown or undecipherable. It is not many country towns that possess a church at once so striking and with so many claims upon the affections of its people as Kendal Parish Church, which stands on the fringe of the town near the riverside. It catches the eye at once as something out of the common. There is nothing quite like it in England. Its prototype may be seen, however, in the Church of St. John of Jerusalem at Rome.'

Last year we rang a bell used for the 'Devil's knell,' and I have fondled the bell at Shrewsbury marked with the Devil's claws. On the walls of Kendal Church hang the helmet and sword of 'Robert the Devil,' of Belle Isle in Lake Windermere, who came on horseback to the church on Sunday in quest of his enemy, Col. Briggs, and, not finding him, hastily rode out again and struck his head against the arch of the west door. His helmet was knocked off and has since been kept in the church. Scott has made use of the tradition in Rokeby, and historical lines have been recovered from tradition, entitled, 'Dick and the Devil.' A brass tablet let into the floor tells us that Ralph Tirer, late Vicar of Kendal, died A.D. 1627:—

'London bred me, Westminster fed me,
Cambridge sped me, my *sister wed me,
Learning brot me, Kendal caught me,
Death oppressed me, and Grave possessed me.'

* Found him a wife.

A very notable list of Vicars exists, commencing from the year 1190. It is known that the first Baron of Kendal made a grant of the tithes of his estates in Westmorland to St. Mary's Abbey at York, subject to the Abbey making provision for the due performance of divine service in the churches, including Kendal.

In 1848 Mr. Crowther, a prominent Manchester architect, by invitation of Vicar Barnes, visited the church, and was shocked at its condition. He described it as 'presenting about as melancholy a spectacle of neglect, ruin and irreverence as the imagination could conceive.' The following year saw the beginning of a great restoration, which occupied two years, other sections of the spacious building being restored in 1860 and 1863.

In Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing' appears a view of the Kendal ringers standing in their original bell loft, the floor being level with the sill of the west window. A doorway—cut from the stairs, now used to reach the new and higher room—is still left in its old place, its well-worn stone threshold reminding one of the old Kendal pioneers of change ringing in the North of more than a century ago. The men and their belfry—and the jug—have gone for

good, but very interesting facts are preserved that tend to prove the old adage that Jack could take his fill as steadily as his master, and perhaps carry it better.

Local chronology mentions:—

1089.—There was one dark day when the people of Kendal were assailed by a Scotch Army, with Duncan, Earl of Fife, at the head, who entered the town and put to death a large number of the inhabitants who had fled to the church for protection.

1232.—An indulgence was granted for the restoration of Kendal Church, which had been allowed to fall into ruin.

1302.—Robert de Wessington, a direct ancestor of President Washington, is mentioned in a grant of land.

1517.—In the Will of W. Parre, dated November 7th, 1517, he wills that a Gilt Cross be given to the Parish Church of Kendal.

1553.—Sir Roger Bellingham at his own proper cost and charges built the Chapel of Our Lady within this Church of Kendal.

The old sanctus bell of this chapel is now in the tower in use. It is a pre-Reformation casting.

1576.—The Aldermen, Burgesses and 24 Assistants of this Burgh shall be ready to accompany the Alderman, before or at the time of ringing the third peal, to the Church, both morning and evening Prayer.

1584.—It is ordered that butchers shall close their shops and cease to offer flesh for sale after the ending of the third peal of bells on Sundays.

1653.—Some leading Quakers came to Kendal Church and pretended they had a commission to pull down the steeple.

1658.—There were five bells in the steeple at this date.

1688.—Henry Hunter, who had been sent by Mr. Braithwaite and the Mayor to stop the bells ringing, was assaulted by the crowd and knocked down in the churchyard.

1699.—Many would tarry at home rather than go to the church.

1745.—The Scottish Army marched thro' Westmoreland. At Kendal they halted over the Sabbath and attended divine service in the Parish Church. The news of their approach frightened the Vicar away, and his place was filled by the Grammar School master.

1745.—During the same year, on the Rebels' retreat from Derby, combatants who were killed or died from their injuries were interred in Kendal Ch'yard near the river. A public subscription provided the stone to commemorate the event.

KENDAL BELLS.

A ring of eight, tenor 25 cwt. 13 lb., was supplied by Pack and Chapman, of London, in 1775; the trebles were added in 1816 to commemorate the victories of Trafalgar and Waterloo, the treble being known as the 'Nelson' bell, and the second as 'Wellington.' Subscriptions by the townspeople were promoted by Nathaniel Wilson, who took part in the first peal on the old octave in 1796, and by direction of Thomas Strickland, aldermen, and other leading townsmen, with a committee appointed by the vestry of the parish, and Thomas Symonds, D.D., the Vicar, as chairman.

With reference to the original ring of six, the first three were removed in 1775 to Crosthwaite Church to make room for the six new bells, and the two smallest of these were 'casten' in 1695 by Christopher Hodson, bell founder, in the ancient bellhouse, at Kendal, demolished in 1790. The aforesaid Nathaniel Wilson was reputed to be one of the first scientific ringers in the North of England, and usually did the conducting or 'bob calling.'

At a vestry meeting, September 29th, 1790, it was agreed that the buildings in the churchyard called the Bell House be removed, and the slate and timber be sold and the moneys arising therefrom appropriated to erecting 'new seats' in the middle cross-aisle of the church.

In 1658 mention is made of the five bells and certain ropes, but in 1695 the treble or fifth bell being casually cracked, it be 'recasten' and a sixth bell is to be added.

On behalf of our party I would here mention that our headquarters for two days was the 'Waverley' (Miss Braithwaite) close by the church, where the frequent bus service from Leatherfield Bridge was of great assistance during our stay. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jennings not only planned our route but kindly gave us a welcome on arrival, and a 'send-off' when we left the county.

Musicians will be glad to know that the 'organist' is remembered. At Kendal Church the list from 1708 gives four in succession, putting in 53, 31, 47 and 31 years' service respectively. The Braithwaite who wished to stop the bells was Mayor six times. The John Jennings, who rang the tenor to the first peal in Kendal, was a forefather of the present leader at Holy Trinity, and our 'mascot.'

'A quaint old town, with venerable church,

Around whose tower in solemn harmony

The cawing rooks would flap their dusky wings;

The sunbeams lingered on the grassy mounds

And danced upon the ancient moss-grown tombs.'

(To be continued.)

THE PEAL AT EGREMONT.

Mr. G. W. Tembey, of Cleator, writes that the footnote to the peal rung at Egremont is not quite correct. It was not the first Surprise peal on the bells. That was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung by the local band conducted by W. Norman on November 19th, 1923.

ASSOCIATION GUIDE.

SECRETARIES' NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

The following are the names and addresses of the secretaries of the principal associations of ringers. The list will be useful in many ways, but its publication is chiefly in order to facilitate the scheme for keeping ringers, who remove from one area to another, in touch with ringing and bringing them into contact with the tower nearest to their new place of residence. When a ringer goes to live in the area of another association, the local secretary should forward his new address to his general secretary, who will pass it on to the secretary of the association to which the member has gone, and, through him, the ringers in the town to which the member has removed will be able to hunt up the newcomer—if he needs it.

Any corrections to the subjoined list should be forwarded for publication:—

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 31st at 7.30 p.m. William T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colaton Raleigh on Aug. 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of a new secretary takes place at this meeting. Bells at East Budleigh and Otterton available. —M. Powell, Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale and Manchester Branches. — A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at St. Mary's Church, Radcliffe (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge) and business meeting to follow. It is hoped that members of both branches will make a special effort to attend.—J. Bracewell and D. Brown, Branch Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Ringing at Cosby (6 bells) in the evening. Please attend in good numbers. — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, Aug. 26th. 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, Leeds 12.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern Branch will be held at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth (12 bells), on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting between 5 and 5.30, the Vicar, Canon R. Aubrey Aitken, presiding.—J. Harwood, Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Badby (6) on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Ringing at All Saints', Hastings, after tea. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the West Tyne Division will be held at Newton Hall on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) will be available during afternoon and evening. Ringers who intend visiting this Northumberland beauty spot are assured of a good time. Anyone requiring tea should let me know as soon as possible. — R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blayden-on-Tyne.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Barnby Don on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Will members please make own arrangements for tea?—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Windsor Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Denney's, but please send your name. Old Windsor (8) bells available at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pilton on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Somerset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Tone on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Frampton on Thursday, August 31st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea to follow. The bells of Bradford Peverell, Cattistock, Charminster, Maiden Newton and Sydling also available.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at Hawkshead on Sept. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Bells (6) available at 1 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 29th, please. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—Practice meeting at Long Crendon on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Invitation tea by the Vicar, Rev. D. R. A. Williams, to those who let me know by Wednesday, Aug. 30th. Good bells and a warm welcome to all.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. (please note new address), 27, South Street, Headington, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair). Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea, 5.15, and business meeting. Election of officers and other business. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Littlebury, near Saffron Walden, on Saturday, September 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present please advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Metheringham (eight bells), on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Names for tea to reach me by Wednesday, August 30th.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. Panther, 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at North Crawley on September 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tichborne on Saturday, September 2nd. Service in St. Andrew's at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Racquet Court, Tichborne Park, at 4.30. Please, I don't know who is coming.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eastham (six bells) on Saturday, September 2nd. Tower open at three o'clock. Service probably at 5.30. Tea will be provided only for those who send word not later than 28th, to Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, September 2nd. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in the Antelope. The bells of the following towers are also available: Netheravon (2.30 p.m.), Fittleton and Enford, in the above order. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. There are several outstanding subscriptions. Will those in arrears kindly make an effort and pay up and be sports? Tea can be arranged close to church.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Courteenhall on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who will require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 29th?—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Weston on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, September 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Will tower secretaries please send me a full list of members of their tower who are members of the L.A.C.R.? Full names, please.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec. 4, Nail Street, Milnrow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Middleton-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) available from two o'clock. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Please notify Mr. Joseph Dunn, Middleton-on-the-Wolds, by September 7th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Talaton (six bells) on Saturday, September 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North-Eastern Division) and **SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held at Mistley on September 9th. Suffolk towers available are Stutton, Harkstead and Holbrook. Bells at Mistley available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea at 5. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Essex Association, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, September 9th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—R. Swift, Hon. Divisional Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells from 3. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me without fail by September 6th. All members and friends welcomed. Next meeting at Willesden on October 7th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held this year at York on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Further particulars later.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

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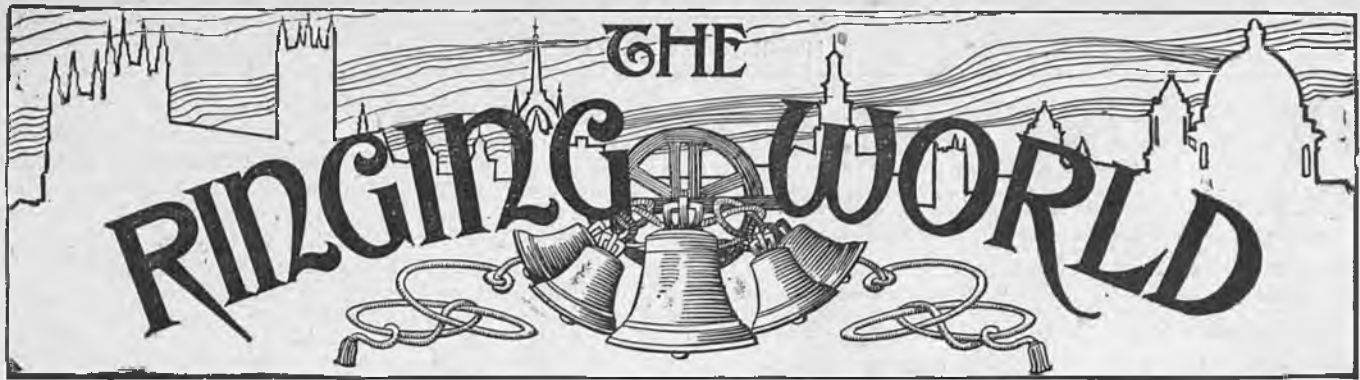
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Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, to whom we owe much of our present knowledge of the strains and stresses on bell towers, has recently tackled another problem which has considerable interest to ringers, no less a question, in fact, than the resistance to be overcome by the ringer when ringing a bell hung on plain bearings—as all bells were until comparatively recent years. Ball-bearings have now become quite common; indeed it is rare that the old type is used in these days if bearings have to be renewed. There are many ringers, however, who having had experience of both types, say they still prefer plain to ball bearings. 'Theoretically,' of course, there ought to be no question as to which make for the easier ringing, and advocates of ball bearings will tell us that 'practically,' also, there is only one answer; but, despite this, the liking for plain bearings remains with many ringers. The reason, presumably, is that they find that bells which are hung in ball bearings, are 'on their hands' more than those on the plain type. In order to ensure command of the bell they are inclined to over-pull it, and that means there is more 'holding' to be done between each stroke, and more effort required to get the bell back. That, of course, the ball-bearing advocate will say is not the fault of the bearing; it is the fault of the ringer, who should learn so to adjust his pull that his ringing should be practically effortless, because friction, which is the only thing the ringer ought to have to overcome, is negligible in ball bearings.

Friction, however, is a force to be reckoned with on a plain bearing, and Mr. Lewis, in the article in another column, shows to what extent it affects the ringer, who has to apply the power to overcome it. A medium sized bell, effectively lubricated, requires no great physical effort to ring it—all ringers know that from experience—but actually what energy they have to exert to overcome the frictional resistance they will probably now learn for the first time. For a 12 cwt. bell with a 1½ in. gudgeon it is something less than one lb. applied through a distance of two feet, or, say, a couple of tons spread over a peal. This, of course, is not all the energy a ringer will expend, even on the perfectly lubricated bell; there are other factors which will add to the output required from the man at the rope end and which in practice differ between one ringer and another. The competent ringer is he who can get the best command of the bell with the least expenditure of strength, and it is those who can carry this skill into their work on heavy bells who make the really great 'back-end' men, given that other essential gift, a keen

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ear. Brute strength alone has never made a good heavy bell ringer, but, when the mechanical efficiency of the bell begins to be impaired, strength must enter into the calculations—how much additional energy is required as the bearings dry out, Mr. Lewis shows—and the good strong ringer will beat the good weak one. It is, however, the proper application of the adequate, but only just adequate amount of energy, that stamps the truly great ringer.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-Le-Tower,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT... .. Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	FREDERICK DENCH 8
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HARRY R. ROPER... .. 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
JOHN W. WARD 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* 100th peal on these bells. A birthday compliment to Lewis W. Wiffen.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. in B.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 7
FRANK E. DARBY 2	*ROYDON DAVIES... .. 8
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 3	ERNEST BRETT 9
T. WILFRED TAFFENDER ... 4	TONY PRICE 10
*EDWARD G. TALBOT 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 11
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT... .. 6	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALLEY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First twelve-bell peal. First peal of Treble Bob Maximus by the association and by all the band, except ringers of treble, 4th and 9th.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... .. 6
JOHN HOLMAN 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT... .. 7
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 8
*WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 9
EDWARD JENKINS 5	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal and rung at the first attempt. First peal on ten bells as conductor, also first attempt. Rung in honour of the royal visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Yorkshire for the opening ceremony of the Leeds Civic Hall.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LUTTERWORTH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH S. CARTER Treble	*DENNIS H. DALBY 5
ERNEST W. TIPLER 2	ALFRED BALLARD 6
WALTER WILLIAMS 3	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 7
CECIL E. CARR 4	FRED PERRY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung on the occasion of the local feast celebrations.

MILNROW, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 21, 1933, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD HAMER Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 2	HARRY MELLOR 6
VERNON SYKES 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
HERBERT BARLOW 4	SYDNEY W. DUNNE Tenor

Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the treble ringer.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 21, 1933, 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	PERCY J. SPICE 5
*JOHN W. UNWIN 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, August 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS M. V. GODDERIDGE ... Treble	ERNEST STONE 5
JAMES DRAYCOTT 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 6
JOHN E. S. MORETON 3	CHARLES E. RAYSON 7
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 4	*HARRY HARRIS Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by A. H. BEAMISH.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. John Gibbons, one of the local band.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CHARLES A. BINES Treble	JOHN J. LAMB 5
*FREDERICK J. HURRELL ... 2	GEORGE E. RAWLINGS 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD 3	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS 7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 4	JIM HURRELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Winifred Fyson, elder daughter of Councillor J. B. and Mrs. Fyson, of Eltham, to Mr. Frank Burnham.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	*ALFRED J. HOUSE 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWARD J. BEER 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Wednesday, August 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CARTER Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	*REGINALD CHANCE 6
JOHN BASS 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 7
THOMAS HEMMING 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	NORMAN HEAPS 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS 2	NORMAN G. LEECH 6
NORMAN H. SMITH 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
HERBERT T. PIPER 4	ROBERT PICKERING Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN H. SMITH.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Norman H. Smith, and his first 'inside' and first as conductor.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	E. LEONARD TAYLOR ... 7
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 4	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor

Conducted by E. LEONARD TAYLOR.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE B. COLLINS Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 6
JOHN G. NASH 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HERBERT GOAKES Treble	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... 3	†PERCY AMOS 7
*SIDNEY HARRISON 4	†CHARLES LOWE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. † First of Triples 'inside.' † First peal. The ringers hail from Peterborough, Anstey, Syston, Leicester (All Saints'), Leicester (St. Saviour's), Leicester (St. Margaret's), Wellingborough and Thrusington respectively.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Bertoline,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT CRAWLEY Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON 5
*BRYAN FERNYHOUGH 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6
*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
*DOUGLAS N. WHALLEY 4	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal of Major.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JACK D. BELL Treble	STANLEY G. ROBINSON 5
WALTER COPPERWHEAT 2	CYRIL WILSON 6
ERNEST E. WHITMORE 3	GEORGE W. JEFFS 7
*BURLEY P. MORRIS 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by Wm. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal of Double Norwich. 25th peal by ringer of 4th.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
SHELFORD SPARROW 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT 7
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

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

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER D. TAYLOR 5
KEITH HART 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
JAMES TOPP 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

HUGHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PERCY NEWTON Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	REV. C. E. WIGG 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
*JESSE HARRISON 4	ROLAND BIGGS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, 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 18½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER Treble	CHARLES GOODBURN 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
EDWARD ALLEN 3	HERBERT E. AUNDSLEY 7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. A. LAMBERT'S TRANSPOSITION OF PRITCHARD'S.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
FRED J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 2	*FRED J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 6
ALAN V. BROMLEY 3	EDWIN BROMLEY 7
REG. E. LAMBERT 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* 200th peal. A 'family' peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who was on a visit to his native place.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE H. CLIFT Treble	*ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ... 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
JACK BAILEY 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON 7
HENRY HARRISON 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

HARRY HARRINGTON ... Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 5
E. LEONARD TAYLOR 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
EDITH K. FLETCHER 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

*ARTHUR CRANE Treble	JOSEPH MARKS 5
*EDWARD WHITLOCK 2	WALTER SEAR 6
*RICHARD V. FULLER 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
HARRY SEAR 4	ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Conducted by G. F. HOAD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. W. Sear, son of the ringer of the 6th. Arranged for G. F. Hoad and R. V. Fuller, of Reigate.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HUBERT LEE Treble	THOMAS FIELD 5
PERCY HANDLEY 2	JOHN BASS 6
VICTOR HUBBLE 3	CHARLES W. COOPER 7
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 4	JOSEPH F. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. WOODBERRY.

Specially arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Kathleen Elizabeth Jones, of Oldbury, and Mr. Frederick G. Handley, a much esteemed member of the choir, and conductor of the local ringers, who were married at this church just previous to the peal. The ringer of the tenor has now completed the circle.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Neadsden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, and Sandal, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.

STANLEY ARDERN Treble	*ERIC ELLISON 4
JOHN WORTH 2	JAMES A. MILNER 5
*JOHN N. SMITH 3	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Ashmore, mother of Mr. R. Ashmore, who is a ringer at Fairfield Church, Buxton.

STANDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

GEORGE GRAY Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
*ALFRED J. HOUSE 2	BARNARD PAYMORE 5
SIDNEY CARTER 3	JOHN WELCH Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

* First peal of Minor.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK BOYCE Treble	CHARLES GRIFFIN 4
*ERIC STEVENSON 2	HERBERT READ 5
VICTOR ORMEROD 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

* First peal. First peal by the local band.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

W. NORMAN PARK Treble	ROBERT T. SIMPSON 4
WILLIAM OLIVER 2	GEORGE W. PARK 5
ROBERT JEFF 3	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

WILLIAM BEAVER Treble	ALBERT E. JONES 4
DENNIS J. SHARPLES 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
EDMUND MORRIS 3	*FREDERICK J. WATKINS Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung on the festival of St. Bartholomew. The conductor's 100th peal of Grandsire Doubles for the Hereford Guild.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 21 different 240's by Pitman, Morris and Lindoff. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR C. NASON Treble	WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 4
HUBERT JONES 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
FORREST T. MASSEY 3	E. RICHARD BALDWIN Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true extents, each with different calling.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOTT 4
CHARLES W. BURTON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 5
*GEORGE GREEN 3	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. It is 37 years since the ringers of treble, 3 and 5 rang their first peal together. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Croftals) and to Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliott, of Brunswick House, who kindly entertained the band after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. E. WILSON, 98, EVESHAM ROAD

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2	PERCY L. HARRISON 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 9-10	

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire—Mr. William Willson.

Rung on the occasion of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. J. POOLE, 326, NARBOROUGH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE 9-10
*PERCY L. HARRISON 5-6	†H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 11-12

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witness—Mrs. H. J. Poole.

* First of Cinques 'in hand.' † First peal of Cinques.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

In ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2	PERCY L. HARRISON 5-5
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 22, 1933, 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 J. JOHNSON 3-4	*GEORGE AMBLER 7-8

Composed by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by WM. BARTON

* First peal in the method on handbells.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At GLYN GARTH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT

The conductor's first peal 'in hand.'

DEVON GUILD PRESIDENT'S IMPENDING DEPARTURE.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. POWELL.

A quarterly meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch was held at Colaton Raleigh on Saturday, when about 50 ringers were present. A service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch and an address given by the president of the Guild. The Rev. E. S. Powell based his remarks on the text, 'I am among you as he that serveth,' and at the close of his address spoke of how for 20 years it had been his privilege to serve the Guild, first as secretary and then as president, sometimes he knew with failure, sometimes through difficulties, but always with a great sense of gratitude for the unfailing support and encouragement given him by the members themselves. In wishing them 'God-speed' in the future, the President spoke of the forward movement among church bellringers in Devon, which he felt to be imminent, and asked that the loyal support that he had received himself might be given to his successor.

An excellent tea was prepared in the Schoolroom by Mr. G. Elliott, of Colaton Raleigh, and a band of willing helpers, and ample justice done to it.

The business meeting followed and was presided over by the Rev. E. A. Jullian, chairman. The branch was especially honoured by the presence of Canon G. F. Coleridge, Master of the Oxford Guild, and an ex-president of the Central Council.

The President, in offering a welcome to the Canon, pointed out that he was the senior member of the Devon Guild to-day, having joined it in 1874.

An apology for absence was received from the Rural Dean, who was prevented by indisposition from attending.

Topsham was suggested as the venue for the annual district meeting, and the date fixed for December 2nd.

The Chairman having asked for nominations for the secretaryship, Mr. Skinner proposed the election of Mr. R. Brook, of Topsham. This was seconded by Mr. Matthews and carried with acclamation.

Mr. Jullian then, on behalf of the branch, presented a beautiful salad bowl and biscuit barrel to Mrs. Powell, the retiring secretary, and spoke very kindly of the work she had been able to do for the branch.—Mrs. Powell, in reply, expressed her most grateful thanks.

Votes of thanks were then accorded to the Vicar, the organist and blower, and to the local ladies and gentlemen who had made such excellent arrangements for the comfort of the branch, and the meeting was brought to an hilarious close by stories told in his inimitable fashion by Canon Coleridge, whose presence added very much to the pleasure of the occasion.

The Rev. E. S. Powell is shortly leaving Clyst St. George for a living near Daventry.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

'HIGH-BROW' MEETING AT RUISLIP.

Ruislip possesses the largest band of ringers affiliated to the Middlesex Association, and it was, therefore, appropriate that the largest and most successful gathering (so far!) of the South and West District this year should take place there on Saturday, August 19th. Favoured by good weather, assured of a hearty welcome and looking forward to some good ringing (evidently), some 44 members and friends put in an appearance during the afternoon and evening. The ringing, which was pretty good for a meeting, consisted mostly of the more intricate methods. Cambridge, Bristol and Spliced (in four methods) Surprise Major were rung. A rather unique feature was the fact that no one requested a touch of Grandsire! Very encouraging signs.

Shortened evensong was conducted by the Rev. F. Dyson, in the absence of the Vicar of Ruislip, who was on holiday. The vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) read the lesson. Tea followed in Fabb's Restaurant, at the conclusion of which a course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells.

With the vice-president in the chair, the business meeting consisted of routine matters. The Vicar of Ruislip (the Rev. Canon E. Cornwall Jones) and one of the churchwardens (Mr. E. Dixon Smith) were elected honorary members.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) announced that the next meeting would be at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, September 9th. He said that as a presentation to Mr. John Phillips on the occasion of his 75th birthday was to be made at this meeting, he hoped there would be a good attendance. Mr. Phillips was a member of St. Peter's band and had been connected with ringing for 60 years. A joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild would be held at Hillingdon on Saturday, October 14th, and it was hoped to arrange a meeting at Acton in November.

The meeting concluded with thanks to all those responsible for making the necessary arrangements, etc., and especially to Mr. Tom Collins, of the local tower. After further handbell ringing, a return to the tower was made, except for members of the committee, who remained to discuss the second annual supper arrangements. It was pleasant to see so many 'better halves' at this meeting, as well as old friends, whose absence in the past has been a matter of regret to many. Perhaps at Staines, Hillingdon, etc., they and others will be seen again. Who knows?

CHRIST CHURCH, SPITALFIELDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In further reference to the notes which have appeared in your pages recently, the following may interest your readers:—

Amongst the valuable records belonging to the 'College Youths' is this footnote to a peal rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, on March 26th, 1808, recorded as 5,040 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, i.e.: 'These bells were originally a noble peal of 8, the tenor of 44 cwt. in the key of C sharp, and were the gift of . . . Wheatley, Esq., a wealthy inhabitant of the Parish, about the year 1735. They were augmented to Ten Bells in 1792 and finally augmented to Twelve in or about 1804, and were catechised by all Ringers to be the finest and most musically tuned peal of Twelve in London. They were destroyed by Fire on Ash Wednesday, 1837, at which time the office of Steeple-keeper was vacant, and through the neglect of the Parochial Authorities in appointing an efficient person to the care of the Bells a parcel of Boys had the run of the place, got smoking on the Steeple and set the place on Fire. The Church had a very narrow escape and cost the Parish £10,000 to repair the damage done. The present peal of eight bells are by no means to be compared to the original Bells given by Mr. Wheatley.'

The above footnote is signed, 'S. Austin, College Society, 20th August, 1857,' i.e., 21 years after the fire, which occurred in 1836, as stated by Mr. Trollope; the Ash Wednesday, however, is probably correct. It is gratifying to hear that the fire was caused by members of a boys' club and not by ringers, despite rumours to the contrary current some years ago.

Despite Mr. Austin's comparison, I seem to remember the present eight as a deep sonorous 'ring'—but it is 40 years ago.

It is interesting to note that the tower is considered to vie with St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Bride's amongst English Renaissance steeples, and it is by Hawksmoor, Wren's gifted pupil.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

ANOTHER VERSION.

With reference to the origin of the fire at Christ Church, Spitalfields, mentioned in Mr. Trollope's letter in our last issue, Mr. Edwin Gibbs says that this was due to a party of ringers who were ringing there on a very cold day, and who had a charcoal fire in the belfry for the purpose of heating up some refreshments.

While this was in progress, someone in authority was heard coming up into the belfry, and the brazier was hurriedly hidden away under the tenor box and left.

This version was given to Mr. Gibbs by the late John Cox, and it was also confirmed by the late Mr. Matthew Wood, who saw the fire as a boy.

AFTER FORTY YEARS.

THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, OVERHAULED.

On Sunday, August 20th, the bells of St. Mary's, Lewisham, the 'mother' church of this district of the Kent County Association, were reopened with ringing for divine service by the local band, after a brief respite of some six or seven weeks, during which period they have been thoroughly overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the famous bellfounders, of Loughborough.

Before ringing commenced the band was photographed in the belfry by a representative of 'The Kent Mercury.'

Forty years ago (1893) these bells were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and from then to the present (with the exception of the short overhauling period above mentioned) have been in constant use for Sunday services, practice and occasional peals, so that nothing could have been more natural than to call in the same firm. The chief culprits for this long absence of the bellhanger are Messrs. Dick Lane and Harry Warnett, sen.; the former was from Taylor's firm and in charge of the 1893 overhaul, the latter has been a ringer at St. Mary's for 43 years and the respected towerkeeper and leader of the local band for 37 years. It is due to his tactful arrangement of the louvres, regulating the sound, that during this long period only one complaint as to the ringing at this tower has been received, although Lewisham Hospital almost adjoins the churchyard, the one complaint coming from elsewhere.

On Thursday evening, August 24th (without permission from 'Enlightened' or 'A Ringer's Wife'), a peal of Bob Major was attempted by a band mainly local, but, unfortunately, came to grief in the first course of the second half, the ringers being H. Warnett, sen., 1, J. Daffers 2, R. H. Dove (Taylor and Co.) 3, A. J. House 4, H. Warnett, jun., 5, E. Mounter 6, C. Davis 7, J. Bennett (conductor) 8. The ringers would like to express their appreciation to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the way in which the work has been carried out. The 'go' of the bells, which are still in plain bearings, leaves nothing to be desired. St. Mary's tenor is 22½ cwt. J. B.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 20th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Wells 1, J. Jagger 2, S. Danby 3, M. Turner 4, J. Prickett 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, H. Howl 7, E. Lees 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Screen.

RINGERS' WIVES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—'Ringer's Wife' is either to be pitied or blamed. Like all the rest of mankind, ringers can be placed in three categories—good, bad, indifferent. Ringers' wives can also be thus placed.

Perhaps 'Ringer's Wife' is one of those who would like their 'other half' (I won't say 'better half') tied to their apron strings every moment of their little leisure time, dragging them hither and thither on all sorts of domestic jobs they themselves could (and should) do—or like 'Mary's little lamb,' meekly following them about where-so'er they go.

On the other hand, 'Ringer's Wife' might be one of those very unfortunate ones who are tied to a mean, selfish man who thinks of nothing else but his hobby, and neglects wife, home and even work to carry out some insane ambition to ring peals at whatever cost. Fortunately these are few and far between.

I have had great experience of the 'conjugal rites,' both personally and impersonally. In the former element it might be added that there are few Midlands ringers who have devoted more time to bells and ringing (either within or without the belfry)—yet I still find time to devote to wife, home and duty as well as putting in a good deal of church work. (Won't Mrs. M. say something to this when she reads it!) And we both 'hit it off' very well indeed—if you doubt it, just ask 'P. H. or H.P.' (the 'saucy ones') what Mrs. M. says!!!

On the latter point, I have assisted many hundreds to 'tie the knot that cannot be broken,' and am still doing so every week. I have noted the characters of the various parties concerned, and one can almost tell beforehand whether the 'union' will be a success or not. It is (or should be) a case of fifty-fifty, and it is up to BOTH sides to 'ring true' and SHARE EQUALLY the hopes and ambitions as well as the disappointments and failures. Never forget it takes two to make a bargain.

As I stated at the outset, 'Ringer's Wife' is either to be blamed or pitied. If the former it is in her own hands to rectify (amicably, I trust) the faults—if the latter, then there is no one who sympathises with her more than

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

N.B.—May I point out to 'Enlightened' that it is far from being enlightened to either open or enter a subject of controversial nature hiding under a nom-de-plume. It points either to someone who is afraid to openly voice his own convictions, or not to be taken seriously.

A MAN SHOULD HAVE A HOBBY.

Dear Sir,—I would like to ask 'A Ringer's Wife' how she would like to be deprived of any pleasure she may have to be given more work to do? I have been a ringer's wife more than 40 years and have, I think, as much experience as most as a ringer's wife. In the first place, a man should have a hobby, and bellringing is a clean hobby as well as a very healthy exercise, as I can prove. As for torturing others, I fail to see how that can be if bells are rung properly.

We have lived very near to a church, and unless the louvres are too open it is impossible to call it torture, and as for men being more useful at home, surely when a man has worked all the week some recreation is necessary for health's sake.—Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) M. E. GROOMBRIDGE.

Chislehurst.

CHILVERS COTON RINGER MARRIED.

On Saturday, August 19th, the wedding took place at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, of Mr. John Gibbons and Miss Mary Moreton, the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, Vicar and president of the Warwickshire Guild, officiating.

As the couple left the church, the bells pealed forth in rounds and 'queens,' interspersed with 'firing,' following which two well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, the following taking part: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, J. E. Moreton, J. Draycott, E. Stone, P. Stone, H. Harris, Mrs. Billington, W. Barratt and M. Melville.

The bridegroom has been a member of the local band since 1927. He was presented with a case of stainless cutlery by his fellow-members.

A peal of Bob Major in honour of the event was rung two days later.

REVIVAL OF OSWESTRY RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 26th, members of the Oswestry Society staged what proved an excellent revival of the annual outing. Accompanied by several ladies and favoured with beautiful weather, a start was made at 10 a.m. At Welshpool the party were welcomed by the local captain, Mr. W. J. Maddox, and the eight bells were fully employed for the time available. The remaining towers on the programme—Montgomery, Leighton, Westbury and Pontesbury—all contained peals of six bells, and good use was made of them. Oswestry was reached at 9 p.m., and the ringers take this opportunity of thanking the respective clergy and local ringers for their several kindnesses.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild's memorial to their first hon. treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O.) is to be dedicated on Friday, September 22nd, at 7.45 p.m. It consists of a recast 6th bell at Woking Parish Church and forms part of a general memorial to the Admiral, which includes the retuning of the other seven bells and a bronze tablet to be erected in the church. A special ringers' service is to be held on the following day. The work in connection with the bells has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

A peal of Double Norwich Major was rung at Wrotham, Kent, on Saturday, conducted by the president of the Central Council. It was his first peal as conductor since 1914!

In the footnote to the peal rung at Barley, Herts, on August 12th, the date of Mr. William Howard's death should have been August 8th and not December 8th. But this was not our fault.

The peal rung at St. Magnus' Church, London, on August 19th, was Cambridge Surprise Royal.

BELLS IN JERSEY.

RING OF SIX DISPLACED FOR CLOCK BELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your note in 'The Ringing World' of August 25th as to Sunday service ringing in Jersey, I am very sorry to say that there is no change ringing done in the Island. The Church of St. Mark, in St. Helier, contained a peal of six bells hung for ringing, and is the only church here which has bells hung on these lines. They were hung in 1844 by Mears; the tenor weighs 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. and is in G.

Some years ago a clock was put into this tower and a large bell of 2 ton 18 cwt. was placed on the frame containing the six bells, with the result that some of the other bells were placed together in a corner of the frame. The clock works fill the belfry and there seems little hope, therefore, of ever seeing any ringing done in this tower.

I have been told that about 50 years ago there used to be a band of ringers who practised change ringing, and when I was in the tower just over two years ago I found a card with a course of Grandsire Doubles pricked out on it.

If at any time there are two or three handbell ringers coming to Jersey, I would very much like to attempt a handbell peal. I would like to know if there has ever been a peal rung on this island.

C. E. LOVETT.

The Gardens, Samares Manor, Jersey.

NO SERVICE RINGING.

Sir,—Perhaps I may be useful to your correspondent who seeks information re Sunday service ringing in Jersey.

A few years ago I spent rather a long holiday on the 'Isles,' and habitually visited what I might term its principal churches. If my memory serves me rightly, 'there is no Sunday service ringing' in Jersey. My vainest research was at St. Mark's, to discover a peal, I believe, of eight, deprived of 'ringing order' apparently for common chiming purposes.

L. F. COX.

Perkstone.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WELL-ATTENDED MEETING AT WOODFORD.

A fine afternoon drew quite a number to the meeting on August 19th at St. Mary's, Woodford, of the Northern District of the London County Association. Woodford is on the extreme edge of the association's boundary, but the choice was obviously a popular one. A variety of methods was rung until 5.30, when a short and very bright service was conducted by the Rev. F. J. Albery, M.A., Rector of Woodford.

The address was very much out of the rut, being more in the nature of a friendly talk than a sermon.

Tea was served in the Parish Church Memorial Hall, and the things provided were more than enough, despite the valiant attempts of the Master and secretary to clear the tables. When these two gentlemen had sufficiently recovered from their exertions, the usual business meeting was held, at which Mr. Albery presided.

One new member was elected, and St. Mary's, Stratford-by-Bow ('Bow in the Road'), was chosen for the October meeting, with St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, as an alternative.

The District Master (Mr. J. A. Waugh) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Albery for his welcome and to Mr. Moss for the ringing arrangements; to the organist and to the lady who prepared and served the tea. The secretary (Mr. J. G. Prior), in supporting the motion, said how very much they who were visitors to Woodford appreciated the welcome which they had received.—The vote was carried by acclamation.

In replying, Mr. Albery said that he was really very pleased to welcome the association, and the members were assured of a welcome whenever they were inclined to visit Woodford again.

Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. then took place, methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major being rung, to conclude a very enjoyable meeting in very pleasant surroundings.

BELLS IN PLAIN BEARINGS. CALCULATION OF FRICTIONAL RESISTANCE.

By E. H. LEWIS.

The question of the advantage or disadvantage of ball-bearings has recently been raised in several quarters. I thought it desirable to ascertain, if possible, the amount of work required to overcome friction in the case of a bell mounted on good plain bearings.

From the calculations of the reaction at the gudgeons which I made 20 years ago, it is possible to arrive at an approximate value of the frictional resistance for any particular bell. In the case of the bell of about 12 cwt., of which details are given in Sir A. P. Heywood's "Bell Towers and Bell Hanging," I found that the total work to be done to overcome friction for each revolution

$$= \pi d \mu \times 2692 \text{ foot pounds}$$

where π is 3.14 approx.; d is the diameter of the gudgeon (expressed as a fraction of a foot), and μ is the coefficient of friction.

The value of μ varies according to the condition of the bearing. It should not exceed .0025 in the case of a well-lubricated bearing and would be as much as .15 in the case of a completely dry bearing.

Taking the lower value, and assuming a gudgeon diameter of $1\frac{1}{4}$ in., $\pi d \mu \times 2692 = 1.982$ foot pounds.

In other words, if the rope can be pulled through a distance of two feet, a pull of less than one pound is required to overcome friction of the bearings. If, however, the bearing is completely dry, a pull of nearly 60 pounds would be required to keep the bell up.

From this it is obvious that there is far less difference between a ball-bearing (with a negligible loss due to friction) and a well-lubricated plain bearing than there is between a well-lubricated and an ill-lubricated plain bearing.

It has been argued that the slight 'drag' due to friction at the end of the revolution of a bell in plain bearings is of assistance in ringing, particularly in the case of a tower or frame that moves. Taking the same bell and the same gudgeon diameter and assuming a wheel of six feet diameter, the 'drag' at the end of the revolution in the case of a well-lubricated plain bearing would be equivalent to a pull on the rope of 1.036 of an ounce. I wonder how many ringers can judge the weight of their hands to 1.036 of an ounce. Would it be better in such a tower to deliberately keep the bearings of the smaller bells rather dry? Could a steeplekeeper adjust μ to the exact value required between .0025 and .15?

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The August meeting took place at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, August 19th. There was a good muster of members and friends from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Croft, Handsworth (Birmingham), Nuneaton, Shilton and Stoke, with the local band. The Vicar being away, his two sons, Mr. Malcolm Melville and Mr. Gordon Melville, both ringers, welcomed the visitors. The bells were put to good use during the afternoon until a halt was called for tea, served in the Village Hall by local ladies. There was handbell ringing after tea, and then further ringing on the tower bells in the better known Doubles and Minor methods.

OLD YORKSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

One of the oldest ringers in Yorkshire has passed away in the person of Mr. Henry Thorley, of Thorne. He first rang on the old peal of five at this church 60 years ago.

As a last mark of respect to his memory, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung on August 23rd with the bells half-muffled: 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING AT RADCLIFFE AND WHAT CAME OF IT.

The August quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held jointly with the Rossendale Branch at St. Bartholomew's Church, Radcliffe, on Saturday, August 26th.

In the absence of the Rector, the service was conducted by the Rev. W. Grimwood, who, in his address, spoke very encouragingly of bellringers and of the uses of bells.

After service tea was served in the Institute followed by the business meeting of the Manchester Branch. The chair was taken by the branch president (Mr. C. Ollier), and the meeting was attended by members from Ashton, Bury, Bacup, Bolton, Elmsworth and Manchester. The visitors included Mrs. R. F. Deal and Master Deal and Mr. J. P. Fidler.

An invitation from the Rector of St. Matthew's, Stretford, inviting ringers to the dedication of the new ring of eight bells at that church on September 14th, and also to the Manchester Branch to hold its next meeting there on September 23rd, was gladly accepted.—The meetings for October and November are to be held at Miles Platting and Pendleton respectively.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Grimwood for conducting the service, to Mr. Woodhead for his services at the organ and to the ladies and local ringers for supplying and serving tea were heartily given.

The business completed, some of the members returned to the tower, whilst others played the gallant part of entertaining the ladies. George (at the time a grass-widower) seated himself in front of the harmonium, and with Bill, who, by the way, should have been looking after George, ably assisting with a tenor voice which really does deserve recognition, made more singers than ringers.

Inquiries are now afoot in Radcliffe, writes our correspondent, to find out who ate the lump sugar, and if a certain member (another grass-widower) enjoyed his supper there more than if he had cut his own at home. Information is also sought respecting six persons alleged to have been guilty of keeping a fellow-creature at work after 'washing-up' time. Descriptions—unknown, but believed to belong to the 'Green Dahlia Gang.'

BOLTON BRANCH AT NEWCHURCH.

A successful meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday last. The church is situated in a beautiful country district, and the tower contains what is considered to be one of the best light peals in the north. The ringing chamber floor is covered with lino and a good tapestry carpet. Its walls are panelled in oak and memorial tablets of copper with engraved and enamelled lettering.

There was a good attendance of members, with visitors from Cheshire and Wigan Branch, some of whom got their first touch in higher methods. The striking was good throughout the meeting, and the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise in the Major methods.

At the business meeting Mr. John Potter was elected to represent the branch on the committee for the next two years. Mr. Peter Crook was re-elected as secretary.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their preparation. He congratulated them on their beautiful ringing chamber.

Mr. John Worth, one of the band who recently rang in the record peal of 38 Minor methods, gave an interesting discourse of the ringing of these multi-method peals, and the secretary gave a rough outline of the arrangements for the forthcoming annual dinner. He said the dinner would be held in the Co-operative Hall, Bolton, on Saturday, October 21st, and the tickets 3s. 6d. each. It was hoped to have distinguished patronage. All that was now needed was a good rally and success would be assured.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The August meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at St. Paul's Church, Shipley, on Saturday. The bells were rung up at 3.15 p.m., and members were present from Armley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Elland, Guiseley, Ilkley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Horbury, Bradford Cathedral, Northowram, Batley and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (Mr. W. H. Senior) being in the chair. Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. C. Renton, of Armley, and W. Ainley, of Elland.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for the arrangements.—Mr. L. W. G. Morris seconded and Mr. E. Simpson acknowledged the motion on behalf of the Shipley ringers.

THE EGREMONT PEAL

To the Editor.

Sir,—I must apologise to the Egremont band for the footnote to the peal rung there on August 10th. I was not aware Cambridge Minor had been rung. It should have read 'The first peal of Surprise Major on the bells.'

F. BENNETT.

WESTMORLAND AND CUMBERLAND.

(Continued from page 539.)

BY W. H. F.

A beautiful summer morning greeted us on rising on Saturday, and favoured our long drive by car over the mountains into Yorkshire. Distant views of the fells and pikes showed the elevated nature of the country which the Midland Railway engineers had to deal with in laying their line to the North. The Pennine Chain showed up grandly, and one ridge of tableland which ended in a sharp point resembled the Black Mountains as seen from the Golden Valley.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. Reed, M.A.) received us at the church, and Mr. E. Burnett (foreman) had everything in order. Here the ringing room is at the west end on a level with the nave floor, and was cool and comfortable for peal ringing, whilst outside the temperature was more suitable for the bellfounder. The church is an early English building erected about 1230 on the site of the original Norman church, which had a central tower that collapsed. The columns, dividing the nave from the aisles, are built upon the bases of the huge piers of the old Norman arcade built about 1170.

There appears to be no dedication known to this church. The name of the parish is supposed to be derived from Kirk by Eden, as that river flows close by. In my opinion, the first church was rebuilt in the period of King Stephen, grandson of William the Conqueror, and hence the name of the parish, and I have since discovered that Canon James Simpson, LL.D., an early Vicar, 1863, caused the old tenor to be inscribed 'Sancte Stephane.' It is regretted that our Simpson did not ring it instead of the other 'Jimmy.'

Warner and Sons, of London, cast the octave in 1877. They were hung by Mr. Mallaby, of Masham, who discovered an old bell frame (for one bell)—stowed away in the top plate of the tower—which he thought must have been in use when there was only one bell. County historians say there was one bell in the old tower inscribed 'S Hugo Ora pro nobis.' In 1875 there were four bells dating from 1631 to 1749—yet Bishop Nicholson in his visitation on March 7th, 1704, mentions there were five, in the Carlisle Diocesan Accounts. Two of these were cast into the bell, which is now the tenor, in 1745, after Culloden. Two old customs lingered here, the 'Kale bell' after morning service, and the 'laggybell' for the curfew every night at 8 o'clock. The Kirkby Bell Restoration Committee consisted entirely of ladies of the parish, with the Vicar (the Rev. Thomas Mason, LL.D.) as treasurer. A brass plate in the nave records that: 'The peal of bells was completed by four new bells, pulpit, clock and other gifts added, to a total cost of £1,700.' It is said that Kirkby Stephen is indebted to Whittington, Lord Mayor of London, for its bells. Whittington died in 1434, at which time the present church tower was not built and the original central tower had been taken down. I have come across indications that point to Whittington being a Herefordshire man, and would refer my readers to the valuable work by Mr. Gordon Selfridge—the donor of Bow bells—entitled 'The Romance of Commerce,' which tells us more about Dick Whittington than has hitherto been published.

EARLY BELL FOUNDERS.

There is an excellent preserved list of the subscribers to the early recasting of the old bells in 1658, and early bell founders are remembered, viz., E. Selber, of York, T. Langshaw, of Carlisle, and T. Stafford, of Penrith.

The town is situated on the main motor road, Newcastle-Blackpool-Morecambe. There is much traffic, and, in leaving the church, we found dozens of charabancs pulled up with hundreds of holiday people loyally crowding the King's Arms. The local men came to congratulate us on the peal and sent us on our journey rejoicing at 1 o'clock.

After lunch at the Waverley at Sedbergh, we went on to St. Andrew's Church, where the bells were rung muffled in Peal No. 3 to the respectful memory of an old tradesman buried that day. The antiquarians claim no Saxon or Early Norman pedigree for this cosy building, but evidences of 12th century work are traced throughout the various periods down to the last restoration under Scott. A carved poor box, 1633, and part of the Jacobean pulpit are preserved. Austin and Paley, of Lancaster, were the architects for the restoration of 1866 at a cost of over £4,000 to the memory of Canon Platt, 42 years Vicar.

The 13th century tower contained three bells until 1897, when Mrs. R. H. Quick added five new ones in memory of her husband, Vicar 1883-7, so our Stedman, as the first on the bells, was very appropriate. The inscriptions on the bells are recorded on a brass tablet on one of the pillars. The registers date from 1595, and a silver chalice and paten 1732. The three old bells, cast in the 15th century, have their Latin inscriptions repeated on the new. A cutting mounted in the belfry, 'Little Boy Blue,' and a marble tablet mentions the death of one of the local hands in the belfry on Sunday, May 7th, 1911, after 14 years' service, John E. Senogles, aged 36 years.

Sedbergh company has a full team for service change ringing, and members have scored a peal of Major unaided. We appreciated a heavy curtain hung over the west window, to keep out sunshine during our ringing, and the presence of Mr. John Flint, of Bolsover, who came over to hear the peal.

ANOTHER RINGING MACHINE.

We also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, a Cambridge chum of Mr. Banks James, who very kindly took us to his house and exhibited his very intricate ringing machine. The inventor has never seen Carler's masterpiece, and has worked out the difficult problem in quite another manner, and we had a course of Treble Eight performed on a set of small handbells with great accuracy. Our thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Walker, M.A.) and the local men for their welcome. They told us there was seldom an accident in the narrow streets of the town with their narrow side-walks, but coach drivers in this district must be cautious; with steep roads and a heavy stone wall on each side, there is no room for 'dodging.' Leaving Sedbergh at 8 o'clock, we went to our Kendal beds early, dog tired and warm as toast.

'Those chimes shall peal through distant morrows,
When we no more near praise or blame,
Sooth many a mourner when he sorrows,
Or fan devotion's sacred flame.'

THE LAY OF THE BELL.

A HOMELIKE SUNDAY.

Sunday was quite homelike—practically the same as the ringers' usual day of 'rest,' a quiet, late breakfast—to which they came down in twos and threes—some good touches for morning service at Kendal Parish Church filled up the morning. An afternoon drive over fell and dale to All Saints', Orton, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. King), now absent on holiday, had kindly placed the bells at our disposal. The churchwarden and a few local hands gave us a good reception after we had enjoyed a 'real lunch' at the George Inn. Orton is a quaint, straggling, stone-built old town of great trading importance before roads and rails were in vogue—an ancient bridge for the pack-horse is still to be seen. The church consists of chancel, nave and tower in line. The cool belfry is on the ground floor level. Like most buildings in the place, the fabric is weather-worn externally, being exposed to the winter storms at an elevation of 1,000ft. above sea level. A brass tells us that John Simpson was parish clerk for 49 years, and a stone that John Gibson founded and endowed the free school. Willing hands had raised the bells for us, but we had to fall them and raise the sallies a foot or two before 'Go' and 'That's all' were called.

A valuable group of three interesting old bells are preserved in the north aisle with old stocks—dead—and parts of the original frame. Our Shepherd had one of his easiest tasks to take measurements of their apertures of metal.

The 'Orton Chronicle' says the old quartette of bells at this tower cast 1529 probably came from Nottingham. Bishop Nicholson's visit 1703 records that 'they have four good bells and a block at the tower.' It is probable that soon after the Bishop's visit the tenor was recast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, 1711. Bells Nos. 1 and 3 are dated 1637, but the second is a much older casting, as it bears the same shield as at Grasby, Lincolnshire, dated 1500.

In pre-Reformation times it was the custom to dedicate the tenor to the patron saint of the church, so possibly No. 2 was the tenor of the set of four 1529 bells, as it bears the same title as the church. Most of the population were abroad during our peal listening to it, and our team members were objects of personal interest as we went back to the George, where Miss E. M. Hunter saw to our comfort. Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, supplied the present bells in 1917 with new frame and fittings complete, and they are an excellent peal. It is hoped our first performance on them will urge the home team—as they have promised—to take up method ringing this winter.

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE.

Departure from our programme was now proposed and led to the bus load (14) going six miles further on to the Parish Church of Shap. Here an enjoyable evening with a good small choir was shared in, and the Vicar (the Rev. Robert Sinker) interviewed afterwards. Permission to ring his small peal of six bells led to a unique experience for the visitors. We raised the bells in peal, rang Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Rob Minor, the first half-pull ever on these bells, which were supplied by Taylor and Co. in 1864, tenor 8 cwt. Measuring its diameter put our Shepherd in happy mood for the rest of the week. The belfry is very small, the ceiling low; loose stocks and wheels produced a 'wobbly' feeling all the time the bells were swinging, and our hands went up into cup-holes in the ceiling at backstroke. Leaving St. Michael the Archangel, Shap, at 8 p.m., we failed to call at Shap Abbey, now in ruins, its bells at the Reformation being sent anywhere. One of them is supposed to have been taken to Kendal Church, and another to Orton, the second bell there. Kendal history tells of the five bells in the steeple, the three largest formed the earliest ring, of which one at least came from Shap Abbey, bearing date 1631 and weighing 35 cwt. The great bell was recast by Abraham Rudhall, of York, in 1711, having for several years been broken, and in 1717 it was again recast. It again burst in 1774, and, being so unwieldy in size, taking two men to ring it, and not being in tune with the rest, it was broken up and remodelled with other metal in three smaller bells, making a total of eight.

A beautiful drive back to Kendal along the main Carlisle-Lancaster road by Wastdale Beck and High Barrow bridge, about 1,500ft. above sea level, with a run of several miles downhill, and so to bed at 10.30 p.m.

(To be continued.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH AT HISTORIC MILTON.

Milton Abbey, with its great historic associations, is always a favourite spot with members of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. They flocked thither in large numbers on Saturday week, when a meeting was held, and were joined by many visitors. The meeting was one of the most successful held by the branch, and the large attendance included visitors from France, London, Ireland, Yeovil, Poole, Weston-super-Mare, Essex and Moreton Pinkney. Branch members attended from Bradford Peverell, Bere Regis, Buckland Newton, Charminster, Dorchester, Puddletown, Sydling, Upwey and Wyke Regis, and Guild members from Bournemouth, Christchurch, Hazelbury Bryan, Kington Magna, Lytchett Minster, Wareham and other places. Motor-coaches left Weymouth and Bournemouth and picked up ringers en route. The Weymouth party stopped at Puddletown, where they were met by Mr. W. Hewitt, captain of the local band of ringers, and other stops were made at Athelhampton Hall and Bere Regis. The bells of Milton Abbey were rung from 2.30 p.m., and a large congregation attended the Guild service in the Abbey, conducted by the Rev. D. F. Slameck, R.D. (Vicar of Charminster). The Abbey organist, Mr. S. Sweetapple, presided at the organ, and Guild hymns were sung.

In the course of a deeply interesting address mainly on the church history of old Milton, one of the treasured shrines of the county, the Rector of Upwey (the Rev. A. S. Bryant) dwelt upon the wonderful setting of the old Abbey in nature's most beautiful surroundings. He delved into Saxon history to recount the story of King Athelstan and the vision that came to him, when he slept at Milton, of the victory he would win over Scots and Danes, and how after the battle in 938 he founded the Abbey as an act of thanksgiving. The chapel stands on the spot within the earthworks where the vision came to the King—this and the one at Abbotsbury being dedicated to St. Catherine, who (tradition said) was buried by angels on Mount Sinai. Nothing remains to-day of any buildings of this date. Of the Abbey, Mr. Bryant spoke of the earlier building, which was destroyed by lightning (1309), and then he took up the story of the Abbey as it is known to-day and those who built it and added to it—Abbot William Middleton and Abbot John Bradley (who surrendered the house and estates on the Dissolution), and then John Tregonwell, a King's Proctor—Chief Judge of Admiralty, and one of the Commissioners to receive the surrender of religious houses. Thus did he become possessed (for £1,000) of Milton Abbey and the estate.

The Abbey was preserved intact and used as the Parish Church until 1786, when Lord Dorchester built a new church. In 1752 Milton had been sold to Joseph Damer, who was created Lord Milton in 1753 and Earl Dorchester (1792). In 1852 the estates passed into the hands of the Hambro family. Mr. Bryant told the interesting history of such features of the Abbey as the pulpit (now in Winterborne Whitechurch), the font (now in Milton Abbas Church) and the Twelve Apostles (Hilton Church), but the Gothic canopy now in the south transept, which was originally over the high altar, he pointed out as unique in the whole kingdom. It was a deeply interesting and instructive address, and those who heard it realised that they were standing on historic ground and on the site of a much greater Milton than exists to-day.

After the service, tea was served at the Hambro Arms. Among the visitors present were the Rev. C. A. Phillips, of Bournemouth, the Rev. E. V. Roe (Vicar of Caundle Marsh), the Rev. D. F. Slameck and Miss M. Slameck (Charminster), Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of the Devizes Branch), Mrs. Heginbotham, Mr. T. J. Setter (Yeovil), Mr. and Mrs. W. Fletcher, Miss D. R. Fletcher, Miss K. E. Fletcher and Miss E. M. Fletcher (Beaconsfield, Bucks), etc.

In the absence of the chairman of the Dorchester Branch (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant), the Rev. A. Bryant presided at a short informal business meeting, at which cordial thanks were expressed to all those who had assisted in connection with the arrangements of the meeting. Thanks were voiced to the Rev. C. J. Ellwood (Vicar of Milton Abbey), who was away on holiday, for placing the Abbey and bells at the disposal of the branch; Canon A. L. Helps (Vicar of Puddletown), the Vicar of Bere Regis and the Rev. H. A. Caryl (Vicar of Hilton) for allowing the use of their bells; the Abbey organist; and Mr. J. North (captain of the local ringers) for the successful arrangements he had made. Thanks were also accorded the Rev. A. S. Bryant for his address, and the Rev. D. F. Slameck for conducting the service.

The secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) referred to the accident which befell Mr. G. R. Runyard (captain of the Bradford Peverell ringers), who is now in the County Hospital, and mentioned that Mr. Williams, of the West Lulworth band, was still in hospital. The secretary hoped they would soon be restored to normal health.

Thanking the secretary for his work, the Rev. A. S. Bryant remarked that he had 'borne the heat and burden of the day.'

The party afterwards returned to the Abbey, where they were conducted round the gardens and grounds by the head gardener and Mr. North, who were both thanked.

Many of the party afterwards went on to Hilton, where ringing was continued until 9.30 p.m.

A FOUR-HANDED PARTY.

JOINT MEETING AT ENFIELD.

An innovation, in the form of a joint meeting of four associations, was arranged to be held at St. Andrew's, Enfield, during the afternoon of Wednesday, August 23rd, and although the attendance of some 35 ringers and friends did not quite reach the number hoped for, there was still cause for satisfaction. The 'hosts' were the Middlesex Association, the 'guests' the Ladies' Guild and the Essex and Herts Associations.

Ringings commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and at 5 a shortened evensong was held, at which the Rev. J. Frost officiated. A very nice tea was served at the 'A.B.C.' and was much enjoyed, after which Mr. C. T. Coles, on behalf of the Middlesex Association, welcomed the visitors. Acknowledgment was made by Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Herts Association), Mr. E. J. Butler (Essex Association) and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild).

Mr. W. Pickworth (Middlesex Association) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Daisley) for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. J. Frost for taking the service. The latter, in replying, expressed pleasure at being present, and regret that the Vicar had been unable to attend.

Mr. Butler thanked Mrs. Fletcher and the Enfield ringers for arranging the meeting, which Mrs. Fletcher hoped would be repeated next year. Welcome visitors to the meeting included Messrs. G. Dent, J. Parker, G. W. Fletcher, G. B. Lucas, G. R. Pye, etc.

After tea a great deal of use was made of the bells, Mr. A. W. Coles taking charge of the ringing, and seeing, in his usual unassuming way, that everybody present had an opportunity of a pull. Several touches of rounds were included for the beginners, whilst Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge and London were popular items. The meeting was brought to a successful close with the ringing of a very good touch of 288 Spliced Surprise in four methods.

FARNHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, had their twelfth annual outing on Saturday, August 19th. With their wives and friends, including Mr. H. Alexander, of Farnborough tower, and Mr. R. J. Hasted, of Hayling Island, they proceeded by motor bus via Godalming, Dorking and Reigate to Godstone, where they arrived at 9.30 a.m., and were met by Mr. Hoare, of the local band. A pleasant hour was spent by the ringers on this nice light peal of eight, whilst an inspection of the beautiful interior of the church was made by the rest of the party.

The journey was then continued by way of Westerham and Riverhead to Sevenoaks. Here the party dispersed to meet again later for lunch, whilst the ringers made their way to St. Nicholas' Church, where there is a grand peal of eight (tenor 21½ cwt.). They were welcomed by Dr. E. L. Taylor and Mr. Ford, of the local band, and the bells were kept going to different methods, in which the local men took part, for about three-quarters of an hour.

A move was then made to the Sennocke Hotel, where lunch had been provided, and to which a party of 36 sat down, including the Rector of Farnham (Canon E. M. Girling) and Mrs. Girling, who had motored from Farnham (52 miles) for this purpose, and Dr. Taylor, who about 20 years ago was in Farnham for several months acting as locum tenens, and used to ring with the then local band, three of whom were present on this occasion.

After justice had been done to the splendid lunch provided, a short time was spent in social intercourse. The journey was then resumed through Farnborough and West Wickham to St. Peter's Church, Croydon, which was reached at 3.15 p.m., the party being welcomed by the veteran Mr. D. Wright and several others of the local band. Here on the splendid ring some of the younger members had their first touch on ten, including Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. On leaving Croydon, the bus was headed via Epsom and Ashted for Leatherhead, and tea was taken at the Institute, after which a visit was paid to the Parish Church, where Mr. G. Marriner was waiting to welcome the party, and an enjoyable hour was spent in ringing on this fine peal of ten (tenor 19 cwt.), some of the local ringers taking a rope to help the younger members in Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal.

On leaving Leatherhead, a start was made for home via Guildford, where a brief stop was made, Farnham being safely reached at 9.45 p.m. The weather was ideal, the scenery through which the company passed on the 110 mile tour was grand, and every one of the party voted it a thoroughly enjoyable day.

The Farnham ringers wish through these columns to thank the incumbents of the different churches for giving them permission to use the bells, and all those who met them and helped to make the outing a successful one. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich Major and Cambridge Surprise Major.

THANET.—At St. Laurence's Church, on Sunday, July 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes): L. A. Porritt 1, Mrs. E. H. Spice 2, F. Weller 3, C. Brett 4, S. Gee 5, E. H. Spice 6, E. Trendle 7, F. G. Brett (composer and conductor) 8, A. E. Jarman 9, J. Jarman 10.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday evening, August 27th, at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Egan 1, G. R. Newton 2, E. F. Bennett 3, J. Martin 4, J. Brown 5, L. L. Gray 6, E. Counce 7, T. Riley 8. Longest length in any method by the ringer of treble and tenor.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD.—On Sunday morning, August 27th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 480 of St. Simon's, 480 of Plain Bob, 300 of Grandsire: B. Cornell 1, L. Poulson 2, H. Day 3, W. Head (conductor) 4, J. Andrews 5.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, August 27th, at the Parish Church, 720 Westminster Surprise at the first attempt by all: E. Bromley 1, F. Bromley 2, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, F. J. Lambert, sen., 4, R. E. Lambert 5, R. T. Lambert 6.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday morning, August 27th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): *B. Copping 1, G. Dent 2, L. A. Cordell 3, W. Morris 4, I. Cavill 5, *E. Rochester 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Sunday evening, August 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Higham 1, H. Impey 2, W. Watson 3, J. Simon 4, T. Impey 5, W. Tandy 6, A. P. Cannon (Forest Hill, conductor) 7, W. Aston 8. A quarter-peal was also rung at Adderbury, Oxon, in the afternoon. These were very kindly arranged for the conductor, who wishes to thank all those who helped to make the Sunday such a success.

STEVENTON, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at the Parish Church: R. Dixon 1, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 2, F. W. Bunce 3, J. Nobes 4, E. F. Hanks 5, T. F. Hanks 6. Rung to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the conductor's wedding. He was married at the above church and bails from High Wycombe.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Harris 1, A. E. Bacon 2, F. Matthews, sen., 3, J. Buckenham 4, A. Mason 5, W. Buckenham (conductor) 6.

TIVERTON.—On Sunday, August 20th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Pearce 1, A. L. Bennett 2, C. J. Stephens 3, F. Viney 4, C. P. Walker (conductor) 5, S. H. A. Ward 6, F. Newcomb 7, B. Cooper 8.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, August 6th, for afternoon service, at St. John's Church, 720 Bob Minor: J. Fisher 1, E. Yates 2, T. Taylor 3, Horace Lomax 4, J. Mawdsley 5, A. Waite (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 on the bells by a local band.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 30th, for morning service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Attwell 1, A. J. Bartlett 2, G. Luff 3, Miss E. D. Blencowe 4, M. Smithor 5, R. Hagley 6, R. A. Post (conductor) 7, R. Carpenter 8. Specially arranged for the ringers of 4 and 7, who were on a visit from Reading and Oxford respectively.

PRESENTATION AT HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS.

After evensong, at St. Margaret's Church of the Hemingfords, an interesting presentation took place on the Rectory lawn on Sunday, August 20th. Mr. G. Ransome, a local ringer and late captain, is taking up an appointment at Wisbech, and to mark the occasion he was the recipient of a clock striking the hour and quarters. The Rector, in a few well-chosen remarks, said what a joy it was to ask his wife to make the presentation, but they were also experiencing regret, for they were losing a good churchworker. He (the Rector) wished Mr. Ransome 'good luck' in his new sphere of life.

Among those present were Mr. J. Perkins and Mr. H. Sanders, local ringers, the former approaching 70 years, the latter over 70, also Mr. C. Robinson, with Mr. F. Warrington (district secretary, Central Branch, E.D.A.). A 720 of Plain Bob was rung prior to evensong by: G. L. Perkins 1, C. Robinson 2, H. Sanders 3, G. Ransome 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, J. Perkins 6.

SHIPLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

At the Church of St. Paul, Shipley, Yorks, on Thursday, August 17th, in 54 minutes, a quarter-peal (1,382 changes) of Bob Major: G. Titterton 1, J. Briggs 2, T. B. Kendall 3, E. Jenkins 4, T. A. King 5, F. Seager 6, W. Feather 7, H. Stott 8.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Herbert Haigh, who died on Sunday, August 13th, in Bradford Royal Infirmary, aged 53 years. He had been a member of the local company for 16 years and a member of the Yorkshire Association for 32 years.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — Annual meeting at Hawkshead on Sept. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Bells (6) available at 1 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—Practice meeting at Long Crendon on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Invitation tea by the Vicar, Rev. D. R. A. Williams. Good bells and a warm welcome to all.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. (please note new address), 27, South Street, Headington, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair). Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea, 5.15, and business meeting. Election of officers and other business. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Littlebury, near Saffron Walden, on Saturday, September 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present please advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. Panther, 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, September 2nd. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in the Antelope. The bells of the following towers are also available: Netheravon (2.30 p.m.), Pittleton and Enford, in the above order. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Metheringham (eight bells), on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at North Crawley on September 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec. 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tichborne on Saturday, September 2nd. Service in St. Andrew's at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Racquet Court, Tichborne Park, at 4.30. Please, I don't know who is coming.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. There are several outstanding subscriptions. Will those in arrears kindly make an effort and pay up and be sports? Tea can be arranged close to church.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Courteenhall on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. — F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Weston on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, September 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Will tower secretaries please send me a full list of members of their tower who are members of the L.A.C.R.? Full names, please.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec. 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—September Notices. All at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Sunday, September 3rd, at 10 a.m.: Service ringing. Practices: Mondays, 4th and 18th, at 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on September 5th, St. Magnus on the 7th and 21st, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 14th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 28th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Satur-

day, September 9th. Bells from 3. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me without fail by September 6th. All members and friends welcomed. Next meeting at Willesden on October 7th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Middleton-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) available from two o'clock. Tea will be provided free. Please notify Mr. Joseph Dunn, Middleton-on-the-Wolds, by September 7th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Talaton (six bells) on Saturday, September 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, September 9th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—R. Swift, Hon. Divisional Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District. — Amended Notice.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on Sept. 9th. Bells available 2.30, service 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible? All are welcome.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. and tea at 5.30 p.m. in Kepier Schools for ringers who drop p.c. to Mr. C. A. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring, by Sept. 7th. A hearty welcome to all ringers.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cam on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service and tea. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, Sept. 9th. The bells of St. Andrew's Church (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m., and in the evening. All ringers welcome. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid. Tea can be arranged from one shilling per head at King's Café, St. Peter's Street, for those who will send their names to me not later than Friday, Sept. 8th. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. A peal tablet, given by E. Denison Taylor, Esq. (president) to commemorate the jubilee of the M.C.A., will be dedicated at 3.30 p.m., and it is hoped that as many ringers as possible, especially those who rang in the peal, will endeavour to be present.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stanstead, near Long Melford, on Sept. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at White Hart at 5 o'clock. Meeting follows.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Spaldwick on Sept. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Eight bell tower available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea.—A. Jones, Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in Church Hall. St. Mary's bells (8) available from 8 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Douglas Parish Church, Parbold, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Will members of 6-bell towers please make an effort to attend this meeting?—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. G. Broadhead, 1, Church Field Avenue, by Thursday, 7th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Ewhurst, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send me numbers for tea by Sept. 5th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clendon, nr. Guildford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head on application to Mr. W. Crawshaw, 11, Wharfe View Road, Ilkley, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 6th. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Totham on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Will all those who intend to be present please let me know not later than Sept. 7th?—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Annual district meeting at Fulbourne, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Six Bells Inn, by kind invitation of the Rector. Election of district officers and committee.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Spelsbury on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Will those requiring tea please reply by Sept. 5th?—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. W. Hibbert, The Stores, East Ilsley, near Newbury, by Wednesday next, Sept. 6th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Sherriffhales, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 5th.—R. R. Pole, Assistant Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Dorset Branch.—We request the pleasure of your company at our quarterly meeting at Fontmell Magna (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Shroton bells (6) also available.—E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, September 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (gd.) at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Business to include consideration of suggested alteration of rules. Please attend in good numbers.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stapleton, Bristol, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 6th. Reports available for those who have not yet received same.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

STRETFORD, MANCHESTER.—At 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14th, the Bishop of Manchester will dedicate the peal which has been restored and augmented to eight bells by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Sept. 13th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting and thanksgiving service will be held at Sutton, Cambs, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 3 p.m. or 7 p.m., most probable 7 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. Few, High Street, Sutton, Ely, Cambs, for tea. A hearty welcome extended to all.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs (my only address).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ansdell, near Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at St. Joseph's R.C. Church (8 bells). Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kenn on Sept. 16th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors please notify me by Sept. 9th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rowley Regis Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15, with address by the Rev. H. Card (Vicar). Tea will follow, for which a small charge will be made. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to have tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 13th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Howden on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. J. W. Thompson, Neptune House, Pinfold Street, Howden, by Sept.

9th. General meeting afterwards. Buses leave Selby for Howden at half-past every even hour, and the last bus to Selby leaves Howden at 8.30 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without further delay.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Sherfield on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 12th to Mr. F. Pearman, Sherfield Hall Gardens, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterston-super-Ely on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held this year at York on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Further particulars later.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—BICENTENARY CELEBRATION.—Saturday, Oct. 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Dinner 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. Further particulars later.—V. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Preliminary Notice.—The second annual supper will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934, at the Red Lion Hotel, High Street, Hounslow.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The special practices of the branch will, in future, be held at Miles Platting on the second Tuesday in each month.—D. Brown, Branch Sec.

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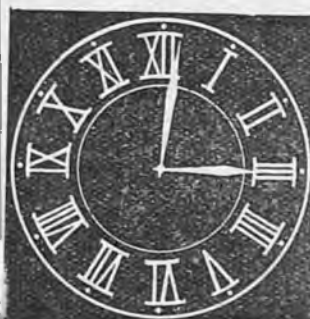
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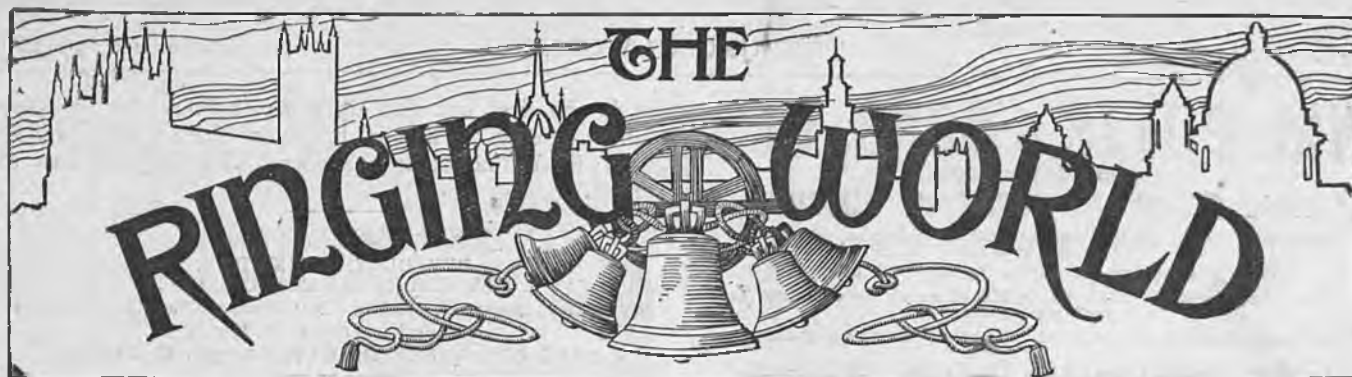
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Bell ringing, however, is more than a hobby; it is one means by which men and women can render service, and when service is rendered, as it is in a great many cases among ringers, without reward, it is placed on a different plane to a mere pastime followed solely for the amusement that is got out of it. Most wives, we believe, would naturally encourage their men to have a useful hobby, and there can be few voluntary occupations which offer such opportunities for service, physical exercise and mental refreshment—and that should be the real purpose of any hobby—as church bell ringing. A wife who would see her husband's spare time usefully and cleanly employed could wish for him no better pursuit than ringing. In any case, the two spells of ringing on Sunday are acts of service which no woman, worthy the name of wife, would wish to prevent her husband giving to the church; the weekly practice she ought to be the first to encourage because every wife ought to desire to see her mate excel in anything he takes in hand, while the occasional Saturday peal is a piece of personal pleasure which no woman worth her salt should wish to deny her partner. 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy' it is said, and the man with a hobby which he exercises in reason makes a more contented husband, which in turn means a happier home. Every sensible wife realises this, and we believe the two ladies who have taken up the cudgels in our columns in support of bell ringing as a hobby for husbands reflect the opinion of the large majority of non-ringing wives; else there would not be so many happily married ringers. As far as recollection serves us,

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this is the first occasion upon which ringers' wives have publicly entered the lists in defence of ringing, and for that reason if for no other the correspondence has been of interest.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 31, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

ARTHUR H. HOODLESS 1	CHRISTOPHER C. CONSTABLE ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ALBERT E. SELLERS 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 3	JOHN CONSTABLE 8
CHARLES P. BRADLEY 4	JOHN W. HOBSON 9
FREDERICK OSGODBY 5	LEONARD RODMELL Tenor

Composed by J. GEORGE. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

H. BERNARD WELLS 1	RONALD H. DOVE 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPIITT 7
WALTER CLAYDON 3	FRANK JENNINGS 8
GEORGE F. HOAD 4	DANIEL COOPER 9
ALFRED J. CLAYDON 5	FRANK E. DABY Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by A. J. TRAPPIITT.

Arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jessie Melville and Mr. G. H. Kippin, general secretary of the Surrey Association, who were married at Guildford earlier in the day. Bride and bridegroom are both Sunday service members at this church.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb.

ALBERT HARMAN 1	W. CYRIL SMITH 6
JOHN BEAMS 2	JOHN HOYLE 7
WILLIAM J. WHITING 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 8
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 4	ALFRED B. PECK 9
RICHARD V. FULLER 5	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Alfred H. Winch (a member of the local band) and Miss Edith P. Dilley, which took place at this church, and of the wedding of Mr. Charles H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association) and Miss Jessie M. Melville, which was solemnised at Guildford, both ceremonies taking place on the above date. The band take this opportunity of wishing them and their respective partners long life and happiness. First 10-bell peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, August 24, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Holt's TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

GEORGE VINNICOMBE 1	JOHN W. SANGWIN 5
CHARLES SANGWIN 2	FREDERICK SANGWIN 6
JAMES JORDAN 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS 4	FREDERICK PROUSE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

First peal on the bells, which were cast and hung by J. Taylor and Co. in 1911.

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On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 6
DAVID HINGLEY 3	NORMAN G. LEECH 7
ARTHUR HINGLEY 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. HUGHES. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

This peal, which contains all the combinations of 4.5.6 in 5.6, was arranged and rung as a compliment to the composer and as a birthday compliment to Mr. David Hingley.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

ERNEST MINGAY Treble	AMBROSE MASON 5
CHARLES W. BURTON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
*STANLEY A. PYE 3	†CHARLES BUTTON 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DIGBY Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
ERNEST BRETT 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
ERNEST W. PYE 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
ALFRED PYE 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 30, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S THREE-PART, No. 8.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	CHARLES DRAPER 6
WALTER WALLACE 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. It has all the 6-7's, 7-4's and 4-6's at backstroke.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 2	ADAM DEAS 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Birmingham hails from Slough.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM BUTLER Treble	JOHN MALYON 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
*WILLIAM S. BUTLER 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
*WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

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

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	WILFRED MOSS 6
*JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
†JOHN WORTH 4	WILFRED STEVENSON ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in method. † First peal of Triples in method. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled' the tower to eight different methods.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
HENRY J. TUCKER 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 6
EDMUND H. LINDUP 3	ALFRED W. GROVES 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 4	THOMAS A. DOICK Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES CAMM Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
REGINALD ROWE 2	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	*CECIL MOORE Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

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On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE Treble	GEORGE SINES 5
JOHN J. MAWBY 2	AMOS SMART 6
* WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
ALFRED H. MARTIN 4	REUBEN TWELVETREE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in the method.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN 5
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 2	AMOS W. CLARKE 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	ROYDON DAVIES 7
FRANK JEAL 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by T. PRICE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Charles H. Kippin and Miss Jessie M. Melville, which took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, the same day. The band take this opportunity of wishing them every success and happiness in their future life.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 5
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 2	FREDERICK A. FINCH 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 3	CHARLES F. SAYER 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM P. DEANE Treble	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 5
WILLIAM RIGBY 2	CHARLES OLLIER 6
JOHN E. WHELDON 3	* JOHN FERNHEAD 7
* WILLIAM CARNWELL 4	THOMAS HURD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by T. HURD.

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the ringers of the 2nd and 6th. They started ringing together over 50 years ago, and this is the first peal that they have ever rung together.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM BARTON Treble	* GEOFFREY CROSSLEY 5
* EDWARD CRABTREE 2	TOM SMITH 6
JOSEPH THACKRAY 3	* JACK STITSON 7
* SIDNEY BARRON 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (415). Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN ARBON Treble	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 5
KEITH W. WHITEELL 2	SHELFORD SPARROW 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

This band represents eight parishes of Suffolk.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
GEORGE KENWARD 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	WILLIAM GOREMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who was Vicar of Millon Regis, Sittingbourne, from 1893 to 1900.

SIX BELL PEAL.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DRINST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE 4
CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
FRANK VOYCE 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung to commemorate the bi-centenary of the bells, 1733-1933.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT 1, SALTERS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4	ADAM DEAS 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Anderson, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and Mr. Joseph E. R. Keen, Deputy Ringing Master of Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

SURFLEET RINGERS' OUTING.

On Wednesday, August 30th, Surfleet ringers, together with wives or lady friends (one of the latter being very 'boyishly' dressed), set out by bus for Hunstanton. The first stop was at King's Lynn, when two of the band thought it more profitable to sell ice-cream, and were caught in the act by the well-known 'Movies' photographer. Luckily no police were on the scene, as neither of the ringers had a licence.

After staying at Sandringham for a short time and viewing the gardens, they finally reached Hunstanton in time for lunch, where they were joined by the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Clark) and Mrs. Clark.

The majority of the ringers found their way to the bathing pool, and the 'annual' bath was enjoyed very much.

After spending a most enjoyable day by the sea, the party arrived home in good 'spirits' about 11 p.m.

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INTERESTING TOUR AMONG EAST ANGLIAN CHURCHES.

A party of nearly fifty enjoyed a pleasant day's outing on Saturday, August 26th, when, in ideal weather, the Loughton and Woodford ringers, who were joined by Mr. W. H. Theobald and Mr. J. Moule, of Leytonstone, toured some of the interesting parts of Essex, Cambridgeshire and Suffolk. The 'right away' was sounded at 8 a.m., and an enjoyable run was made first to Newmarket. As the coaches sped along eager eyes were focused on the towers of Harlow, Sawbridgeworth, Bishop's Stortford, Newport, and Saffron Walden, each in turn claiming favourable comments from those who had had touches on their respective bells. Graceful stepping thoroughbreds, with their trainers in attendance, brought Newmarket very near, and by 10.30 St. Mary's Church was reached.

Mr. O. A. Moody, a member of the local band for forty years, welcomed the party, and later on the Rev. J. Pranker, M.A., joined in the friendly greeting. Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung on a mellow-sounding six, tenor 21 cwt. The second and third both date back to 1580, and the treble and fourth to 1619.

The church is in a good state of preservation, much of it having been rebuilt in the middle of the nineteenth century. The tower, built of flint with a dressing of stone, dates back to the early part of the fifteenth century, and is surmounted with a wooden spire. At the south-east corner of the tower is a small open wooden cot, containing bell, erected about two centuries later. Affixed to the north wall is a small purse found about the year 1500 on the piscina. It contained three Rechening Pfoonnigs, or Nuremberg Jettons, bearing the name of Hans Schultz, who is reputed to be one of the first makers of counters. Similar purses were used for the distribution of Maundy money up to the time of Charles II. Stained-glass windows, cleverly executed by Christopher Webb, beautify the interior, whilst the side chapel on the north side has an added adornment in the lovely painting, 'Christ Entering into Jerusalem,' by J. Wood.

A quick run soon brought the party to Bury St. Edmunds, one of Suffolk's most interesting towns. Mr. J. Chinery and the vergier extended a hearty welcome at St. James', the Cathedral Church since 1913. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung on a fine sounding peal of ten, tenor 30 cwt., which is in keeping with the exquisite Norman tower, a 'moniment of antiquitie,' erected a short distance away from the church. Well may Bury St. Edmunds be proud of such a structure, claimed to be the finest of its type in Europe. It is 88ft. high and 36ft. square, with walls nearly 6ft. thick built with rubble and boulder, and faced with Barnac stone. The church is lofty and spacious, built in the Perpendicular style. The chancel is in the Decorated style.

Dinner was taken at the White Lion, all doing justice to a real Suffolk menu.

Lavenham was the next objective, one that aroused great interest among the ringers, for the picturesque of this one-time cloth exporting town is only excelled by the magnificent Church of SS. Peter and Paul, and the rich sounding peal of bells, one of the finest peals of eight in the land, tenor 23 cwt. A party from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields had just finished their touches when Mr. A. Symonds extended a genial welcome to the newcomers. A bare hour seemed far too short a time to spend in such a tower. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung and well struck. The tenor, cast by Miles Gray in 1625, must be the envy of all bell founders! The tower, built about 1435, is worthy of such a peal. It is majestic, rising to 141ft. No pains were spared to use the best of materials, and Barnac stone and Brandon flint are both in evidence. Strong buttresses give strength and beauty to this crowning glory of an outstanding edifice.

Many took the opportunity of viewing the landscape from its top, a panorama of broad acres. The nave was built a short time after the tower, and was considered by Pugin, the noted English architect, to be the finest piece of late perpendicular work in existence. Rectors have in turn done much to maintain the glories of the interior, but none has rendered greater service than the Rev. G. H. Lennox-Conyngham, who, a few years ago, discovered that the great beams of the roof had been attacked by the death watch beetle and the roof was declared unsafe. The necessary repair work was skilfully carried out by local workmen. Both aisles contain parcloes, built round the tombs of Thomas Spring, and John, seventh Earl of Oxford. Much was done to beautify the church by their descendants. In 'Lavenham Church and Town,' by the Rev. G. H. Lennox-Conyngham, some interesting facts are recorded about Thomas Spring (1456-1523). His character became tainted through dishonest trading in cloth. On his request a general pardon was granted in 1508 by Henry VII.

Great Dunmow was reached via Sudbury, Halstead and Braintree, and a refreshing tea at the Angel and Harp was quickly served.

At the conclusion, Mr. W. Rule and Mr. J. Chalk voiced the thanks of the visitors and ringers respectively to Mr. J. Rann (Loughton) and to Mr. C. Moss (Woodford), the organisers of a very successful outing, and to Sergt. Thorpe for his directing activities throughout the day. Mr. J. Rann and Mr. Moss both suitably replied, and again offered their services and gave a hearty invitation to all present to join in the next function.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH TOUR IN FROME VALLEY.

Although 12 days only had elapsed since holding the last meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Milton Abbey, a very successful gathering was held at Frampton on Thursday of last week, and was well attended by representatives from Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Dorchester, Frampton, Sydling, Stratton, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis. Several members met at St. Peter's, Dorchester, at 2 p.m., where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perrons (Coventry) and Messrs. J. and J. P. Keyte (Charlbury, Oxon). They first motored to Charminster (where they were welcomed by the Vicar), and rang a few touches on the six bells. The next call was at Maiden Newton, where some touches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob were brought round. Cattistock was the next place of call, and here the carillon of 35 bells was inspected. Afterwards a few touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round on the peal of eight rung for ringing.

The company proceeded to Frampton, where the Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. Wynne), assisted by the Rev. E. S. Tarrant (chairman of the branch). Afterwards tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was enjoyed in ideal weather on the lawns. Forty-two members were present.

A short business meeting followed, the Rev. E. S. Tarrant presiding. Messrs. F. Gale and B. Fine (Charminster), L. Tiffin and L. Riddick (Frampton), J. Coombs (Wool), B. Miller and R. Willsbire (Wyke Regis) were elected ringing members.

The Hon. Secretary announced this would be the last of the summer meetings, but he hoped to continue with some practice meetings. The annual meeting would be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester.

The Chairman gave a warm welcome to their visitors, and said it was always a pleasure to see them come to Dorset. Messrs. Perrons and Keyte acknowledged the cordial welcome, and said it would be reciprocated if any of the members of the Salisbury Guild visited Coventry or Oxford.

A comprehensive vote of thanks, proposed by the chairman and seconded by the Rev. A. S. Bryant, was passed to all concerned, especial mention being made of the Vicar for his kind hospitality that day and on previous occasions. The Chairman said they had all enjoyed the tour of the Frome Valley and had admired the beautiful grounds of Frampton Vicarage.

This concluded the business, and the party enjoyed a stroll around the landscape gardens. The tower was again visited, and the local band (every member of which turned up) was given special attention, while another party motored to Maiden Newton and Cattistock. The final call was made at Sydling, where ringing concluded at 9.30 p.m.

FAIRFORD RINGERS IN WILTSHIRE.

Fairford ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, August 26th. A start was made at 7.30 a.m., and Calne was reached before scheduled time. Ringing took place on the nice ring of eight at this church, and the conductor met an old friend from the North, who joined in the ringing. The next halt was Chippenham, but here the ringers could not strike these bells so well. At Bradford-on-Avon a call was made at the new church, St. Mary's, where there is a nice light peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.), quite a ladies' peal. After lunch at the Three Gables (a seventeenth century house), ringing took place at the Parish Church (tenor 32 cwt.). The bells are a lovely toned peal that was much enjoyed. The ringing did not go so well at the next stop, Westbury (tenor 35 cwt.). Perhaps it was the fault of hands getting a little sore. The last ringing of the day was done at Devizes, which was reached at 6.30 p.m. The ringers were soon at home on the peal of eight at St. John's Church, and all the ringing went well. Mr. Hillier and an old Fairford ringer, Mr. G. Winter, were determined to make the visitors welcome and give them a good time, and this they did. After ringing, a supper was arranged at the Elm Tree. The party were also entertained with plenty of handbell ringing, Mr. Hillier ringing the first four bells to 120 Grandsire Doubles. Methods rung through the day were Grandsire and Stedman Trebles and Plain Bob Major. Home was reached at 11.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable day.

(Continued from previous column.)

Then followed a visit to the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, where Mr. W. H. Smith and Mr. A. Perry extended a warm welcome to all comers. Touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major, were rung on a well-sounding eight, tenor 23 cwt. The church, built mainly of flint, with a well-turreted tower, has many striking features. The interior shows that the fabric has been well looked after, and interesting additions made to beautify it. On the south wall there is the original Dunmow Charter, with seal affixed, granted by Philip and Mary, and a translation of it hanging beside it. Above the south porch is a parvis, which was probably used for staging religious plays. It is now used as a library. A very old disused stone font stands near the octagonal one now in use. The lofty west arch is thirteenth century.

The run home was interrupted by a minor coach trouble, but the waiting moments served to recall the many sights and sounds that had been enjoyed throughout a long and well-arranged tour.

All offer their sincere thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the ringers who greeted the party at the four towers visited.

TOUCHES IN FIVE COUNTIES.

BY BERKSHIRE BWOYS AND GALS.

The ringers of the Municipal Church of St. Laurence in Reading had their annual outing one sunny day not long since, and very enjoyable everything was. They had the company of their Vicar, the Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, and left the biscuit town at 7.30 a.m. A fine run through Basingstoke and Winchester (where they could not ring owing to services) brought them to Hursley, where Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were brought home. Then Romsey Abbey, with its glorious peal of eight, was much enjoyed both by the archaeologists and campanologists. Christchurch Priory was the next stop, and the fine peal of twelve were manned to a great extent by the 'gentle' sex. Here some good Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were much enjoyed.

Over the Dorset border they then went to ancient Wimborne Minster. Here a disappointment awaited them. The tenor clapper had broken the day previous, but still the bells were in the west tower, so after a dinner, which the children still talk about, they went up and essayed Grandsire Caters, with one of their famous tenormen pulling the chiming hammer up against the sound bow of the tenor. It was not a great success, as he claimed several more snatches than the rest of the ringers had pulls.

Going on to the county where it is said 'a man raked a pond for the moon' ('Nuff zed,' Mr. Editor!), Salisbury City was reached. St. Thomas' bells were, however, a little bit too much for them, but anyhow everyone had a pull (and a good tea), then to St. Martin's, and here Grandsire and Stedman and Plain Bob were rung as all methods should be. St. Edmund's was the last church on the programme, and a very fine peal of eight hang in the tower, but the band who banker for more than a 5,000 there are inclined to be 'greedy.'

A fine run to Newbury and a look in at the Wagon and Horses to see if any old friends were about, and on to Reading, which was reached at 11 p.m., brought another successful day to a close, but it does not bring the writer's literary labours to an end, for on Saturday last (September 2nd) the same 'irresponsible, irrepressible' crew boarded a land ship, licensed to carry 22 passengers, and got off to Uxbridge.

Ringing had been arranged at two Middlesex towers, St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, and St. John's, Hillingdon, and at both the ringing was good—Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich at the first-named, and Grandsire and Stedman and Treble Ten-in at the second. On again to High Wycombe, in Bucks, where the beautiful twelve were soon rolling out Cinques in the Grandsire and Stedman methods. All the 'hungry rabble' were well fed at the generous invitation of Mr. H. W. Smith, one of Reading's veterans, to whom all tendered most hearty thanks. Thanks are also hereby tendered to all old ringing friends who met the party at each tower. R. T. H.

FUTILE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are many ways of looking at the question of peal ringing. Not every peal that is rung can be said to have done any good, and not every one can be termed 'futile.' There are many rung which are perfectly justified, and almost necessary to maintain the interest of those struggling on the bottom rungs of the ladder—ringers who, unless they can be kept interested, soon drift from the fold. There are also others rung at strange and outlandish towers, where there are no ringers or only call-change men, and do good if only to create new interest in the parish. In respect of the latter there is considerable room for improvement, and many more such peals might be rung.

On the other hand, there are a number of peals rung which serve little or no purpose beyond satisfying a few selfish bands who are out for peals simply for their own ends, peals such as those rung in the higher methods each week (and often twice or three times a week) by the same bands, bands who have got to the stage when they can ring Cambridge and London practically with their eyes shut. Such peals to my mind are 'futile' in the fullest sense of the word. It should be the ambition of every ringer, when he has reached that standard, to try and bring others up to his own level; but, unfortunately, many of this type of ringers are too apt to be governed by pride, and ring peals only for their own gain or to try and 'go one better' than their fellows.

The example set by Mr. Ernest Morris is one which should, and could, be followed by many others. Only a week ago he helped four struggling learners through their first peal of Grandsire Triples; a few days beforehand he had obliged several higher placed ringers with a pair of handbells through a peal of Stedman Cinques. I have rung peals of Doubles with him, and, some time ago, when I wanted a peal of Caters, he was equally as keen to oblige. And the same courtesy would be forthcoming at such a time that I felt capable of ringing in a peal of Maximus, or another of Minor or Doubles. How many of his standard do we find willing to step from one extreme to the other? The majority usually want the Surprise stuff and nothing else, and pick out the very best of towers to ring their peals in at that!

ANTI-SURPRISE MAJOR.

SURREY ASSOCIATION'S SECRETARY MARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AT BEDDINGTON.

The marriage took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, on Saturday, of Mr. Charles H. Kippin, of Beddington, and Miss Jessie Melville, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville, of Guildford. The bride was given in marriage by her father, and the bridesmaid was Miss Millicent Melville (sister of the bride). Mr. E. G. Talbot, a member of Beddington tower, was best man, and the Rev. H. D. Pilcher officiated at the ceremony.

Mr. Kippin is the popular hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, and leader at Beddington tower, where his bride has also been one of the Sunday service band.

The members of St. Mary's company gave the happy couple a canteen of silver-plated cutlery, which was handed to Mr. Kippin by the Rev. Whitcombe (in the unavoidable absence of the Rector) at the usual practice meeting on Thursday of last week. A large number of ringing friends attended, among them members of the committee of the Surrey Association. On behalf of the association Mr. F. E. Darby presented Mr. Kippin with a handsome dinner gong in the shape of a bell. This was of 5in. diameter, fitted with headstock and gudgeons. It is carried on two wrought-iron scroll brackets, mounted on an oval oak base, the oak being between 150 and 200 years old. The bell was suitably inscribed. It was cast and mounted by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Mr. and Mrs. Kippin, who are spending their honeymoon in the Isle of Wight, were the recipients of many other presents and numerous messages of congratulation.

RINGING IN THE ROYAL BOROUGH.

A real crowd turned up at Windsor for the August meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the following counties being well represented: Beds, Berks, Bucks, Herts, Lancs, Lincs, Middlesex, Suffolk, at least one Cockney, and, in addition, the British Legion. Some of the merry wives were also there (to see what father liked so much?). Excalibur was found to be still as keen as ever, too. The numbers for tea were only just right, not one seat being empty. It was fortunate that the last one in was a 'fin' un, though.

The methods rung were like the party, many, but we must mention Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London, as it is no good remembering where you forgot—afterwards.

Grateful thanks are accorded to Mr. T. Smith and Mr. W. Welling for their kind co-operation at their respective churches, also to the Editor for the 'middle page advertisement,' which played its part in the success of the meeting.

6,560 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

BY E. H. LEWIS.

23456 1 4 5 6

63425	S	S			
53462	S	S			
64352	S			S	
24365	S	S			
54326	S	S			
24356	S				
64325	S	S			
54362	S	S			
63452	S			S	
23465	S	S			
53426	S	S			
42635	S				

Four times repeated.

Rung as a 5,104 at Wrotham, Kent, on August 26th, 1933, by calling the first part:—

23456 1 4 5 6

63425	S	S			
24365	S			S	
54326	S	S			
24356	S				
64325	S	S			
23465	S			S	
53426	S	S			
42635	S				

And the third part:—

64523 1 4 5 6

25463	S			S	
24563	S				S
56342	S				

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sunday, August 20th, for evening service at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. E. Philbrick 1, E. C. Shepherd (Solihull) (conductor) 2, S. J. Philbrick (first quarter of Grandsire 'inside') 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, F. Price 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, C. W. H. Powell 8.

WIVES AND RINGING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am surprised that 'A Ringer's Wife' should object to such a clean and pleasant hobby as ringing for her husband. I consider it the best hobby a man can have, as more receive pleasure than torture from a peal of bells, but perhaps he is expected to stay at home on his half-day to do the washing, scrubbing, etc. As she remarks, he could make himself useful! My husband is also a ringer. I'm proud to be his wife, and whenever he is fortunate enough to be asked to take part in a peal I help him all I can, and wish him luck, and am always as disappointed as he, if he is unsuccessful, as his pleasures are mine also. I always find that the music and charm from a peal of bells brings some mystic, peaceful calm that nothing else conveys.

'ANOTHER RINGER'S WIFE.'**WHAT 'THE MISSUS' SAID.**

The letters which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' on this subject are interesting and open out a new point of view for opponents of the art.

I have a 'go' sometimes, and on August 26th went for a wedding peal in the afternoon, with the result that 'the missus' had to go down the village by herself to do the shopping. A small boy rushed out of a passage and knocked her down, bruising her knee and smashing her glasses—cost, about five bob for repairs.

'If you had been with me to look after me instead of your old bellringing that would not have happened, so there, and that's that,' was her comment.

I have an invitation for another peal on September 16th, but, 'You are going to stay at home and gather my damsons,' says 'the missus.' So, brother strings, please sympathise with me.

STAFFS RINGER.**KNUTSFORD BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—In view of the wonderful performance recently achieved at Knutsford it is most interesting to note that the fifth Lord Torrington, whose diary has recently been discovered, records a visit to Knutsford in the year 1790, and concludes an account of a church service there as follows: 'As for the Sermon, it had the Merit of being Short. The bells are very tuneable, and they practise ringing.'

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

MUFFLED BELLS FOR DUDLEY'S MAYOR.

On Thursday evening, August 31st, at the Parish Church, Dudley, Worcestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Alderman H. J. Golding (Mayor of Dudley), who was interred at Netherton earlier in the afternoon: Ronald Goodman (longest length in the method) 1, John Goodman, jun. (conductor) 2, George Hughes 3, Gilbert T. Guest 4, Herbert Sheppard 5, Cyril Winwood 6, Henry Goodman 7, George Boughey 8.

On Sunday morning, September 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) in 57 minutes, with the bells half-muffled in connection with the memorial service held at Netherton for the late Mayor: Ronald Goodman (first quarter-peal of Caters and first attempt) 1, George Hughes 2, John Goodman, jun. (conductor), 3, Henry Goodman 4, Harry Goodman 5, Herbert Sheppard 6, Benjamin Gough 7, Cyril Winwood 8, Gilbert T. Guest 9, George Boughey 10.

At St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, on Sunday, September 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (composed by James George) was specially rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Alderman H. J. Golding, late Mayor of Dudley, who, during his lifetime, had held every office from chorister to Vicar's warden at this church, and was greatly respected by all in the borough: H. Hill 1, H. Shuck 2, H. Price 3, S. J. Hughes 4, H. Hubball 5, A. Prestidge, jun., 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, J. H. Davies 8.

OLD BURTON RINGERS' REUNION.

On Saturday, August 26th, at the invitation of Mr. W. W. Worthington, a few old Burton ringers again met at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, where a motor coach was waiting to take them on a very nice run to Earl Shilton, Burbage, Hinckley, finishing at Tamworth. Unfortunately, Mr. Worthington was unable to join the party owing to sudden illness in London.

A very convivial evening was spent at Tamworth.

The company, all of whom expressed regret at the enforced absence of their host, and hoped for his speedy recovery, passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Worthington and Mr. Swinfield for arranging such a nice outing, and to all those at the places visited who helped to make the excursion so enjoyable.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal ringing tour is in progress this week in the Liverpool district.

The Parish Church bells and ringers' records provide a chapter in a new history of Dartford, written by Mr. Sidney Kilworth Keys. It is a volume of 727 pages, royal 8vo., with 250 illustrations, and is published at a guinea.

In the peal at Lutterworth reported last week the ringer of third was Richard J. Jackson, not Walter Williams as stated. The former took the latter's place at the last minute owing to unforeseen circumstances.

Strange things happen even in ringing affairs. Over fifty years ago William Rigby and Charles Ollier learned to ring together in Cheshire. After a lapse of more than half a century they have now rung their first peal together.

Mr. Alfred H. Winch, a member of the Leatherhead band, was married on Saturday to Miss Edith P. Dilley. Mr. Winch has long been a well-known figure in Surrey and London ringing circles, and his many friends will wish him and his bride long life and happiness.

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I ask your kind permission to publish the information that, so far, the faculty for augmenting and tuning Tewkesbury bells has not been passed.

We believe that it will be passed some time in September, and due notice will be given of the date that it is proposed to hold the dedication service. Will ringers please note my new address?

EDGAR GUISE,
46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2. Hon. Secretary.

'PERSECUTORS OF THE HUMAN RACE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some time since going into one of the churches in the Thames Valley (Twickenham, I think), where the tower is used as a porch, I saw pinned up a paper whereon was written, 'Ne pas touchez ces cordes, s'il vous plait.' I wondered whether it was an appeal from a Continental gentleman to the ringers for mercy; and it reminded me of some very old lines I heard long ago:—

Persécuteurs du genre humain,
Qui sonnez sans miséricorde,
Que n'avez-vous au cou la corde
Que vous tenez en votre main.

INCONNU.

PINNER BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hibbert's letter in 'The Ringing World' is of that unfortunate type which would alienate the sympathy of non-ringers from bells and ringing.

Whatever the explanation of Mr. Plummer's mistake in the present case, his reputation as a capable musician needs no defence against Mr. Hibbert's discourteous insinuations, but it is only fair to point out, in addition, that Mr. Plummer is keenly interested in bells and ringing, and that in the hands of 'this sort of people' the art would be safe against all attempts to discontinue or curtail ringing.

I feel compelled to write this as I have better knowledge of Mr. Plummer's 'ear' and musical abilities than Mr. Hibbert, and can personally testify to his love of bells, having been a choirman and bellringer at St. Giles-in-the-Fields for some 12 years. Other members of our band to whom I have spoken have expressed a wish to be associated with me in regard to this letter.

Kensal Rise. ALFRED HOWKINS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the West Tyne Division was held at Newton Hall on August 26th, when about 20 members attended from Newcastle, Newton, Whickham, Chester-le-Street, Benfieldside, and Blaydon. Several touches were rung on the fine peal of six before tea, which was served in the picturesque village inn.

The President, Mr. J. Anderson, submitted the loyal toast, and Mr. W. Storey, in a neat speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

Mr. R. W. Leighton was re-elected district secretary.

Handbell ringing was indulged in before returning to the tower, where the following methods were rung: Cambridge, London, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.

A FIRST ACHIEVEMENT.

At St. Guthbert's Church, Kirkby-in-Furness, on August 29th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Campbell 1, R. Marr 2, M. Stables 3, N. Campbell 4, J. A. Briggs (conductor) 5, H. Casson 6. This is the first 720 by a local band at this church. The achievement is the result of eighteen months' hard work. Practices have been held weekly, sometimes as many as three in a week. All the ringers are keen and eager to tackle fresh methods, and are very proud of this first successful effort.

WHERE ENERGY GOES. FORCES THE RINGER HAS TO OVERCOME.

To the Editor.

Sir,—You rightly say in your leading article, in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' that frictional resistance is only one factor contributing to the amount of work which a ringer must do. The various factors are as follows:—

1. *Friction of gudgeons.* I mentioned in my article a figure for the work to be done in the case of a 12 cwt. bell in plain bearings. To obtain an approximate figure for bells of other weights, the gudgeon diameter must be taken into account. Thus if the work to be done for a bell of 12 cwt. and $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch diameter gudgeons is 2 foot pounds, the work required for a 30 cwt. bell with $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch gudgeons would be $2 \times \frac{30}{12} \times \frac{1\frac{5}{8}}{1\frac{1}{8}} \times \frac{1\frac{5}{8}}{1\frac{1}{8}} = 7.2$ foot pounds.

2. *Resistance of the air to the revolution of the bell.* This could be determined by experiment.

3. *Sound.* A certain amount of work is used up in distorting the bell by means of the clapper blow, causing it to vibrate and send out sound waves. This could also be determined approximately by experiment.

4. *Distortion of the frame and movement of the tower.* If the frame be not loose and the tower be normal, they can be treated as elastic structures, whose deflection is proportional to the force applied. The forces are known, and if the deflections can be measured the work done in causing the deflection = $\frac{1}{2} P x$ where P is the maximum force applied and x is the maximum deflection. Should the frame or fittings be loose, impulsive forces are set up, whose magnitude cannot be calculated, and the work required could only be ascertained by experiment after all the other factors are known.

5. *Friction of clapper, roller, etc.* There are a number of items so small that normally they can be neglected.

6. *Changing the time of revolution.*

(a) In rounds, the only change in the time of revolution is that required for the open lead, which is to some extent automatically provided for by the fall of the rope as between backstroke and handstroke.

(b) In changes, there is the further alteration required to move the bell from one place to another by restricting or extending its swing. In both these cases the work required can be calculated for any particular bell at any predetermined rate of striking.

To the further consideration of these various factors I should like to return in the course of a few months if it is of sufficient general interest to your readers.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

A HOT JOB.

It is seldom that we read of a peal being rung in record time on bad going bells, yet such was the case in the peal rung at Llan-garron, Herefordshire, on Sunday, September 3rd. The bells are a peal by Rudhall, 1733, and being long waisted and loose on the headstocks had to be rung under 'set.' The weather being ideal for sun-bathing, it was a man's job to ring either bell, especially the third, but the ringers, having met specially to ring a bi-centenary peal, and some having travelled many miles, were determined to see it through. The peal took 2 hours 35 mins.

A RECTOR'S DEPARTURE.

After evening service on Sunday, September 3rd, at St. Giles' Parish Church, Newcastle, Staffs, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. L. J. Baggott (who is leaving to take up new duties at Clifton, Bristol), and to show the ringers' esteem for him: G. Holbrook 1, A. Vaughan 2, *F. Foster 3, D. Steel 4, *A. Thompson 5, H. Vaughan 6, C. Page 7, J. Weatherhill 8. * First 504 in the method. The same ringers also rang 504 of Stedman Triples on Friday, September 1st, both touches being conducted by G. Page.

DEVON GUILD'S NEW PRESIDENT.

REV. E. V. COX SUCCEEDS REV. E. S. POWELL.

The Devon Guild held a special meeting in Exeter on Saturday last to receive the resignation of the president, Rev. E. S. Powell, who is leaving the diocese, and to elect his successor. In definitely resigning his position, Mr. Powell expressed his deep regret at having to leave Devonshire after 30 years' residence, and the Guild of Ringers, after holding office first as secretary and later as president for a period of 20 years.

The Rev. E. V. Cox was nominated and unanimously elected to the office in succession to Rev. E. S. Powell, there being no other nomination.

In returning thanks, Mr. Cox said he accepted office with some trepidation, as he felt he had a difficult task in maintaining the prestige upheld by his predecessors, Col. Troyte, Rev. Maitland Kelly and the retiring president. He would, however, promise to do his best to promote the culture of change ringing, which he thought was now the main object of the Guild's existence. He appealed to branch secretaries to advertise their meetings in 'The Ringing World' to enable him to attend as many of these as he possibly could.

The Rev. E. V. Cox has held office previously as secretary and treasurer of the North-East Branch of the Guild for two years from its formation in 1920, and acted as general secretary of the Guild during its jubilee year, 1924. He has been instrumental in effecting bell restorations and training young bands at Bampton (Devon), Littleham-cum-Exmouth, and at Brampton Speke, near Exeter, his present incumbency.

A DUNSTER JUBILEE.

BELFRY FINES FOR RINGERS' SICK FUND.

The Dunster 'Free Press' last week quoted the following from its issue of September 1st, 1883:—

'Dunster Guild of Change Ringers performed "a feat believed to be unsurpassed in the county of Somerset" when they rang at the parish church 5,040 changes in the Grandsire method in 3 hours and 8 minutes on the eight bells. The ringers were: J. Field, treble; W. Thorne, 2nd; J. Graham, 3rd; W. Thrush, 4th; C. B. Craze, 5th; R. Hole, 6th; Rev. J. U. Todd, 7th; J. Field, conductor; J. Payne, tenor.'

Only Mr. W. Thorne of this band survives. He now lives at Ockham, Surrey, but being on holiday in his native place he was able to take part in celebrating the jubilee. Unfortunately, Mr. Thorne has been in ill-health for some time, and a peal attempt was out of the question for him. With the local ringers, however, he took part in a 350 Grandsire Triples to commemorate the event, and afterwards touches were rung with ringers from Carhampton and Minehead, and Mr. Collett, of Oxford.

In connection with this jubilee a commentator in the Dunster 'Free Press' recalls that the peal rung by the Dunster Guild fifty years ago was 'a long time before the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers was formed, but they used to have Ringers' Guilds in those days. One of the earliest of the local guilds, I believe, was at Porlock. It was in existence nearly sixty years ago, and, what is rather interesting about them, they formed a post-office savings bank fund with a view to giving assistance to any member who should be sick or out of employment at any time.' 'This benevolent fund,' he adds, 'was embodied in rhymed belfry articles which hung, and still hang, I believe, in Milverton Church tower. It is laid down therein that anyone who chances to curse or swear must pay sixpence to the poor.'

And whosoever a noise does make,
Or comes his glass to fill,
Must sixpence to the ringers take,
To help when they are ill.
If any overthrow a bell,
As that by chance he may,
Because he minds not ringing well,
He must this sixpence pay.
Or if a man of noble mind
Comes here to ring a bell,
He must a fee of shilling find
To keep us when unwell.
Since fines for sickness we intend
Kind friends, thine aid impart;
'Twill much an invalid befriend
And cheer the ringer's heart.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—For evening service at the Parish Church on August 27th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob: H. Collins 1, H. Sharp 2, G. Markwell 3, J. Lawrence 4, M. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

SOLIHULL.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 52 mins.: W. Leeson 1, T. Warner 2, C. W. Bragg 3, H. Bragg 4, E. C. Shepherd (composer) 5, H. Shepherd 6, J. Bragg 7, S. Bragg 8, Roland Bragg (conductor) 9, A. Bragg 10. Also rung as a compliment to G. A. Martineau, Ringing Master, on his 72nd birthday. First quarter-peal on bells since recasting.

WESTMORLAND AND CUMBERLAND. INCIDENTS OF THE NORTHERN TOUR.

(Continued from page 554.)

BY W. H. F.

'And thou, grey, friendly, sturdy Norman tower,
That changelessly looks down on night and day,
Art thou rejoiced to have thy sons once more
And feel them shake thy stones in noisy play.'

J. A. SINKINSON.

Monday was 'bussing' day—a beautiful drive through the heart of lakeland, with ten-shilling railway tickets in our pockets; from Kendal to Windermere and Ambleside, and on again to Keswick and Crosthwaite, in the early morning sunshine. Passing alongside Windermere, the smooth surface of the lake reflected the distant woods and hills like a vast mirror. Why go to Italy to see Lake Como, when similar grandeur may be seen in Westmorland; or, again, to Lake Constance whilst Derwent Water remains in Cumbria? During our day's journey we had numerous company everywhere, excepting in church; it was the week of holidays for Lancashire and Yorkshire people. We hope they enjoyed the bells as much as we did during our stay.

Ambleside Church, like that of Kendal, is on the outskirts of the town, and hence such ready consent to our peals in the middle of the busy holiday season. It is a modern building in grey, hard, local stone, has a massive tower and lofty spire adjoining the chancel, and

to other church restoration work, and, like the dog and his bone, the offer was lost.

AN S.O.S.

Dedicated to St. Kentigern, the church at Crosthwaite is a pleasant 1½ mile walk out from Keswick, and the graveyard is crowded with fir trees and shrubs, almost hiding the building—a pretty and poetical situation. The belfry on the ground floor and level with nave was cool with the trees outside shading the open west window. Here Mr. T. Hogarth had kindly made arrangements for us, and his deputy raised the bells ready. They are a light going, easy and musical octave, the old six cast by Warner and Sons, London, but since increased and rehung in 1925 by Taylor and Co., who say the tenor is 13 cwt. During our round of the churches on leaving the belfry we always found a pair of 'Doves' nestling in one of the pews, whose smiling faces spelt 'another peal' for the tourists. Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Albert had no blisters to show, although the teapots were very hot and very heavy, and the tea cups numerous on this tour.

There is a little story of one of the ladies which I ought to give for the benefit of the members of the Ladies' Guild. During the Bradford tour last year the whole band were kept waiting outside a certain church until evensong had concluded. When the clergyman left, out came the 'Dove,' a 'congregation' of one. The Vicar thought she was a parishioner, the team thought otherwise; however, an excellent peal was scored, and the conductor never said a cross word to his partner.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, WORKINGTON.

planned on similar lines to that of All Saints' Church, Ryde, I.O.W. Its bells, by Taylor and Co., are similar in heavy tone, weight and hanging. Ryde tenor is 27 cwt., Ambleside is nearly 34 cwt., and was cast in 1901. We were received by Mr. W. Robinson, one of the local stalwarts, who has done a good deal of spade work in the district for many years, beginning with the Kendal ringers, when Ambleside only had six bells (by Mears and Co., tenor 8 cwt., cast 1850-60) for their new church. Mr. Robinson's peals totalled 99, the same as his pupil, Mr. Jennings, who had taken half the time to overtake his tutor. The peal of Double Norwich Major was brought home in fine style, with our 'lightweight' (9st. 12lb.) on the tenor, turning it in in masterly fashion to secure a well deserved county record. Local men came to congratulate our backenders, one of whom should have been Mr. H. Chapman, of Keystone Burgundy history.

There was too brief an interval for lunch in the High Street, purchasing souvenirs, etc., before taking the express coach onward. Grasmere water and the church, beloved by Wordsworth, were passed, Helvellyn on one side and Langdale Pikes on the other, speeding over the mountainous roads amidst surroundings resembling scenery in North Wales. Grasmere Church, dedicated to St. Oswald, has three bells, rehung by Taylor in 1925 (tenor 13 cwt.), the treble being added in 1809 to two old bells of 1731 cast by E. Sellar, Ebor. These bear shields with the arms of the Fleming family, of Rydal Hall. It is said a prominent resident wished to place a new ring of six bells in the tower as a memorial to the poet. Unfortunately the church authorities thought the new bells would be too much of an innovation, but some people say they were anxious to turn the gift

Owing to the absentees, our 'hands' were too few, so an S.O.S. was sent out for Mr. James George, of Birmingham, and we had the good news that he was on the way, stranded with holiday traffic at Carnforth for the night, and would arrive in the morning in time for our 'next.' We duly reached Cockermouth about 10 o'clock, where, sad to relate, the Shepherd lost his 'flock' owing to the name of the 'pen' being wrongly given. Two temperance hotels here adjoin. The flock strayed to the Grassmoor, where they grazed in plenty, and the Shepherd to the Derwent. Someone politely said it was done purposely to avoid the Bucks 'mouth organ.'

TWO FIRES RECALLED.

'Forty-eight years, strange to tell,
He bore the bier and tolled the bell,
And faithfully discharged his trust,
In "earth to earth" and "dust to dust."'

Epitaph on John Broadbent, of Saddleworth.

Camden, the Elizabethan topographer, visited Cockermouth (c. 1590), and mentions in his 'Britannia' that the castle stood on one hill and the church on another opposite to it. He noticed the arms on the gateway of the castle, which was then partly ruinous. The castle suffered further damage in 1648, when it was held for King Charles, but taken and burnt by the Parliamentarians. The original parochial Chapel of All Saints may then be presumed to have been a Norman and Early English structure, first built by Waltheof, about the same time as the castle, and much enlarged, if not rebuilt, by William de Fortibus soon after 1215. The tower of this church actually remained standing until 1850, when it was destroyed by fire

with the entire church. Although the town policeman gave alarm at once, when at 1.30 a.m. he saw smoke and sparks issuing from the church, the fire gained rapid control and almost everything was destroyed, excepting the bare walls. The old ring of six bells, clock chimes, organ, pulpit, seats, fittings, and the galleries were all consumed. The foundations of the present church were laid in 1852, and the consecration ceremony performed by Lord Bishop of Chester in 1854.

It is a cruciform building in the Early English style by Mr. Joseph Clarke, of London, and the plan comprises chancel, nave with north and south aisles, north and south transepts, central tower with spire, north and south porches and vestry. The total length of the building is 122ft. (nave alone 70ft. by 60ft. high), and the topmost point of the spire is 180ft. from the ground. The bells are from Whitechapel, cast in 1856 by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 13 cwt., and played by a carillon every three hours. The east window of the chancel was erected by national subscription in 1853 to the memory of William Wordsworth, born 1770, a native of the town, the particulars being recorded on a brass plate on the tower pier facing the chancel. The ancient communion plate was preserved from the fire, the oldest piece, dated 1639, having been presented by Luke Pirry. In the year 1930 Canon Pankar's jubilee was observed with special thanksgiving services, presided over by the Bishop of Carlisle, and some 350 subscribers raised the sum of nearly £1,500 to benefit the living. Every winter one of the bells is rung at seven o'clock for five minutes, and a legend is attached to this 'evening bell,' as it is called, according to which a person who was benighted on the fells was guided to safety by the sound of All Saints' bells.

Mr. W. T. Holmes, local captain and hon. secretary of the Cumberland County Association, kindly met us. He is another of those 'stalwarts' who keep on pegging away at the ropes, and has conducted peals of Kent Major in several of the neighbouring towers. Our peal of Superlative here was begun at 9.30 a.m., but this attempt only lasted half an hour. At the second venture a good peal resulted. Rounds came up at 1.12, and the train onward was due out at 2.12. Fortunately I was on the 'reserve list,' and the lunch was expedited, bags sent to station, accounts paid up, and the train caught.

TWIN PEALS FROM WHITECHAPEL.

The train was half-hour late in arriving at Workington, but the usual 'stalwart' was found faithful to his trust when we arrived at St. Michael's Church, where our three attempts at Double Norwich Major were unavailing—something went wrong with the fittings of the third bell.

On Monday, January 17th, 1887, the church was destroyed by fire, and it was rebuilt and opened on April 24th, 1890. There was a nice ring of six in 1775, tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb., by T. Mears, recast in 1810, the total weight being 45 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. at the time of destruction. The older church, on the same site, was built in 1770. A few years later—Sunday, September 14th, 1775—the sailing boat, 'Olive Branch,' Captain Powe in charge, was anchored in the harbour. The captain was a well-known London merchant, and had arrived with a load of church bells, the peal for Workington and another for Cocker mouth (so the story goes), after an eventful journey round England from the East of London. I think it should be Keswick and Workington, for both peals were founded in the same year by the same firm, with the tenors of same weight. The Rev. W. T. Addison held the living at Workington from 1753 to 1792, and in December, 1792, advertised the old bells for sale. They were described as being 'sound and suitable for a country church or chapel.' The list of Vicars begins in 1150. Pieces of masonry have been saved from the old church, and the stair door and base of the tower shows sections of late Norman work. For a modern building I have never seen one where the parapet walls were so marked by crenulations—on the tower, nave, chancel and aisles.

Our lost peal gave the party a certain amount of spare time. The train to Whitehaven was due away at six instead of eight o'clock, so the whole crowd 'bumped' the scales on Workington Station platform. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, 12.5 and 12.4; Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, 12.7 and 12.11 respectively—a grand total weight of 50 stone at a penny a mile! Oh, dear! what about my next Midland dividend? The line on to Whitehaven, our next centre, runs beside the coast, and we had good views of the Irish Sea sparkling in the sunshine like gold.

(To be continued.)

RINGER'S DAUGHTER MARRIED IN SUDAN.

The marriage took place at All Saints' Cathedral, Khartum, Sudan, on August 27th, of Mr. Frank Crowther, M.Sc., A.R.C.S., D.I.C., of Gezira Research Station, Wad Medani, Sudan (younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Crowther, of Poplars Farm, Harpenden, Herts.), and Miss Beryl Edith Bond, B.A., of the Church Missionary Society, elder daughter of Mr. F. W. Bond, and the late Mrs. Bond, of Cirencester.

Mr. Bond is one of the ringers at Cirencester Parish Church, and in honour of the wedding a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Cirencester before evensong on Sunday, August 27th: F. W. Bond 1, H. L. Cooke 2, J. C. Eden 3, J. J. Jefferies (Worcester) 4, H. C. Bond 5, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 6, H. S. Parsons 7, F. J. Lewis, jun., 8.

SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Apropos the letter from 'Observer' in 'The Ringing World' of August 25th, raising the ethics of Sunday peal ringing, and, presumably, intended as a protest against a peal in which I took part at Orton on the 8th ult., may I be permitted to state that 'Observer's' contention re breaking the spirit of the Lord's Day by ringing a peal raises very wide issues in which I for one must agree to differ. I do not propose to trespass on your valuable space to any undue extent, or to enter into a lengthy discussion upon the religious aspect of the subject, but I should like to emphasise the point that in many cases the importance of a peal of bells in connection with church life and work is grossly misunderstood. Personally, I feel that they are as much a part of the church as the organ, and I would suggest that there is no fundamental difference between a band of ringers giving a peal or the organist rendering a Sunday recital.

Each is a component and necessary part of church life, and each has the furtherance of religious observance as their ultimate aim, and it seems rather unkind on the part of 'Observer' to infer that I and my distinguished colleagues, with whom I had the honour of ringing on the occasion referred to, should be lacking in a sense of what was fitting on the Sabbath Day. In addition, he makes the very absurd statement that we were 'peal ringing and tower grabbing mad,' surely an unfortunate choice of words, without any knowledge of the facts or local circumstances applying to the case. May I make it quite clear that I arranged the various towers for the tour, and that I was personally responsible for the Sunday peal.

Orton, where the peal took place, is an isolated hamlet in Westmorland, situated in the midst of the Shap and Ravenstonedale fells, with its parishioners very widely scattered. The church possesses a fine peal of eight bells, and I need not stress the point that in a parish of this description the predominant part of the male population are farm labourers, who frequently change their places every six months, and where the formation of a band of ringers is something of a problem for ordinary church services, and where facilities for peal ringing are unknown. I had on several occasions had it suggested to me by people in the parish that they would welcome the opportunity of hearing their bells rung as a peal, prompted, perhaps, by the following beautiful lines of Charles Lamb:—

'The cheerful Sabbath bells, wherever heard,
Strike pleasant on the sense, most like the voice
Of one, who from the far-off hills proclaims
Tidings of good to Zion: chiefly when
Their piercing tones fall sudden on the ear
Of the contemplant, solitary man,
Whom thoughts abstruse or high have chanced to lure
Forth from the walks of men, revolving oft
And oft again, hard matter, which eludes
And baffles his pursuit—thought—sick and tired
Of controversy, where no end appears,
No clue to his research, the lonely man
Half wishes for society again,
Him, thus engaged, the Sabbath bells salute.
Sudden! his heart awakes, his ears drink in
The cheering music; his relenting soul
Yearns after all the joys of social life,
And softens with the love of human kind.'

However, when I arranged the towers for the tour I thought it would be an excellent opportunity of letting people in this isolated place have an opportunity of hearing accomplished exponents of the Exercise at work on their bells, and I can assure 'Observer' that it was very much appreciated by the people in these parts. There was no question of tower grabbing, nor the fact of adding a further peal for record purposes, for the majority of us would have preferred a quiet day among the Lakes. It was just a question of my friends obliging a request made to me repeatedly, and as it happened Sunday was the only available day.

There is much more that could be said, but I have already taken up too much space, but I would assure 'Observer' that his arguments have no foundation; in fact, further, that his aspersions would have carried more point, had they not appeared under the guise of a non-de-plume.

EDWIN JENNINGS.

15, Castle Oval, Kendal.

SILCHESTER SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was interested to find the Rev. E. B. James was in possession of compositions of peals, tenors together, in the above method. As there are only 21 true courses, tenors together, I should be pleased if Mr. James would publish one composition wherein the method was strictly adhered to, viz., every working bell ringing every portion of the course of the method.

I heartily agree it will tax the ingenuity of the best brains to produce peals, tenors together, in this method.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

Ashton-under-Lyne.

A NEWCASTLE WEDDING.

HANDBELLS RUNG WHILE CAKE IS CUT.

Miss Sybil Routledge, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Routledge, of Jesmond Road, Newcastle, was married to the Rev. Francis Hedley, M.A., Vicar of Gosforth, on Saturday, September 2nd, at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle, where Mr. Hedley was formerly curate.

The fully choral service was conducted by Canon Hedley, father of the bridegroom, and Holy Communion was administered by Canon Bateman Champain, Vicar of Newcastle.

Mr. Routledge is Ringing Master of the Cathedral Guild, and while the bridal procession was leaving the church members of the Guild rang a touch of Erin Cinques.

At the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Routledge, the ringers afterwards attended the reception, held in the Assembly Rooms, and the guests displayed great interest in a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, which was rung as the bride cut the wedding cake.

In the evening an attempt for a peal of Cambridge on the Dixon eight at the Cathedral unfortunately came to grief after over an hour's very good ringing. The ringers were: A. Deas 1, J. Anderson 2, R. Park 3, R. A. Gofton, jun., 4, W. H. Barber 5, T. H. Reeves 6, W. N. Park 7, W. J. Davidson 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, September 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,344 changes): H. W. Houghton 1, A. E. Symonds 2, H. W. Else 3, John Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, L. W. Houghton 6, T. Castle 7, D. C. Mears (composer and conductor) 8.

WICKEN, NORTHERANTS.—On Sunday, September 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Green (aged 12) 1, J. A. Green 2, L. Smith 3, G. Whitehead 4, R. Foddy 5, F. Case 6, T. Roberts (conductor) 7, H. O. Read 8. First quarter by the treble and tenor ringers.

STONE, WORCS.—On Sunday, September 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): William Payne 1, *Frederick H. Oldnall 2, *Charles Beresford Ward 3, *Ernest George Lewis 4, Sidney O'C. Holloway (conductor) 5, Alfred Jones 6. * First quarter-peal. † First of Doubles. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. Jones and a daughter to Mr. Payne.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sunday, September 3rd, at Christchurch Priory, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Bishop 1, G. Preston 2, Miss P. Hodges 3, Miss M. Rouse 4, G. Street 5, F. Sparshott 6, F. E. Pitman (longest 'touch' as conductor) 7, H. Gillard 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 3rd, the following 720's were rung: Before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 720 Cambridge Surprise; before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Wells Surprise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, the ringers being L. Camp, G. Camp, J. Sitch, E. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright, and A. Bradley. The evening ringing was a farewell touch for the Rev. D. R. Ellis, of Ripley, Derbyshire, who had done holiday duty at St. Mary's for four Sundays. The visit he made to the ringing chamber was appreciated by St. Mary's ringers.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.—On Sunday afternoon, September 3rd, for special Guides service at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Whybrow 1, H. Sanders 2, M. Ginn 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6.

SUTTON, ELY, CAMBS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, September 3rd, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: C. Gimbert 1, R. Knights 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, M. Ginn 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, G. Few 6. Rung after an attempt for a quarter-peal in the same method.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday evening, September 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 52 min.: *P. Chapman 1, T. Holloway 2, *R. H. Newton 3, J. Francis 4, *F. A. Penn 5, W. C. West 6, A. P. Cannon, Forest Hill (conductor) 7, *A. O. Wintmore 8 (tenor 35 cwt.). * First quarter-peal of Major, and with the ringer of the 2nd are members of the local band. Believed to be the first quarter-peal of Major on the bells, although there have been two peals of Major. The 2nd heaviest peal of eight in the country.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 13th, 730 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Collins 1, H. Sharp 2, G. Markwell 3, J. Lawrence 4, M. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

PROMISING YOUNG RINGERS!

On Sunday, August 27th, at Moorecocks, Brasted, Kent, 720 Bob Minor: H. Langdon 1-2, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 3-4, A. A. Hughes 5-6. First 720 of Minor 'in hand' by ringers of 1-2 and 5-6.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 21st, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 14th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 28th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells from 3. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed. Next meeting at Willesden on October 7th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Middleton-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) available from two o'clock. Tea will be provided free.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Talaton (six bells) on Saturday, September 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, September 9th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Swift, Hon. Divisional Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Amended Notice.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on Sept. 9th. Bells available 2.30, service 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible? All are welcome.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Newenhoe.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. and tea at 5.30 p.m. in Kepier Schools. A hearty welcome to all ringers.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, Sept. 9th. The bells of St. Andrew's Church (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m., and in the evening. All ringers welcome. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid. Tea can be arranged from one shilling per head at King's Café, St. Peter's Street, for those who will send their names to me not later than Friday, Sept. 8th. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. A peal tablet, given by E. Denison Taylor, Esq. (president) to commemorate the jubilee of the M.C.A., will be dedicated at 3.30 p.m., and it is hoped that as many ringers as possible, especially those who rang in the peal, will endeavour to be present.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stanstead, near Long Melford, on Sept. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at White Hart at 5 o'clock. Meeting follows.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Spaldwick on Sept. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in Church Hall. St. Mary's bells (8) available from 8 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Douglas Parish Church, Parbold, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Will members of 6-bell towers please make an effort to attend this meeting?—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Ewhurst, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Annual district meeting at Fulbourne, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Six Bells Inn, by kind invitation of the Rector. Election of district officers and committee.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Sherriffhales, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Assistant Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Dorset Branch.—We request the pleasure of your company at our quarterly meeting at Fontmell Magna (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Shroton bells (6) also available.—E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, September 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Business to include consideration of suggested alteration of rules. Please attend in good numbers.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Farnworth, near Widnes, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Good attendance requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steeple Claydon on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

STRETFORD, MANCHESTER.—At 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14th, the Bishop of Manchester will dedicate the peal which has been restored and augmented to eight bells by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Sept. 13th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting and thanksgiving service will be held at Sutton, Cambs, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 3 p.m. or 7 p.m., most probable 7 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. Few, High Street, Sutton, Ely, Cambs, for tea. A hearty welcome extended to all.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs (my only address).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at St. Leonard's, Streatham, Saturday, September 16th. Bells from 3.30 to 5.30. Tea and meeting Manor Arms. Further ringing, and probably Immanuel, till 8 p.m. Names for tea by 14th, please, to J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, September 16th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by September 12th to G. F. Hoad, Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice at St. Mary Bourne, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea at five, for which please notify Mr. A. H. White, Barford, St. Mary Bourne.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be at Berkswell, near Coventry, on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6), recently rehung, available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, September 16th, a meeting will be held at Offley. Bells ready 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.30 at Green Man Inn. Bus service from Hitchin and Luton every twenty minutes. Make sure of your tea by sending me a card not later than Friday morning previous.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ansdell, near Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at St. Joseph's R.C. Church (8 bells). Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kenn on Sept. 16th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors please notify me by Sept. 9th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rowley Regis Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15, with address by the Rev. H. Card (Vicar). Tea will follow, for which a small charge will be made. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to have tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 13th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Howden on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. J. W. Thompson, Neptune House, Pinfold Street, Howden, by Sept. 9th. General meeting afterwards. Buses leave Selby for Howden at half-past every even hour, and the last bus to Selby leaves Howden at 8.30 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without further delay.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Sherfield on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 12th to Mr. F. Pearman, Sherfield Hall Gardens, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterston-super-Ely on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the branch will be held at Stratton-St.-Margaret on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 13th please.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.]

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Gilmorton on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1/- each, followed by business meeting. For tea please notify the undersigned by Thursday previous. All ringers and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36 Turner Road, Leicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) at 2.45. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in the Church Hall. Please attend in good numbers. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 12th please.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Adber, Middle Street, Bradpole.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, September 16th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all ringers attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, September 16th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110 Canterbury Rd., Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marple on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please notify Mr. J. B. Wood, Norbury Smithy, Marple, before Sept. 13th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hingham on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at 3 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of the memorial (including the retuned ring of 8 bells with recast sixth) to the late Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (first hon. treasurer of the Guild), will take place at Woking Parish Church at 7.15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22nd. On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, members of the Guild are invited to take part in a special service at 3 p.m. at Old Woking, after which the bells will be open to all ringers. Tea (1s. each) at the Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must reach me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 20th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tickhill, near Rotherham, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at 9d. per head. Business meeting in the Parish Room after tea. Please notify Mr. A. Hill, 41, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, near Rotherham, by the 20th. Tea cannot be guaranteed unless word is sent. Subscriptions for 1933 should be paid at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six bell contest at New Mill on September 23rd. Draw 2.45 p.m. Will those who require tea (1/6 each) please send not later than September 16th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec. 30 Bankfield View, Halifax.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brightwell, Berks, on Saturday, September 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by the 20th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, 20th. This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queens Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Northern District).—A joint meeting of the above will be held by invitation of the Rector at St. Matthew's Church, Stretford (new ring of 8) on Saturday, September 23rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (free) 4.45 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. For tea, you are specially requested to notify Mr. W. J. Moss, 38, Kendal Road, Stretford, not later than Wednesday, September 20th. Buses for Stretford leave Parker Street bus station, Piccadilly, Manchester, every few minutes.—L. Noel Cawthorne and Donald Brown, Hon. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westbourne on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Homey Cafe (1/3 each). All members intending being present please advise me by Wednesday previous to the meeting. Tower 1 mile north from Emsworth Station.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Oakham on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5 p.m. for those who send in their names to the general secretary by Tuesday, September 19th.—Robert G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Kilndown on Saturday, September 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting after service. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec., not later than Tuesday, Sept. 19th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11 Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Amended Notice. Meeting at Great Totham (6 bells) on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those notifying Mr. P. G. Sayer, Great Totham, Maldon, Essex, not later than September 27th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Lancaster on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4 p.m., when the address will be given by Rev. Canon Pollard, Vicar of Lancaster. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, October 14th. The chair will be taken by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, at 6 p.m. All applications for tickets (4s. each) to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, not later than the first post on Tuesday, October 10th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and visitors staying at York over the week-end will be welcomed in the Minster belfry on the Sunday morning.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—BICENTENARY CELEBRATION.—Saturday, Oct. 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Dinner 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. Further particulars later.—V. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Preliminary Notice.—The second annual supper will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934, at the Red Lion Hotel, High Street, Hounslow.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

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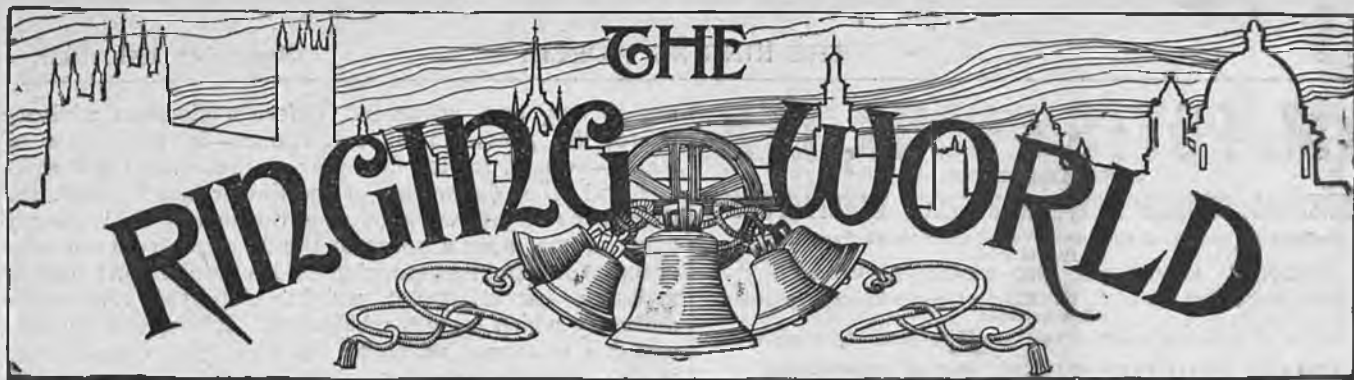
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Rung on the anniversary of the golden wedding of the Rev. Augustine Briggs, who is 83 years of age.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 7, 1933, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Remigius.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE MAYERS ... Treble	CYRIL CROWE ... 5
ALBERT E. BRACEY ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	GEORGE H. MOORE ... 7
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 4	CHARLES H. MOORE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal by the ringer of the third at the first attempt. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. R. Pink with Miss E. Cleveo, who have the good wishes of the band for their future happiness.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paulinus.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... 5
THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, SEN. 2	ALFRED G. HILL ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... 7
MRS. G. H. CROSS ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Wilfred.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN T. BIMSON ... Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
EDWIN JENNINGS ... 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 6
JOHN CHARNOCK ... 3	JOHN BOOTH ... 7
FREDERICK HARWOOD... 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 146). Conducted by WM. SHARPLES

First peal in the method on the bells.

ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

MISS M. E. REYNOLDS ... Treble	SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 5
MISS E. DORIS BLENCOWE... 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 6
ERNEST PEARSON ... 3	RICHARD A. POST... 7
FRANCIS E. MAY ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HALL ... Treble	WALTER RUFFLES ... 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 2	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCILL ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE GREEN ... Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2	*WALTER SMITH ... 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Dr. Spencer Phillips, of Great Baddow.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE H. LIMMER ... Treble	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 5
*ROBERT G. CROSS ... 2	EDWARD PUGH ... 6
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT... 7
MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 4	ERNEST TUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal with a bob bell.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY LIMBERT... .. 1 reble	GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, SEN. 5
*ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	ALBERT TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM H. DETHERIDGE 3	GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, JUN. 7
HORACE DOWELL 4	SAMUEL DETHERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, JUN.

* 50th peal for this association. Rung by an entire local band. All the above are Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung as a birthday compliment to William H. Detheridge, also in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor and Mrs. G. H. Detheridge, jun.

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ROBERT HIGHAM Treble	RICHARD POST 5
*WILLIAM WATSON 2	F. E. PERVIN 6
ERNEST PEARSON 3	HERBERT IMPEY 7
JOSEPH H. WHITE 4	THOMAS IMPEY Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT IMPEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The peal was rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Banbury (the Rev. A. L. E. Williams) on the anniversary of his induction, the band meeting short for Carters as previously arranged.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HARDWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten six-scores Grandsire and 32 St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	JOHN F. BALLINGER 4
FREDERICK BLOWING 1	SAMUEL SELWYN 5
THOMAS BAILEY 3	WILLIAM MILLS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, with varied callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY... .. Treble	GEORGE BROWN 4
BERT CHILVERS 2	GARNHAM BLAXCELL 5
ALPHAUS BERRY 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Monday, August 28th, 1893, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fletcher were 'spliced.' To celebrate the 40th anniversary of this event, a peal of Minor in seven methods was attempted at Fulmer. The peal, however, 'went up' at the end of the second 720, so a 720 of Double Oxford was afterwards rung by the following: L. Stilwell 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, G. Gutteridge 3, W. Henley 4, Miss D. Fletcher 5, H. Wingrove (conductor) 6.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT HOLLY COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WALTER G. BROCKHURST ... 1-2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	JOHN P. PELLOE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

PEALS OF A LINCOLNSHIRE 'WEEK-END.'

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 in E.

*ALBERT A. BOSLEY 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3-4	MRS. R. RICHARDSON 7-8

Arranged by J. BRAY.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witness—Mrs. W. AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

WALTER AYRE Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
JAMES BENNETT 4	ALBERT W. COLES 9
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First Surprise peal on the bells.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	*ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	†JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 3	JACK BRAY 9
WILLIAM PYE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WALTER AYRE 11
JAMES BENNETT 6	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ALFRED J. HOUSE 2	WALTER AYRE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

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ANOTHER SURFLEET WEEK-END.

THE FIRST SURPRISE PEAL AT BOSTON STUMP.

The well-known Lincolnshire 'Rest Home for Ringers' was far from being a place of rest during a recent week-end, when 'Rupert the Great' invited a few ringing friends from London to spend a short holiday (?) there. Some travelled by road and some by rail, and all were punctual so as to have time to do justice to the good fare provided by Mrs. Rupert before a rush was made for Boston, to climb the Stump. That climb was enough to 'enlighten' even the most enthusiastic ringer, and to cause another glut of anonymous letters to 'The Ringing World' with all sorts of reasons (except the real one) why peal ringing should be abolished.

Boston bells are now a glorious ring of ten, with a tenor of 21 cwt., and listening to them one soon forgot the 185 steps that had to be negotiated before the belfry was reached. In a little over 3½ hours the first Surprise peal on the bells was completed, and the Master of the Lincoln Guild received many congratulations on having got back to peal ringing again, after an illness that might easily have meant him giving it up altogether. The best thanks of the ringers are due to Messrs. Dewey and Clarke, of the Boston band, for having everything ready for this peal.



Boston Stump, which is more than 270 feet high.

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 1450, so that the whole edifice, which was begun in 1309, 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.

Sunday was a 'quiet' day, ringing at Surfleet morning and evening, handbells in the afternoon, and the rest of the time spent in dodging the movie camera fiend. Woe betide the unsuspecting indi-

vidual visiting Surfleet who makes himself too comfortable in a deck chair. His afternoon slumbers quickly become an object for the amusement of the wakeful ones, who crowd round to see the fun. And on the next visit he sees himself on the screen, as others saw him in real life! One member of the party, after seeing himself having a quiet siesta, vowed that he would never go to sleep in a Surfleet deck chair again. One can only be thankful that Rupert has not invested in a 'talkie.'

Monday morning was chosen for an attempt for Stedman Cinques at Surfleet. Improvements in the acoustics of the bell chamber since the opening day have greatly helped, and the little bells are now heard almost perfectly. A composition with 19 courses each way was successfully brought round, little Johnny Gilbert, of Handsworth, Sheffield, who rang the eighth, receiving congratulations for the able manner in which he rang his bell to his first peal of Cinques. He is only 15 years of age.

The real hard work was left for Monday afternoon, when a peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Hulbeach. Here the ringing is done from the ground floor, with a very long length of rope, making ringing far from easy. The band was, however, congratulated on ringing a very good peal, and the ringers were quite satisfied at having done their best. It was a matter for deep regret that the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who was to have been in these peals, was prevented from being with the party owing to a recent illness. One member of the band was particularly disappointed, he having made up his mind to renew the discussions on Spliced Doubles and Minor, in relation to recent editorial pronouncements in that paper. The disappointed one made two or three attempts to start a discussion with other members of the party, but nobody was interested.

Before departing for London on Monday night, the sincerest thanks of the party were given to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, especially to the latter, whose unsparing efforts to make her guests comfortable was much appreciated.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Waltham on Saturday, September 9th. The glorious weather brought members from the extreme ends of the district. Towers represented were Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Burlton-on-Stather, Grimsby St. James', Louth, Scunthorpe, Ulceby, Elsham, Killingholme, Thornton Curtis, Marsh-chapel, unattached members and the local band, also the Rev. G. H. Legge, of Killingholme, and Mr. F. Dexter, of Leicester. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, ranging from rounds to London. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Holme). Mr. G. W. Moody presided at the organ.

After service members adjourned to the Church Hall for tea. The president (the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry) presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rector. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Mr. Brown proposed the election of G. B. Croft, of Waltham, seconded by Mr. Willows and carried. The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 11s. Owing to the date of the Caistor meeting being unsuitable, it was decided to hold it on Saturday, September 23rd, instead of the 30th as previously arranged.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for conducting and for the use of the bells and for the welcome which he always extended to them; and also congratulated him on the celebration of his jubilee in the ministry, saying that 50 years was a long time to look back on. He wished him good health in the years to come and hoped we should meet him at Waltham for many years to come. There is evidence of his active work stacked up in the form of concrete blocks for the foundation of a new church at New Waltham, which is part of the growing parish. He has already made twelve hundred of them with very little help. The resolution was seconded and carried with applause. The Rector suitably responded. Mr. M. Walker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the caterer and organist and those who had helped with the arrangements. This brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, after which handbells were brought out and others returned to the tower again.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW SECRETARY FOR ASHFORD DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Ashford on Saturday, September 2nd. The tower was opened at 2.30, and service was later by the Rev. Hugh Lance, the association form being used, and a short address and welcome extended to the ringers. Nearly 50 were present at tea in the Parish Room, and at the business meeting which followed. Stone-in-Oxney was selected for the next meeting, the first week in October.

The secretary then read a short report and tendered his resignation. The representatives on the committee, Messrs. C. Tribe and E. Ruck, were re-elected, and Mr. F. Conley was appointed district secretary.

Quarterly meetings were arranged for 1934 as follow: February, Hythe; May, New Romney; July, Tenterden; September, Ashford (annual meeting).

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the Rev. H. Lance for the bells and service and to the organist for his assistance were passed.

Visiting members were present from Canterbury, Dover, Rainham and Gullford, and were given a hearty welcome.

The collection for the Benevolent Fund realised £1 0s. 6d. Further ringing closed a very successful meeting about 8.30 p.m.

ACLE BELLS AND TOWER RESTORED.

REDEDICATION CEREMONY.

There was a large gathering of parishioners and ringers at Acle, Norfolk, on Wednesday, September 6th, when once again the bells of Acle, which have been silent for some seven years past, are ringing and summoning people to church. Originally they numbered five, but now there are six, the Rector of Acle (the Rev. James E. H. Williams) and his wife having presented the new treble bell. The improved tone of the restored ring of bells with the addition of a new treble bell was much remarked upon.

The Right Rev. Bishop O'Rorke, D.D., Rector of Blakeney, Norfolk, rededicated the restored tower (which is a circular embattled western tower, with octagonal belfry stage) and the bells, and also dedicated the sacring bell and the new clock on the face of the tower. The clock was given to Acle Church some years ago by the late Canon Sutton, who made similar gifts to other churches. The tower at that time, however, was so structurally unsound that the bells had to stop ringing, nor could the clock be affixed until the tower had been restored. The old wooden frames for the bells were eaten by the death-watch beetle to such an extent that they were not safe. Consequently the bells were taken down and sent to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bellfounders, Croydon, to be cleaned, sand-blasted and carefully tuned. Iron headstocks have been fixed and the gudgeons now work in ball bearings. The bells have been hung in tiers in the new steel frame, which in its turn is suspended from a steel tower which has been erected inside the walls of the old tower by Boulton and Paul, Ltd., Norwich. It is believed to be the only instance in England where a steel tower has been erected in such circumstances. It is about 35ft. high and 10ft. square and braced completely.

The weights of the bells and the inscriptions on them are as follow:

Treble.—E. A.M.D.G. Jacobus. E. H. Williams, Rector. Et Brenda Ejus Uxor. D.D. MCMXXXIII. Agnes Dei, Tua Pace Nos Dona. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 3 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.
2nd.—D. Anno Domini. 1623. 4 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.
3rd.—C. Anno Domini. 1623. 3 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.
4th.—B. Anno Domini. 1623. 5 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.
5th.—A. John Brend made. 1664. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
Tenor.—G. Omnis Sonus Laudet Dominum. 1623. W. Whetsacer. 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Translation on treble bell.—Presented to the greater glory of God by James E. H. Williams, Rector, and Brenda, his wife, 1933. 'O, Lamb of God, grant us Thy peace.'

Translation on tenor bell.—Let everything that hath sound praise the Lord.

At 7.30 in the morning there was celebration of Holy Eucharist. At 2.30 p.m. presentation purses from parishioners and friends were received in the church porch by the Hon. Lady Austruther-Gough-Calthorpe, who is Lady of the Manor of Acle and patroness of the living. Upwards of 200 purses were presented. The restoration of the tower cost £600 and the expenditure in respect of the bells (exclusive of the gift of the treble bell by the Rector and his wife) and clock amounted to £420. A large proportion of the money had previously been raised.

The dedication service began at 3 o'clock. 'All people that on earth do dwell' was sung as a processional hymn. Among the clergy were the Right Rev. Bishop O'Rorke, D.D., the Rector of Acle, the Rev. A. Shillito (Rector of Blofield and Rural Dean) and the Rev. A. Hewitt (Rector of Reedham). Following the procession came the 1st Acle Company of Girl Guides with a number of Brownies in charge of Miss Daniels. The first lesson was read by the Rev. A. Hewitt and the second lesson by the Rev. A. Shillito. During the singing of the hymn, 'Lift up your hearts,' the Bishop, clergy, choir and congregation walked to the south side of the tower. The Rector's warden (Mr. G. N. Knights), with whom was Capt. Hardinge (deputy warden), then requested the Bishop to rededicate the tower and clock 'to the glory of God and the use of this church.' The Bishop having done so and sprinkled water on a metal cross affixed to the tower, the procession then went by the north door to the entrance to the tower, where the Bishop dedicated the bells in these words: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ, we solemnly set apart and dedicate this sacring bell for special use in the service of God's most holy mysteries, and these bells to the glory of God and the use of this church, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.' Then, delivering the ropes to the Rector, the Bishop charged him 'as a sacred trust committed unto him,' to 'take heed that they be ever and only used in God's service and to His glory.'

After prayers had been said by the Bishop, for a short period rounds were rung by the following ringers: Messrs. W. B. Williams (the Rector's son), ringing the new treble bell given by his parents, George Howchin, Fredk. J. Howchin, William L. Duffield, Fredk. W. Middleton and Edwin R. Goate. During the singing of the hymn, 'O thanks to Thee, our gracious Lord,' the Bishop proceeded to the pulpit, the clergy to the chancel and the congregation to their seats.

In the course of his sermon, Bishop O'Rorke said he thought it would be the wish of the Bishop of Norwich 'that I should tender to you congratulations, as well as on my own behalf, to the Rector of this parish, to the churchwardens, the Parochial Church Council, all workers and worshippers in this church and all faithful parishioners

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DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN ARKSEY RINGER.

On Tuesday, September 5th, Mr. Henry Trout, a very well-known member of the All Saints' company, passed away after a long illness.

He was a member of both choir and belfry for upwards of 60 years, having rung on the old five which hung in the tower till the late nineties. His was an example which could be well followed, courteous and obliging to a degree, ever ready to take a rope to help the rawest of learners, never a grumbler if things weren't going exactly right, and always punctual both for service and practice. He was a churchwarden for a number of years and on the Parochial Church Council up to the time of his death, at the age of 75.

The funeral, which took place on Thursday, September 7th, was attended by the vice-president, the Ringing Master and several members of the Doncaster and District Society. The service was attended by full choir and organ, and the lesson was read by the Ringing Master (Mr. G. Clark). The Vicar of Arksey (the Rev. J. Pierce Price) officiated at the service and the interment.

Immediately after the funeral the bells were rung to an exceedingly well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the clappers half-muffled, by: F. Garner (Arksey) 1, G. Clark (Arksey) 2, P. Clark (Arksey) 3, G. Halksworth (Doncaster) 4, H. Arrand (Arksey) 5, J. Thorley (Thorne) 6, C. Thorley (Thorne) 7, E. C. Stacey (Sprotborough) 8. Conducted by C. Thorley. The bells of St. George's, Doncaster, were also rung muffled in the evening.

On Sunday the bells were again rung muffled, and for evensong was rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Garner 1, G. Clark 2, A. Harrison (Nottingham) 3, E. Clark 4, H. Arrand 5, E. Cooper 6, T. Revill 7, B. Burditt 8. Conducted by A. Harrison. Thus do we record the passing of another of the old stalwarts whose places we find it increasingly difficult to fill.

He was one of nature's gentlemen and will be sadly missed by all who knew him either in the belfry or in any other branch of church work or in connection with his business as joiner and wheelwright. May he rest in peace.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Oxford and District Branch was held at Long Crendon on Saturday, September 2nd, when 55 ringers and friends attended from the following towers: Oxford (All Saints', St. Giles', St. Ebbe's and St. Thomas'), Wolvercote and visitors from Bicester, Reading, Beeton, Twyford, Abingdon, Cuddesdon, High Wycombe, Cookham, Stoke Poges, Ellesborough, Deddington and Thame. The local ringers, who have just recently joined the Guild, were well represented, ten members being present.

Tea was provided by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. D. R. A. Williams), and was greatly appreciated by all. Before returning to the tower, 'the bright young people' entertained the party with handbells.

Thame bells were available at 7 p.m. and an hour's good ringing was enjoyed on them. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London, not forgetting rounds for the beginners.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A visit to North Crawley by the above branch was made on Saturday, September 2nd, and was very well attended. The following towers were represented: Blechley, Bradwell, Chicheley, Fenny Stratford, Hanslope, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, with several ringing visitors. It had been some years since a meeting had been held at North Crawley, but it proved very successful and good practice was given to the younger ringers during the afternoon. A short service with address was held, conducted by the Rev. Chalmers Bell, Vicar of North Crawley. After tea a short meeting was held, the secretary (Mr. W. Sear) apologising for the absence of the chairman (the Rev. A. Byard), who was away on holiday. After the meeting further ring took place, methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Minor.

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upon having accomplished the work that we have together dedicated to-day.' The church was, said the Bishop, rich in historic associations and memories and in the accessories to worship. During the singing of the hymn, 'Lifted safe within the steeple,' a collection was taken. The Bishop gave the Blessing and the Doxology was sung. The Rev. J. W. Jacobs, Rector of Cantley, presided at the organ.

After the service the congregation listened with pleasure to various touches of Minor rung by the ringers present, Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon, Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association), Mr. R. J. Goate, Mr. R. W. Barber and others taking part in some of the touches rung. Mr. H. H. Turner, representing Messrs. Boulton and Paul, was also present.

Subsequently at a parochial gathering tea was served on the Rectory lawn. Speeches were made by Mr. S. Capon, Mr. A. E. Smithdale (chairman of Acle Parish Council) and the Rev. A. Shillito (Rural Dean). After tea the ringers adjourned to the belfry and joined by fellow-members who were unable to be present in the afternoon. The festivities of the day ended with a dance on the Rectory lawn.

DEVON GUILD BRANCH MEETING.

The East Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held a district meeting at Talaton on Saturday, with an attendance of about 30 members, several coming out from Exeter. The Rev. J. H. Bradford (Rector) conducted the service, for which the new form just issued by the Guild was used for the first time. In his address, the Rector urged his hearers to do their best both by practice and precept to carry on their work with religious motives.

Tea was provided in the assembly room of the Talaton Inn, the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild) presiding, supported by the Rector and churchwardens of the parish, the general secretary and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who carried out the recent restoration of the bells. Good wishes were extended to the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell in their new sphere of activity, with gratitude for their help to the branch in the past, and a hearty welcome to the Rev. E. V. Cox to his first meeting as president.—Mr. Cox, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to be present at this branch meeting, as it was at Ottery St. Mary, nearly 30 years ago, that he conducted his first peal, cycling 13 miles each way for the effort.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Feniton on January 13th next. A suggestion for holding practices for evening bellringing during the winter months was discussed, and it was eventually decided to leave it to the branch secretary and Mr. Woodley to arrange. A vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the meeting, and members then returned to the tower to ring touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, September 2nd, at All Souls' Church, Bolton, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Jack Kay to Miss Nellie Helme, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Ernest Pike 1, Charles H. Pike 2, Robert Holden 3, Charles Brownlow 4, Albert Heywood 5, Herbert Johnson 6, John E. Markland (conductor) 7, Norman Critchley 8.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street, on September 2nd, the wedding took place of Mr. H. Brown and Miss Annie Sheraton, daughter of Mr. F. Sheraton, Guild Master of the belfry. As the bride arrived at the church the bells pealed forth, and as the happy couple left the church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') was rung by J. A. Brown 1, F. Ainsley 2, G. S. Taylor 3, T. Stephenson 4, H. B. Ditchburn 5, J. W. Parker (conductor) 6, W. Sheraton 7, R. Patterson 8. All the above belong to Sunderland, except the ringers of 1 and 7, who are local.

The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the home of the bride's parents, and drank to 'the health of the bride and bridegroom.'

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN WORCESTERSHIRE RINGER.**LEADER OF WORCESTER ST. JOHN'S CHURCH BAND.**

The many friends of Mr. William Page will learn with regret of his death, which occurred at Worcester on August 30th, at the age of 72 years. He was buried on September 4th at St. John's, Worcester, where he had been master of affairs in the belfry as well as an ardent churchgoer, a sidesman and one of the church feoffees. The funeral was a quiet affair, the ringers being represented by W. Lewis and J. J. Jeffries (St. John's), A. Hill and J. Hill (Worcester Cathedral), W. Ranford (Suckley) and G. Hinton, sen. (a former Cathedral ringer). Wreaths were sent from the St. John's band, W. Ranford and E. P. Thomas (Fernhill Heath). Muffled ringing took place at St. John's the same evening, a 504 of Stedman Triples being rung by old members or those best acquainted with him, viz.: S. T. Holt 1, W. Lewis 2, J. Woodyatt 3, W. R. Powell 4, J. J. Jeffries 5, W. Ranford 6, G. W. Checketts (conductor) 7, T. W. Lewis 8. Other touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung, in which F. Barnett, E. Crump, P. Blissett and I. Eaton (Bournemouth) took part.

Mr. Page was born at Ripple, Worcestershire, where he first learnt to handle a bell, and also ring Grandsire Doubles. He moved to Worcester in 1882, where he joined the old Cathedral band, and was one of the original members of the Cathedral Guild when it was formed in 1893. He joined the Worcestershire Association soon after it was founded in 1882, and although his membership had lapsed for one or more periods, he was a member at the time of his death. He was Master of the association for three years, 1921-22-23. He was elected instructor to the Hallow band, which was formed when the bells were installed there in 1900, and conducted their first peal—Grandsire Triples in 1902. When the Kidderminster band were at the height of their fame, he used to cycle there and back from Worcester for Surprise practice, and it was he who first introduced Surprise ringing in Worcester. He conducted the first peal of Spliced Treble Bob (Worcester Variation) ever rung, and also conducted the first peal of Double Norwich Major, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal by the Western Branch of the association. Mr. Page rang in all 193 peals, of which he conducted about 80, his first peal being rung at All Saints', Worcester, on May 30th, 1887. The method was Grandsire Caters. He had been a ringer at St. John's for a good number of years, where he conducted the first 14-method peal of Minor for the association, and it was through his influence that St. John's bells were augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in 1929-30.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, are to be recast from a peal of eight to a ring of ten, with, we understand, the same total amount of metal. At present they are a poor peal, and for some time have been badly in need of rehangings.

Members of the British Association, meeting at Leicester, visited Loughborough Bell Foundry on Friday, and also listened to a special recital on the famous Loughborough carillon by Mr. Eric Jordan.

Another ringing tour begins to-morrow. Mr. William Pye and a party will be busy among Hampshire towers.

In the report in our issue of August 25th of the peal of Minor rung at Dallington, Sussex, on August 5th, it was stated inadvertently that the conductor was Mr. W. Gorrings. This peal was under the conductorship of Mr. James G. Powell, to whom we tender our apologies.

Mr. R. T. Woodley, who rang in the peal at Lowestoft, recorded in our peal columns, was a well-known London ringer some 50 years ago. He succeeded the late Mr. James Muskett as secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, relinquishing this office on his leaving London for Leeds, when he in turn was succeeded by Mr. Cockerill. Since 1911 he has resided at Lowestoft, and when the bells were installed there he formed a band and became their leader.

ANOTHER BELLRINGER'S WIFE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am also a ringer's wife, and proud of it, too, for I think that bellringing is the finest hobby a man can have, as it calls for mental ability as well as physical fitness.

I always encourage my husband to go ringing whenever possible, as (1) it provides just that relaxation so necessary to body and mind these hectic days; (2) it gives him a chance of meeting old friends and making new ones; and (3) it gives me the opportunity to do any odd job in the house, or to entertain my friends if I wish.

Occasionally I have been privileged to go with my husband when he has been taking part in a special peal on 10 or 12 bells, and, far from being a 'torture to the public,' as another ringer's wife suggests, or 'Futile,' as 'Anti-Surprise Major' would have us believe, I think the music beautiful and must be a source of inspiration to many.

I wonder how many of your readers spent their honeymoon as we did. We were in London, and on the second evening we were at a practice meeting at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, whilst the following Sunday evening my husband joined in the ringing for the service at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill.—Yours faithfully, (Mrs.) J. F. MILNER.

SUNDAY PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I do not suppose the letter of 'Observer' appearing in your issue of August 25th has made much impression on your readers. Men may state their views, but an anonymous letter which finds fault with others is not calculated to command respect. My reason for addressing you is that the letter really casts a censure on a section of the parochial clergy—a proceeding which the Exercise cannot approve. It is hardly likely that any of your clerical readers will condescend to be 'drawn' in this manner; perhaps, therefore, a few remarks by a layman may not be improper.

The Church lays down no special rules for the employment of our leisure time on Sunday. Things not wrong in themselves do not become so by being done on Sunday. Men may make such rules as they see fit for their own conduct on that day; but whatever may be our individual view and practice on particular points we should not lose sight of the freedom which the Church gives. If we do so, we come into danger of mistakes, unfairness to others and even absurdities.

There is nothing wrong in a ringer starting for a peal on Sunday unless it breaks a rule he has conscientiously thought right to make for himself. But whether he starts or not depends, not on himself, but on the incumbent of the church where he proposes to ring. An incumbent, when applied to for leave for a Sunday peal, has the right and the duty of deciding whether to refuse or to accord his consent. If he refuses, his decision is to be unquestionably accepted as right. If he grants permission he is also right. He has been trained in theology and parochial work; he knows the conditions, local and otherwise, of his church and parish; his permission will involve no breach of any rule of the Church; and if he sees his way to allow a Sunday peal he is not to be referred to in terms which suggest that he is accessory to something which is in itself wrong.

Peals have been rung on Sunday ever since they have been rung at all. Their continuance on that day must depend on opinions and circumstances; but in themselves Sunday peals are things indifferent.

R. A. DANIELL.

BIG BEN AND THE B.B.C.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is surprising to hear the announcer of the B.B.C. making an erroneous statement so very frequently on the wireless.

Almost every evening one hears something like the following: 'In two minutes you will hear Big Ben strike half-past six.'

This sounds very ridiculous to those who know that Big Ben only strikes the hours.—Yours truly, GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

A COMMEMORATIVE TABLET AT DERBY.

It was in the schoolroom attached to St. Andrew's Church, Derby, that the Midland Counties Association was formed in the year 1882; it was there that the jubilee meeting of the association was held last year, and in the lofty tower a commemorative peal was rung in October by a representative band of the association.

On Saturday there was another gathering of members at St. Andrew's Church, when a beautifully carved slate tablet, recording the peal, was unveiled and dedicated. It is the gift of the president of the association (Mr. E. Denison Taylor), and has been placed in one of the window recesses. It was made by Mr. C. H. Webb, of Croft, near Leicester, a ringer who specialises in this type of tablet.

The occasion of the gathering was a quarterly meeting of the Derby District of the Association, and members attended from Derby, Leicester, Burton-on-Trent, Nottingham, Loughborough, Duffield, Ilkeston, Cotgrave, Hearn, Beeston, Spondon, Stoney Stanton, Broughton Ashby, Bolsover and Botherham, among the veterans of the association present being Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Mr. C. Draper and Mr. W. C. White. Mr. H. Fletcher (vice-president of the district), Mr. G. Freebrey (district hon. secretary) and Mr. E. Morris (general hon. secretary of the association) also supported the president, when the Vicar (the Rev. V. T. S. Jagg) visited the belfry for the dedication.

The President first congratulated the ten members of the association who rang the peal—which, he understood, was a very good peal indeed—to commemorate the jubilee of the association. He was very pleased to see eight of the band present that day. The jubilee meeting on Easter Monday last year was a notable landmark in the history of the association, and they had pleasant memories of a most enjoyable day. Mr. Freebrey's idea to further commemorate the jubilee with a peal was a very good one, and St. Andrew's tower was very suitable for the purpose, because, as most of them knew, the society was founded in St. Andrew's Schoolroom. He was very pleased that the peal was successful, and it gave him great pleasure to offer a peal board to record it and to stand as a permanent memorial of the jubilee. In asking the Vicar to unveil the tablet, Mr. Taylor thanked him, on behalf of the association, for allowing it to be put into St. Andrew's belfry.

The Vicar, on behalf of the church and parish, accepted Mr. Taylor's kind gift to the belfry, and congratulated all concerned upon the performance and upon the event which the board actually commemorated. They at St. Andrew's, he said, were very proud of their ringers and their belfry.

The Vicar then unveiled the tablet and dedicated it with suitable prayers. The inscription, engraved in silver lettering, is as follows:—

St. Andrew's Church, Derby.

The Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers, 1882-1932.

To commemorate the jubilee of the association, a peal of 5,050 changes of Stedman Caters was rung on these bells in 3 hours and 11 minutes on 29th October, 1932, by John H. Swinfield treble, Colin Harrison 2, Alfred Ballard 3, Albert H. Ward 4, Charles Draper 5, Edward C. Goby 6, Jack Bailey 7, Percival Price 8, Ernest Morris 9, Arthur Brains tenor. Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and conducted by Ernest Morris.

Presidents of the association: Rev. J. H. Fish, 1882-1883. Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., 1883-1916. John W. Taylor, 1916-1919. Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., 1919-1929. E. Denison Taylor, 1930, who presented this tablet.

Mr. E. Morris, in his dual capacity as hon. secretary of the association and conductor of the peal, thanked Mr. Taylor for his generous gift. It was, he said, a magnificent addition to the tower. The members of the association were very proud of their president, and they were indebted to him for the great interest he took in all they did. That gift was just another indication of his interest in their activities. Mr. Morris went on to assure all those who did not hear the peal that it was one worthy to be recorded, not only for the occasion for which it was rung, but also for the ringing itself. When Mr. Freebrey put forward the suggestion for the peal he (Mr. Morris) felt they ought to make it worthy of the occasion, and he looked for a composition by their former president, Sir Arthur Heywood, who did so much for the association. He came across one with 5,050 changes, which he thought fitted in particularly well with the jubilee. They made the band as representative as possible and the peal was well rung. On behalf of the association, he thanked Mr. Taylor for his generosity in giving that very fine tablet (hear, hear).

Mr. J. H. Swinfield, as probably the oldest member of the association present, supported Mr. Morris' remarks, and Mr. Taylor suitably replied, remarking anent some of the younger members present that he hoped they would be spared to see the celebration of the centenary of the association.

The eight members of the band who were present then rang a touch of Stedman Triples.

Later the quarterly meeting of the district was held, Mr. H. Fletcher presiding. The Rev. N. J. Poole, of St. Chad's, Derby, was elected an hon. member, and Mr. Flower was appointed Ringing Master for the next meeting, which is to be held at Duffield.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

The ringing during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

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THIS 'FUTILE' BUSINESS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Socrates or Shakespeare or one of those writer fellows once said 'Some folks are born great, others have greatness thrust on them.' I certainly cannot aspire to the first, but beginning to think I might yet attain to the latter! And this, all because I am a ringer whose activities have been written about by some of those non-de-script (I beg your pardon—I meant 'non-de-plume') gentlemen, who will rush in where angels fear to tread.

The centre of Leicester is marked by an elegant clock tower, around which the city gyrates, and on this are pedestals and niches containing statues of some of our leading 'great ones.' Already one of these niches has been chosen for me, and on a recent occasion I was shown the site by our sergeant-major, who very kindly (as all S.M.s do) asked me which position I liked best, W.M.H. or N.S.E.W. Now after reading 'Anti-Surprise's' letter (how I hate these non-de-plumes), I am to be given another even greater and higher position, where the population can gyrate around. I feel giddy already at the thought of such elevation! No wonder I am suffering from 'Craniumitis'—I made that up myself, 'itis' for swelled, and 'cranium' for 'head.' For some months now I've not worn a hat, and there are some unkind ones who say it's not because of the heat wave! To add to my woes, the other day as I sat in silent meditation at my desk, wondering if my next peal would be Plain Doubles or London Maximus, I got such a smack in the ear—nearly toppled me off my seat, and a 'still small voice' said, 'Who's this ringer's WIFE you are writing to?' Wouldn't I like to meet her—we would have a real heart to heart talk. Oh! what a futile world it is. We make agreements between nations and then call them 'scraps of paper.' We send gentlemen to Parliament to fight for our better welfare, and then hear no more of them. We have our local Council spending the money we work so hard for to pay our rates and taxes. If we save a bit for a rainy day it is taxed beyond recognition. In our private family lives we have these FUTILE little arguments, and now even in our 'Ringing World' these FUTILE suggestions crop up. Life itself seems futile to those who look at it so—even Mrs. M. made my little eulogy of praise to her seem futile by boxing my ears—yet, like Gracie, let's look on the 'bright side,' and clear all these FUTILE thoughts away.

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

EXPERTS READY TO HELP LEARNERS.

Dear Sir,—Your reader's letter, entitled 'Futile Peals,' in this week's 'Ringing World,' certainly hits the nail on the head with regard to many Surprise peal ringers. May I, without, I hope, taking up too much space, quote you some of my opinions. As a young (aged 20) and perfectly independent member of the Exercise, who has rung in over 500 towers, I think I can claim to know something about ringers' attitudes and teaching ability.

First I have noticed that there is a marked tendency amongst many young ringers who, having suddenly sprung from the simplicities (?) of standard methods to Surprise methods, immediately lose interest in ringing those simpler methods for the benefit of learners. To quote from a recent conversation I had with a promising young ringer (aged 16): 'Do you go over to practice at — now?' 'No, they can only ring Plain Bob.'

The youth in question could only ring Grandsire Triples about two months ago. He has now rung his first course of Superlative. Admittedly good progress, but a bad attitude in one so young towards those who can only ring simple methods.

So it is not always the experts who cease taking interest in the simple methods; the progressive youngsters themselves suddenly follow their example! I can mention the names of some really splendid men, men who can call a peal of London one week and still call a peal of Grandsire Doubles the next week (a far greater effort to call it truthfully). Messrs. J. T. Dyke and E. Morris are fine examples. On the other hand, there are a far greater percentage of ringers who, although able to ring Surprise, are totally incapable of putting anyone right in Grandsire Triples or to call a bob in any method. In fact, they stand chatting when, at a meeting, simple methods are being rung with learners standing in.

As regards Surprise 'peal snatchers,' I do not think one need worry about them, providing they help the learner in their spare time. Many brilliant conductors do this, and all credit to them. Their work is appreciated. If some of those so-called 'experts' heard the way in which their name was 'taken in vain' by the lesser lights, they might wake up. The majority would give up in disgust! I don't care either way! I enjoy myself as I go along, thanks to the kindnesses of the many people whose towers I visit. I can number amongst my friends many Surprise conductors and ringers who help the learner all they can and are very popular. It is the people who ring peal after peal of Surprise, generally at the same two or three towers, and care not a jot for anyone who can't ring at least Double Norwich. I could name many of these, but they mightn't like it! Forest Hill.

A. P. CANNON.

(Continued from previous column.)

The back eight bells of St. Andrew's, Derby, were dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield on December 31st, 1881, and the first peal (Grandsire Triples) rung on them on January 3rd, 1882. They were made into ten in 1923, the two trebles being given by two of the local ringers, Messrs. C. E. Hart and A. H. Ward.

WESTMORLAND AND CUMBERLAND.

By W. H. F.

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A HAVEN OF REST.

On Wednesday the two towers, Arlecdon and St. Bees, were worked from Whitehaven as a centre for three days. We had very nice quarters, near bus and train depots, at the Waverley Hotel. A civil porter saw to baggage and a noisy dog nearly wagged his 'sally' off in welcome.

St. Michael's Church, Arlecdon, is a modern pretty little church of warm coloured red sandstone, consisting of nave and chancel, and rather isolated from the scattered houses of the parish, some of which are dated 1626 and 1755 or thereabouts, and show the rural ancient character of the place before steam and oil propulsion. You will see rows of small cottages near to coal and mineral mining shafts, which have not been so busy of late years as one could wish. The old font in the church is dated 1578 and is preserved in a special baptistry. The porch, west window and a lych gate are good features, and to us the pretty little ring of eight bells, cast by Taylor and Co. in 1904, particularly so. We were here welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. H. A. Wilson, M.A., and a smart body of his ringers, who look capable of doing good work in the near future. They gave us a touch of rounds, with the steeplekeeper, Mr. Marston, at helm.

After our peal of Superlative, luncheon was kindly provided in the Village Hall by the Church Council, and several ladies attended to the wants of the company, which included local men as well as visitors. Handbells were rung, and the Rector gave us reminiscences of his years spent in Canada. He praised the ringing, was glad to welcome us and wished our tour every success. Mr. G. R. Newton thanked him on behalf of all present, also the ladies who had given up their afternoon to attend to our needs, and mentioned the honour of achieving the 'first peal' on Arlecdon bells. This 'plum' should have fallen to the pocket of Mr. Keeble eight years ago, when, unfortunately, the treble became 'unringable' owing to the metal pin on the stay top not working in the slots, although a man, who had handled all the big bells of Manchester to peals, tried his best with 'the little beggar.'

There is so much of interest to ringers on these outings I hardly know what to omit. For the sake of brevity perhaps I had better quote to myself a well-known instruction to the Police Guild when there's a crowd, 'Pass along, please.'

Every change ringer has a bee in his bonnet; some are after counties, some the towers, others the tenor and some the method, but I often times wonder if, after adding 'one more' to the list, we all feel thankful for the health and strength we enjoy to enable us to do so much. Leaving Arlecdon at 2.45, we returned to the Haven and trained to St. Bees' Church, and were favoured by a rare privilege, permission to ring a peal on the Priory bells. The church is an interesting building of long Cumberland history, dedicated to St. Bega, consisting of nave, north and south aisles, north and south transepts, central tower of quaint appearance with conical roof. There is no window in the ringing room, but a small door looks down into the nave. The stairs, built on the north-east corner of the tower, ascends direct from the churchyard to the bells; there is no light to be used as a rule in case of fire. We were in trepidation about the electricity being switched off during our peal, and expected urgent messages to come from the well-known St. Bees' Clerical College adjoining the Priory. Everything went smoothly, however, and the band looked carefully inside their bonnets on leaving the tower, but found no 'sting.' The ringing room is 22ft. square, the circle of ropes and draught good, 'going' not too good, but the way our tenor man buzzed afterwards it must have been a bumble bee he discovered. The bells were installed in 1853, they were cast at Whitechapel and form one of Mears and Stainbank's good octaves of that period.

A double honour in ten hours is not often the lot of a team of change ringers, so our thanks to Messrs. Temby and Brown—more stalwarts—not forgetting the steeplekeeper, who disappeared with the keys of the stair and could not be found when asked for. Priory, railway station and hotel, all adjoining the latter, named 'the Albert'—whether it was after Albert the Good I know not, but the ale was—and our 9.33 left some time after 10 p.m. for Whitehaven and—with apology to Mr. H. Mason—a good rest.

Cleator Moor and Egremont were the two towers for Thursday, and an easy bus, a good road, a fine morning and 'punctuality' helped to give the tourists another 'double.' We were out at 8.40 a.m. by bus for the first attempt at Cleator. Dedicated to St. John, well designed and built in 1861 with the valuable local red sandstone, this church possesses a handsome interior, relieved with stone and coloured brickwork, making a warm and comfortable impression as one enters from a rather bleak desolate country moorland. A few yards from the tower stands the tall chimney stack of one of the numerous iron mines of the district, most of which are now disused. Smoke from the shaft, accumulating in the church, was caused by the pumping to keep water from the workings until the 'happy day' should come to restart.

Originally there were six bells here, all recast by Taylor and Co. in 1909, the tenor 22 cwt., reputed to be the heaviest in the county? They are hung in new iron frame and fittings, and a real 'good job'

from the ringers' point of view. We put our 'octogenarian' on the tenor, and rang the first peal on the bells in easy and comfortable fashion. The Vicar received the company on arrival and kindly visited the belfry afterwards with Mr. Temby—another Cumberland stalwart—to offer congratulations to the hand and our 'Ancient.' It was a very noisy ringing room at one time, but Mr. Temby had made an improvement by putting in another floor with sawdust packing. There is a good light, circle and draught of ropan, but all the windows are fixtures to prevent the ringers from being 'smoked out' when the shaft is going full steam ahead. During the peal our Simpson climbed one of the neighbouring hills, over 1,600ft. up, with the contradictory name of 'The Dent'—he found us at the Ironworks Inn, indication of the trade of this part of England, and here we heard the depressing news that one of the Whitehaven collieries had closed down that day and the local district had 90 per cent. of its working population unemployed, two-thirds of whom were males.

Egremont was reached at 2.30 and lunch at the Douglas Dining Rooms really enjoyed with all present. We were met at St. Mary's Church by the Rev. J. E. McKinley (Rector) and Mr. John Spedding (verger) and made welcome. Like most of the churches in this part, Egremont is built of the usual red sandstone, its bells are by Taylor and Co., 1902, tenor 14 cwt., in excellent ringing order, which serves to show they are well looked after. Old Sol could not dazzle our eyes as the four large windows are high up, the circle and draught of rope with sally guides comfortable, the room fairly cool, as a pair of large trap doors in the floor were opened and air freely circulated whilst we made our peal No. 11. Local bands came round to see us and kindly let bells down, to join in the 70th birthday greetings to Mr. Churchwarden Douglas. Let me now tell you of a 'plot' that was hatched with only one man 'Rugby' not in the scheme.

When we stripped to ring it was found 'someone' had taken the tenor and adjusted the rope to his own satisfaction. Preliminary rounds and then stand followed as usual. The band were then shuffled, and 'Jimmy' found the treble vacant, much to his astonishment.

Here the local company have made good work by ringing Bob Major and Surprise Minor (a peal in 1929), also Kent Major, conducted by W. T. Holmes, in 1921.

Walking to the railway station to get the 7.40 train to Whitehaven, we were joined by the three umpires, Messrs. Newton, Dennis and Shepherd, with favourable remarks. The town appears to be a prosperous one with a long broad High Street and market place. At one time the moorlands were preserved for deer and game, but since the Squire of Dent died, have been allowed to deteriorate. One old gamekeeper of 92 years remembers the good old days when he earned 28s. a week, but now draws a dole of 30s. weekly for himself, wife and family. He was noted for his keeper cleverness on the principle of setting a poacher to catch a poacher. There were so many 'firsts' in our bag of peals during the tour—with two doubles in the last four days—I fear the Cumberland ringers will think we have 'poached' some of theirs.

STILL JOGGING ALONG.

An early move was made on Friday morning for Hensingham Church, a few miles out of 'Haven. The local bands had raised the bells, installed by Taylors in 1914 with new iron frame, in readiness, and the Rev. D. Freeman, a practical change ringer, kindly welcomed the party to his tower. Days when he was a neighbour of the late Rev. H. Law James at Surfleet were recalled, and in the Vicarage adjoining he was able to enjoy our Superlative to his heart's content, to say nothing of our own jubilation, in which he shared, when 'That's all' sounded. A neat, well-kept belfry, good bells and fittings, it was such another belfry as Egremont, but rather noisy, like four of our previous towers. We found the local company were making progress in the method and that Mr. Holmes has rung his usual Treble Bob Major here. A nice modern church, built with the ever ready local red sandstone, in beautiful order, with a well-timbered churchyard that adds graceful surroundings to the garden of rest. Bus to the railway station and good-bye to Whitehaven, followed by the '1.40 p.m.' to Maryport, but it did not leave till 2 o'clock, and, indeed, most of our railway service was unpunctual.

Maryport is a fine town with harbour on the sea coast of the Solway Firth and the resort of fashionable people during the summer. It has decayed of late years, due to the neighbouring idle coal and mineral mines, dead shipyards and loss of shipping, and has 75 per cent. of its workers unemployed. Here was built the first American battleship, the 'Ironside,' for the U.S. Navy. There are remains of a Roman station near, the early occupants of which discovered the value of its ores. The church tower possesses a set of good hemispherical bells, which, to my knowledge, are much to be preferred to those metal 'drain pipes' called tubular bells, which a few years back were frequently substituted for the 'real' thing. Our lunch was enjoyed at the 'Granville' before enjoying another stretch of sea coast—by bus this time—to Silloth, via Allonby, with the Scottish hills 10 miles across the water. For about 12 miles the road passes close by the sea-shore, a strip of 'no man's land,' which enables hikers, tourists and visitors to camp, picnic and bathe as and when they wish. We saw a great deal, from the upper deck of our bus, that would have greatly distressed 'Mrs. Grundy' of Victorian

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the North and East District at St. Mark's Church, Dalston, on Saturday last, was held in very pleasant weather, and attracted a good number of ringers. Ringing commenced punctually with a good touch of Stedman Triples. This was followed by Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. J. O. Vince), with one of the local ringers (Mr. C. A. Randall) at the organ, and the choirboys in full attendance. A bright service and a generous welcome were much appreciated. An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall, after which the business meeting was held, with Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) in the chair. The hon. secretary apologised for the absence of the District Master, who was away holiday making. As a mark of respect to the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, who died on June 30th, and to the late Mr. J. Wicks, of Hadley, who died on July 26th, all present stood in silence for a few moments. Mr. Beeston had been a member of the association for upwards of 20 years, and Mr. Wicks was a foundation member.

Two new members were elected, and Willesden chosen for the next meeting on October 7th.

The Chairman proposed a vote of congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb, of Finchley, on their golden wedding, which was celebrated early in August. Mr. Webb was a member of the Finchley band and had been a ringer there for 57 years. The hon. secretary, in seconding, remarked that Mr. Webb was evidently one of those fortunate persons who found it quite possible to attend to his duties and pleasures as a ringer and to be happy in his married life at the same time.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his welcome to the association; to the local ringers, the organist, the choir, and to the caretaker for arranging tea. This was seconded by the hon. secretary, who made special mention of the help given him by Mr. Crouch, the local secretary. The Rev. J. O. Vince replied in his usual wholehearted way with a sincere welcome to the members present.

Some handbell ringing followed, a touch of Grandsire Triples being rung by Miss L. Wheeler, G. B. Collins, G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, who also, with the help of Messrs. W. Pye and C. T. Coles, rang a course of Grandsire Cinques.

Later the tower was again visited for more Stedman, Double Norwich and Surprise, including a very good course of London to enable a youngster or two to reach another rung of the ladder.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At the Parish Church of St. George, Doncaster, on Thursday, September 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples half-muffled in 54 mins. as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. Trout, of Arksey: G. Halksworth (conductor) 1, A. Pye 2, G. B. Lucas, sen., 3, W. A. Pye 4, E. Stacy 5, W. E. Lloyd 6, R. Thompson 7, H. Baldwin 8.

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days. However, I may add none of our men alighted. The order was, 'Pass along, please.'

SILLOTH.

He is not a lazy man—or a slothful ringer who handles this tenor twice on Sunday. We had heard unfavourable remarks about the 'go' of these bells and proved them true. The octave at Christ Church was installed by Taylor and Co. about 50 years ago; they are hung on one level with plain bearings in a timber frame (tenor 24 cwt.). The Vicar and churchwarden kindly came to greet us in the belfry, and it was explained that pains had been taken to make them go easily by a local 'engineer.' We prepared for Stedman Triples and knotted the ropes below sally to get the Yorkshire tail end to suit the back-stroke. The tenors go up false clappered, it was easier when these were turned right, but after 18 minutes' ringing Mr. George reluctantly set up, and Mr. Pye agreed at his 'common sense' in doing so.

A straggling old-fashioned town is Silloth, where most of the houses are rendered for warmth and dryness in the winter owing to its exposed position to the north.

The church, a modern Gothic building, with nave, north and south aisles, transept, vestry, the base of the tower forming the porch—its buttresses built in diaper work with a lofty stone spire. The ringing room is small, ceiling low, and not enough ventilation. We came here according to programme, and left a nice little ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank at Aspatria, east in 1896, and only a few miles away. The nearest point to re-use our 'summer' tickets was Wigton, a station on the Carlisle line, and we arrived in the city at 7.30 p.m. to put up at Ridley's Temperance Hotel. Talking of tenors in this county, we have Carlisle, Cleator, Penrith and Silloth between 20 and 24 cwt., but it is not generally known that Highmoor, near Wigton, possesses nine bells by Taylors, the heaviest weighing 8 tons 16 cwt. My readers will understand why I never told Mr. George or Mr. Shepherd of this as we were passing by. I am afraid one of these days they will between them devour one of these sweet tenors.

'If you ring me, pull me gently,

Do not throw your strength away,

Just rehang me—oil in plenty—

And have a go another day.'

Silloth Tenor.

(To be continued.)

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday last at Gorseinon, when about 20 members attended from various towers, and there was also a good muster of the local men. The bells (8) were raised in peal about 3 p.m. and kept going until 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Thomas). Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was partaken of in the Parish Hall. A band of ladies saw that everyone was well provided with all the good things, and, needless to state, the cup of tea was very much enjoyed.

The Vicar having to leave early, the chair at the meeting was taken by Mr. D. J. Lewis. Swansea was selected for the December meeting.

A long discussion took place on Rule 18, and a vote of confidence was passed in the district secretary, all present being satisfied that the balance sheet had been made out according to rule.

It was agreed to give the annual report to each member and pay for them out of the funds.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman, to the Rev. W. J. Thomas and to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

Rounds were rung for the learners, and the methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY ANNUAL MEETING.**

An enjoyable meeting was held at Fulbourn on Saturday. Ringers came from Cambridge, Clare, Fen Ditton, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Newmarket, Newton, Over, Royston, Sawston, Thrapston and Trumpington. Ringing ranged from rounds to Superlative Surprise Major. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Hennessy), who gave an inspiring address and afterwards entertained the company to tea.

At the business meeting Mr. C. W. Cook was re-elected District Ringing Master, and Miss K. Willers district secretary. The committee was elected as follows: Messrs. T. R. Dennis, H. J. Hazel, E. G. Hibbins, F. Hurry, S. Twitchett and P. Webb.

Mr. F. Warrington, whose company was much appreciated, kindly invited the Ely Archdeaconry to a joint meeting with the Central Branch at Longstanton on October 21st. It was decided to hold a by-meeting at Chippenham on September 23rd if permission can be obtained.

The instruction of beginners was discussed, and Mr. Dennis said he hoped good progress in this direction would be made at the Church of St. Mary the Great in Cambridge during the coming winter, using the Seage apparatus.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, taking the service and for his generous hospitality.

Although numbers were not large, a note of real encouragement was struck, and it was cheering, too, to see three schoolboys from the Trumpington band attending an association meeting for the first time.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

In connection with the September monthly meeting, the above branch made a tour of part of the Avon valley on Saturday, September 2nd. A party numbering over 40 assembled at Netheravon at 3 o'clock. Short touches were the order of the day to enable all who wished to have a pull. After a short time the advance party went on to Fittleton, raising the bells and doing the 'donkey work' generally for the 'main body' to come in and take possession. The same procedure was gone through at Enford and Upavon. At Upavon the Vicar welcomed the members and conducted the Guild service, the congregation numbering 49. Tea was served in The Antelope.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. In his opening remarks (which were somewhat humorous) he welcomed all who had made the journey, mentioning by name those who resided outside the branch area—W. B. Kynaston and J. Berry (Swindon), F. W. Romaine (Salisbury), D. Field (Buckland Newton) and W. Bolwell (Ealing). Two new members were elected, and notice was given of the next meeting, which will be a quarterly at Bradford-on-Avon. The usual votes of thanks being passed, the meeting closed and the members returned to the tower, where ringing continued until 8.30. The touches of Grandsire on handbells at the branch meeting were quite a feature. Later in the evening some 'stalwarts' journeyed to Urchfont and were rewarded with an excellent touch of Stedman Triples. At the six-bell towers most methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise, the striking being quite good. The following towers were represented: Devizes St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James', Southbroom, Warminster, Westbury, Chilton, Urchfont, Rowde, Bishop's Cannings, Bratton, Seend, Longbridge Deverill and Melksham.

ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH AND ITS BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After a holiday by the sea (where, unfortunately, my 'Ringing World' did not follow), one feels sufficiently invigorated to wield a pen and advise the Exercise at large to take no notice of the illogical outbursts of the 'Museum' Methodists or Bluechapel Frothblowers.

Our other correspondent's letter from this town, as reported on page 525, cannot be dealt with by me seriatim, as his final paragraph affects the writer personally.

The church. In a previous letter I made a statement respecting our church's name of 'All Saints,' and with regard to same Mr. Briggs says amongst other things 'that we must presume at some time it was called "St. Ann's." Mr. F. E. Dawe was advised to be sure of his facts, and the same applies to his "backer-up" from Rotherham.

The following is culled from a brief history of our church by the greatest living authority in this town, viz., J. H. Cockburn, Esq., O.R.E., F.R.Hist.S., etc.:—

'There is not any evidence or any reasonable probability that Rotherham Parish Church was dedicated in the name of St. Anne, or even that any chapel or chantry was called by the name of that saint.

'From time immemorial it has been called "All Saints," and is so inscribed in ecclesiastical records kept in York.

'All Saints' was pre-eminently a dedication in use before the Norman Conquest.'

Rotherham bells speak for themselves, and all sensible campanists are in full agreement.

With regard to their alleged imperfections, one can safely say that an odd struck bell wherever it exists presents no great difficulty to an average ringer, but a far more insidious thing is an odd struck ringer.

Wheel slipping, whenever it has happened at Rotherham, has almost always been due to one or the other of the following causes: Wet and stiff ropes or the ill-choosing of a site for a short splice. (The writer accepts responsibility for the latter part.)

Your correspondent says a few peals have broken down through the latter cause. Now, being unable to define 'a few' and wishing to be strictly truthful, I can say this, that in not one case (which is, I think, less than a few) on our present peal has a 'wheel-slipper' caused a successful peal to be otherwise.

To strike a more serious vein, what importance can the Exercise attach to the remark as to 'the task being too great to get the tenor into the speed required by the other nine.' Just think of that for a moment, please. Is that not first-class bunkum? and that from a man who dares to suggest to bellfounders with centuries (some of them) of experience behind them how to distribute the metal in a ring of bells.

I would like you to know, Mr. Editor, that in quite a number of respects we are fortunate in Rotherham. Firstly, we have a magnificent peal at our Parish Church, and, secondly, we are just as fortunate in having men for the back end who enjoy ringing a big bell. Also our grumbling friend is fortunate inasmuch that he has the chance of quite a few lighter peals in this district where he, no doubt, will be able to ring in comfort either at the front or back.

COLIN RYDER.

A NOBLE TEN.

BY IRENEUS.

In spite of the illogical criticisms put forth by Mr. Briggs on page 525 of 'The Ringing World,' one has the effrontery to say, Rotherham bells are—'The round, the "ring" and "top of sovereignty"; a "noble ten" and they grace not only a magnificent church, but a "stately pile"!

Will Mr. Briggs please tell us who could have done the job in its entirety with greater efficiency and have given greater satisfaction, and why?

As to my challenge to Mr. Dawe, I made it to ascertain whether or no Mr. Dawe had made notes on the old ten at Rotherham, but, as he prefers to remain silent, one perforce comes to the conclusion that he made no notes. Nevertheless, I did—two decades before the 'old eighth' was recast, and those notes are extant. Living testimony is also forthcoming to substantiate what I am about to write. Bells 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10 were all inscribed, 'T. Mears of London, fecit 1821,' and they were all 'maidens' (nine maiden bells do not make a maiden peal of ten!) The old eighth was not a maiden, and the only inscription she ever bore was, 'Thomas Hilton of Wath made me.' That's plain English! and not 'Bunkum'! Will the gentlemen whose attention I drew to that fact please verify it through the medium of 'The Ringing World.'

In my former letter I set out to compare real antiquity with 1821 antiquity. And my comments on Thrybergh are simply held over. A retrospect is all that is essential before they are put into writing. Mr. Briggs asks me what is required to make Thrybergh bells into a good peal. My answer is, 'A competent founder who can turn five homogeneities and a like number of amalgams into one! and leave

in Thrybergh tower five bells of equal temperament!' But 'Ireneus' would never be party to such procedure. Thrybergh bells are five intact chapters of parochial and bellfounding history, which Mr. Briggs cannot transcribe!

Further, we are asked by Mr. Briggs to picture Rotherham's old bells 'cleaned' and hung on modern hangings, and with a sob he asks us to stretch our imaginations and visualise 'what a peal it would have been'! My rejoinder to that delusion is, 'If the ten bells cast in 1819—now hanging in the "Crooked Spire"—were "cleaned" and popped in the modern hangings at Rotherham, Mr. Briggs would certainly not have such a "musical three blind mice" but would have something on a par with Rotherham's old ten which "barked."'

'Cleaning' 'Big Ben' would never make 'Big Ben' 'Little John'! With the aid of a 'cow-beel' one might teach (?) the advocate of 'cleaning' more about the nature of metals than he thinks he knows!

Let me see—er—oh! ah! I remember 'receiving instructions' from the Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Rotherham, and I sent in a written report of my findings to the aforesaid Council. Does Mr. Briggs think I was 'asked' by the local sanitary inspector? And 'why' one 'received instructions' obviously arose from the fact—that in spite of our friend being a 'qualified ringer,' he had not the ability to advise. He proves his inability by advocating 'sacrilege' where the fabric would withstand the additional thrusts and strain of a further pair of trebles!

'Ireneus' will never perpetrate sacrilege to meet the requirements of dwarfed physique! Incidentally, we—who 'received instructions'—rang something like half a dozen peals with Mr. Briggs on light eights in the neighbourhood of Rotherham. On every occasion 'Ireneus' rang the sixth—for the same reason as he rang the ninth Sunday by Sunday on the twelve at Sheffield Cathedral—and Mr. Briggs was never on the heavier side! Further, we three rang together in a peal of Caters on the old ten which 'barked'—incidentally this was 'the last' the writer rang anywhere! 'Ireneus' was on the seventh, but Mr. Briggs didn't care so much for the heavier end; he rang the sixth! and he was again in front of the writer in a touch on the day the more 'musical three blind mice' were dedicated. True, one has not rung much on this new peal—haven't got over the shock of ringing on the 'old nus.' The remainder of the comments pertaining to the future, which Mr. Briggs makes, is treated with the contempt such 'untasty' remarks deserve.

However, one of these days 'Ireneus' may pop into All Saints' ringing room again for a pull, and if our friend will submit to blind-folding, 'Ireneus' will guarantee to be 'on the box'! That sounds like 'swank,' but it is the one sure way of finding out whether ringers (placed on equal footing) are equally 'qualified ringers.'

But all flippancy aside, the writer was ever ambitious to leave 'marble' where he found 'brick'! 'Twas ever his aim—as he gazed into the convex mirror of the past and saw something 'great'!—to leave something 'nobler'! for eyes to look upon when the hand that pens these lines is 'still,' and a 'holiness of beauty' rolls in deep diapason over Rotherham, 'Gloria-Patri-et-Filio-et-Spiritui-Sancto,' from a noble ten! in a 'stately pile.'

EARL SHILTON RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to report the death of Arthur Waters, of Earl Shilton, at the early age of 32 years. Arthur was one of the original band when the peal of eight was installed in 1921, and rang in the first peal on the bells, which was by the local band on October 28th, 1922. He was not a great peal ringer, only having rung nine peals—Grandsire Doubles 2, Grandsire Triples 4, Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 1. He took part in the first peal for the Midland Counties Association rung by members of the C.E.M.S. The funeral took place on Saturday last, a muffled quarter-peal being rung by his close friends after the interment in Earl Shilton Churchyard.

C. H. W.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 28th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting and thanksgiving service will be held at Sutton, Cambs, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 3 p.m. or 7 p.m., most probable 7 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. Few, High Street, Sutton, Ely, Cambs, for tea. A hearty welcome extended to all.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs (my only address).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at St. Leonard's, Streatham, Saturday, September 16th. Bells from 3.30 to 5.30. Tea and meeting Manor Arms. Further ringing, and probably Immanuel, till 8 p.m.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, September 16th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—G. F. Hoad, Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice at St. Mary Bourne, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea at five, for which please notify Mr. A. H. White, Barford, St. Mary Bourne.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be at Berkswell, near Coventry, on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6), recently rehung, available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, September 16th, a meeting will be held at Offley. Bells ready 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.30 at Green Man Inn. Bus service from Hitchin and Luton every twenty minutes.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Ansdell, near Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at St. Joseph's R.C. Church (8 bells). Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kenn on Sept. 16th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rowley Regis Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15, with address by the Rev. H. Card (Vicar). Tea will follow, for which a small charge will be made. Business meeting afterwards.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting of the association will be held at Howden on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. General meeting afterwards. Buses leave Selby for Howden at half-past every even hour, and the last bus to Selby leaves Howden at 8.30 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without further delay.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Sherfield on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterston-super-Ely on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Gilmorton on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. each, followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36 Turner Road, Leicester.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, September 16th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hingham on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at 3 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Chippenham, on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tickhill, near Rotherham, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at 9d. per head. Business meeting in the Parish Room after tea. Please notify Mr. A. Hill, 41, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, near Rotherham, by the 20th. Tea cannot be guaranteed unless word is sent. Subscriptions for 1933 should be paid at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of the memorial (including the retuned ring of 8 bells with recast sixth) to the late Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (first hon. treasurer of the Guild), will take place at Woking Parish Church at 7.15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22nd. On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, members of the Guild are invited to take part in a special service at 3 p.m. at Old Woking, after which the bells will be open to all ringers. Tea (1s. each) at the Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must reach me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 20th. — J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six bell contest at New Mill on September 23rd. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brightwell, Berks, on Saturday, September 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by the 20th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, 20th. This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queens Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Northern District).—A joint meeting of the above will be held by invitation of the Rector at St. Matthew's Church, Stretford (new ring of 8) on Saturday, September 23rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (free) 4.45 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. For tea, you are specially requested to notify Mr. W. J. Moss, 38, Kendal Road, Stretford, not later than Wednesday, September 20th. Buses for Stretford leave Parker Street bus station, Piccadilly, Manchester, every few minutes.—L. Noel Cawthorne and Donald Brown, Hon. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westbourne on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Honey Cafe (1/3 each). All members intending being present please advise me by Wednesday previous to the meeting. Tower 1 mile north from Emsworth Station.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. I should be glad to receive annual subscriptions. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—A joint meeting with the West Norfolk branch of the Norwich Association will be held at Downham Market on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringing friends will be welcomed.—E. Barker and W. Eldred, Dis. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Oakham on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5 p.m. for those who send in their names to the general secretary by Tuesday, September 19th.—Robert G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. S. Tonkinson). A bus will leave Portland Street at 2.30. Will all those requiring tea please notify by the 18th? P.S.—Bishop's Cleeve bells will be dedicated on the 30th inst. at 7 p.m. by the Venerable Archdeacon of Gloucester.—Walter Yeend, Mellford, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Kilndown on Saturday, September 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting after service. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec., not later than Tuesday, Sept. 19th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11 Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at South Wingfield on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers of those requiring tea to me by Wednesday, September 20th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Noranton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 23rd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, not later than September 20th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (six bells) on Saturday, September 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than September 18th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The autumn meeting will be held at Guisborough on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6, tenor 9 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at Wear's Cafe, Church Street, at 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d. Those intending to be present please notify the hon. secretary not later than Wednesday, September 20th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Caistor on Saturday, September 23rd, not September 30th. Bells (6) ready early. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at a moderate charge. Business meeting to follow. Important.—Numbers for tea to be sent to the Rev. A. J. Arch, Vicarage, Caistor, Lincoln, by the Wednesday previous. All welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Spaxton on Saturday, September 23rd. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. All ringers welcome. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury (six bells) on Saturday, September 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bunbury (eight bells) on September 23rd. Ringing from three o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 20th?—R. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Please note that the joint meeting with the W.G. at Claybrook is unavoidably postponed. Instead a meeting will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, September 23rd, to which Warwickshire Guild members are cordially invited. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at moderate charge for those who notify Rev. R. P. Farrow, Stoney Stanton Rectory, Leicester.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Amended Notice. Meeting at Great Totham (6 bells) on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those notifying Mr. P. G. Sayer, Great Totham, Maldon, Essex, not later than September 27th.—A. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Lancaster on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4 p.m., when the address will be given by Rev. Canon Pollard, Vicar of Lancaster. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoodleigh, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be at tea notify me certain by Monday, September 25th, or arrangement will be difficult?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, September 30th. Ringing at Bradfield from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Guild members 6d., non-members 9d. Englefield and Theale bells available after tea. Please notify Mr. J. Butler, Marriners, Bradfield, for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, NEAR CHELTENHAM.—The dedication will take place on Saturday, September 30th, at 7 p.m., of the heavy ring of six bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Carshalton on Saturday, September 30th. Full particulars next week.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 30th, at Ripley (eight bells). Committee meet in Parish Room 3.30 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d. per head) only to those who advise Mr. A. Hutchinson, Market Place Cafe, Ripley, Derby, before September 28th. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitefield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, October 14th. The chair will be taken by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, at 6 p.m. All applications for tickets (4s. each) to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, not later than the first post on Tuesday, October 10th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.,

and visitors staying at York over the week-end will be welcomed in the Minster belfry on the Sunday morning.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—BICENTENARY CELEBRATION.—Saturday, Oct. 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Dinner 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. Further particulars later.—V. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Preliminary Notice.—The second annual supper will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934, at the Red Lion Hotel, High Street, Hounslow.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

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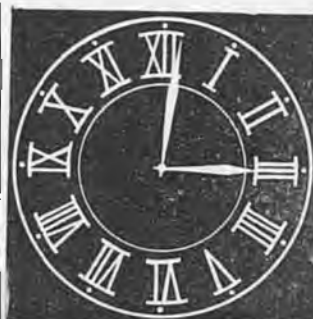
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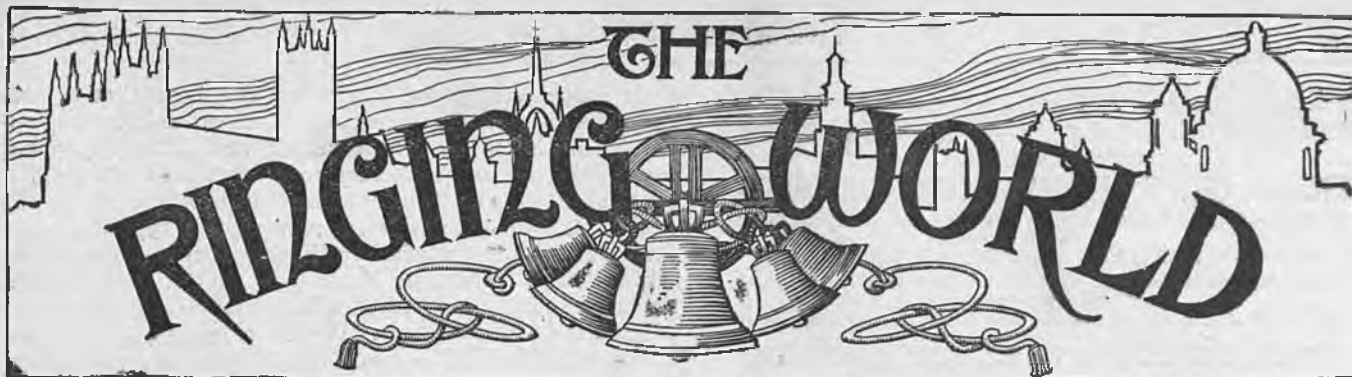
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RINGING TOURS.

This is the period of the year when peal ringing tours attract attention. For those who like this form of holiday these trips among "new" towers can be very delightful, although, to a good many ringers, they savour rather too much of hard work, at any rate when the programme covers two peals a day for a week. But to those with sufficient enthusiasm and energy, who are prepared to devote their vacation to carrying out a pre-arranged excursion of this type, no one will begrudge the entertainment and pleasure which they get out of it. It is surprising, however, that there are not more tours arranged like those which the Cambridge Guild have carried out for many years past, in which peal ringing is really only incidental to the trip. An excursion which covers a visit to several towers in a day for short spells of ringing, with, perhaps, occasional peal attempts, but plenty of fraternal social intercourse, is an ideal way to spend a ringing holiday, as was proved last year by the very considerable party who joined in the "week" organised by the Bristol United Guilds, when, indeed, peal ringing was put entirely in the background. If that experiment could be repeated in other parts of the country many ringers would find a new source of enjoyment in the pursuit of their favoured hobby.

But even tours, it seems, can arouse controversy among ringers. Into the question of Sunday peal ringing we do not propose to enter more than briefly. It is a matter, we feel, for the conscience of the ringers themselves and the incumbent of the church where a peal is rung. Local conditions must also have weight, and the incumbent, surely, is the best judge of a matter of that kind. A Keswick correspondent this week, however, raises another point which, while having something to commend it in principle, would not, we imagine, work out well in practice. He suggests that on these peal-ringing tours the visiting bands should make room for one or two local ringers and ring a method which would give the latter some much needed experience. Would this be fair to, or even a reasonable thing to ask of men, who may have travelled long distances for a set purpose? Local men of established ability are already frequently invited to take part in peals with touring visitors, but these excursions are not "missionary" enterprises, and those who embark on them can hardly be expected to play the part of tutors and reduce the standard of the methods rung and of the striking to the level of any Tom, Dick or Harry who desired peal ringing practice. It may be hard for those who are really keen, to be denied opportunities for peals owing to local circumstances, but we imagine few touring companies could be got together if at each tower visited

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their scope were to be limited to the best that a local ringer could do. This best would be an unknown quantity until the tower was reached, and little enjoyment would be got from a succession of peal attempts marred by the carrying of "lame ducks," as would often be the case. Peal opportunities for men of this type might be provided by the associations if they cared to organise "missionary" effort on these lines, but it is too much, we think, to ask ringers who have come from a distance to undertake such a task. A peal ringing tour is something out of which the participants want to get the best that is possible.

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JOHN AUSTIN 2	WILLIAM POSTON ... 7
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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

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

WALTER PERKINS Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 2	AMOS SMART 6
FRANCIS BALL 3	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by Wm. WILLSON.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged for Mr. H. J. Balcombe, who hails from Barwell, Berks.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.	
HENRY HARRISON Treble	JACK BAILEY 5
*ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ... 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY 6
*WILLIAM H. KING 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOBMEER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

The first peal to be rung in the method.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.	
WALTER V. WEBB Treble	JAMES S. NAPPER 5
EDGAR HUMFREY 2	*RICHARD G. RICE 6
JONATHAN HONEY 3	PERCY J. DYKE 7
JOHN NOBES 4	WILLIAM CORDEROY Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

* 100th peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. Rung in honour of the 75th birthday of Dr. Richard Rice, who has been for many years churchwarden and choir-master at this church.

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS 3	*JOHN MARSHALL 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4	THOMAS E. LEE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 404).

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

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SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	WILLIAM H. SENIOR 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

This composition contains the 6th the extent at home in natural courses and in the minimum number of changes. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. T. B. Kendall and E. H. Simpson.

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

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, 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	*JOHN COAD 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 2	*ALBERT COAD 6
JAMES H. HAYWOOD 3	FREDERICK CARDWELL 7
MISS DORICE TURNER 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by AMBORN WILSON. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
*JESSE HARRISON 4	FRANK COREE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* 30th peal. A birthday peal for the third man.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST V. CHESTERION ... Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS 6
FRANCIS R. DEACON 3	ERNEST E. PICKERING 7
*WILLIAM NEWTON 4	RONALD H. DOVE Tenor

Composed by N. S. BAGWORTH. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Arthur Waters, a member of the local society since its inauguration, who died on September 7th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob and Double Court, and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES W. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM SMITH 4
FRANK L. FISHER 2	ALFRED H. WATSON 5
THOMAS C. WARD 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1933, 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 Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

MISS EVELYN STEEL Treble	REGINALD WEST 4
*CHARLES BRAMSON 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
EDWARD FROSSELL 3	HERBERT SHARP Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

* First peal 'inside.'

CROFTON, Nr. WAKEFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of each of the following methods: College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Oxford.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LORD Treble	ARTHUR GILL 4
WILLIAM GREEN 2	HAROLD CHANT 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. Brewarigg, a much loved and respected Vicar, who had been Vicar of this church for the last 33 years, and who died suddenly while on holiday. He was interred at Crofton Churchyard on August 23rd.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE BLANCHARD ... Treble	ELVIN HOWSAM 4
*WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... 2	JOHN NEVIN 5
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal in four methods by all. Rung for the centenary of Wilberforce and the abolition of slavery.

WONERSH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of London and Cambridge Surprise, and one each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Treble	GEORGE E. CLODE 4
†KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... 2	TONY PRICE 5
SYDNEY ELTON 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* 200th peal. † First peal in more than one method.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

On Sunday, September 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT 25, WOODFIELD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

GEORGE J. BUTCHER 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
EDWARD J. BEER 3-4	STUART SANDFORD 7-8
RICHARD SMITH 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Witnesses—Mrs. E. J. Beer and Mrs. G. H. Cross.

First peal on ten bells in Gravesend, and also by the ringers of 7-8 and 9-10.

A WORCESTERSHIRE WEEK.

The following peals are the result of a week in the Worcester area. Fourteen peals were arranged, all of which were successful.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Philip and James,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5
KEITH HART 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, September 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of London on the bells.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, September 11, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
KEITH HART 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers for the late Vicar (the Rev. Penous Charles Thomas, M.A., Hon. C.F., T.D.), who was interred in the churchyard on September 5th.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, September 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM J. CARTER Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
JOHN BASS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, September 12, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD CHANCE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
KEITH HART 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, September 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KEITH HART 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
JOHN BASS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, September 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
KEITH HART 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, September 13, 1933, in Three Hours & Twenty-Four Minutes

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

REGINALD CHANCE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
KEITH HART 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 8
JOHN BASS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
WILLIAM SHORT 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYB.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, September 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
KEITH HART 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Bristol on the bells and also as conductor in the method.

WORCESTER.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, September 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

KEITH HART Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 8
THOMAS W. LEWIS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, September 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

WORCESTER.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, September 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KEITH HART 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

A WORCESTERSHIRE WEEK—continued.**OROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.****THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. Augustine,***A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

THE VISIT TO LIVERPOOL.**A RINGING WEEK ALONGSIDE THE RIVER MERSEY.**

Seven peals were successfully rung at the various towers mentioned below. The tourists desire the Editor of 'The Ringing World' to express their sincere thanks to the clergymen and belfry captains of the twelve churches visited who so kindly placed the bells at their disposal and rendered personal assistance. Mr. G. R. Newton, on the Lancashire and Mr. W. Bibby on the Cheshire side did much to show the party many local features of feminine interest on sea and ashore, such as She's a fine tenor, or She's a fine boat, neither of which can be handled without a fine rope.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
*WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method 'inside,' and hails from Bolton. Some of the visitors were nominated for membership of the Guild previous to the 'go.'

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,**At the Parish Church of All Saints,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

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

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,**At the Parish Church of St. Wilfred,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 6
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Mr. J. E. Ashcroft, the local captain, believes this to be the first peal in the method at this tower.

WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, September 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**At the Parish Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, September 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,**At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

A birthday peal for the ringer of the treble. Mr. F. Brotherton hails from Wolverhampton.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours,**At Christ Church,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT.**

Another successful meeting took place at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, September 9th. Ringers were present from Sunderland, Darlington, Whickham, Chester-le-Street and West Hartlepool, with the local men. Ringing took place at the beautiful old church until 5 p.m. After tea a short meeting took place, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, presiding. Mr. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells. The Rector was always willing to have the ringers at Houghton, and the ringers were always pleased to visit Houghton. The Rev. Dawson Walker apologised for the Rector's absence, and said he was glad to welcome the ringers. He enjoyed the performances on the bells and hoped they would come from time to time. Mr. J. T. Titt proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing a splendid tea, and said it was a great help to ringers' meetings when the ladies gave up their time for them.

Mr. Parker proposed and Mr. Robson seconded that Jarrow be the next place of meeting on Saturday, November 4th. Jarrow has been much neglected of late, and a good attendance would be greatly welcomed to give a helping hand.

Before the close the vice-president took the opportunity of saying 'Au Revoir' to Mr. R. Parkinson, a local ringer and past vice-president, who is leaving the district for Blackpool. He said there was regret on his going away, and he would be specially missed by the Houghton ringers. Mr. Parkinson had done a great amount of spade work, and it was mainly through his efforts that the local ringers were in such a state of perfection. Mr. Patterson then called upon the Rev. Dawson Walker to make a presentation of a silver bell inkstand to Mr. Parkinson of the Houghton ringers in token of esteem. He hoped that it would always be a reminder of his ringing career in Houghton, and wished him all health and happiness.—Mr. Parkinson, in reply, said he was deeply touched by all the kind things expressed about him. He would always remember his 15 years at Houghton.

After the meeting the belfry was again visited and the bells kept going until 8 o'clock, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, September 10th, at St. Thomas' Church for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: D. Tuner, L. W. Turner, C. Wm. Cooper, Ernest Turner, A. Reynolds, J. Wm. Smith (conductor), Arthur E. Whatmore, E. S. Bushell. First as conductor, also first for E. S. Bushell away from the table.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BRANCH MEETING.**

A very successful meeting was held at East Ilsley on Saturday, September 9th. Members from the following towers attended: Bucklebury, Beedon, Brightwalton, Compton, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Peasmore, Slaw, Thatcham and East Ilsley. Visitors were present from Abingdon, Cuddesdon, Overton, Portsea, Reading, Stratley, Wokingham and the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), of High Wycombe. A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. B. S. Spencer, Rector of West Ilsley, the Rector of East Ilsley (the Rev. A. Ogle) being on holiday. Mrs. W. East presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Old Schoolroom by Mrs. W. Hibbert, the company including the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch), the Rev. B. S. Spencer, Mrs. A. Ogle and Mr. R. T. Hibbert.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford presided at the business meeting. The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on Saturday, November 18th. The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. B. S. Spencer for his address, to Mrs. W. East (the organist), and Mrs. W. Hibbert and her helpers for providing the tea, which was carried with applause.

Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells after the meeting. The tower was again visited and the bells kept going in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Major.

A DAY IN KENT AND SUSSEX.

The Dartford and district ringers' outing took place on Saturday, September 2nd, to Brighton. The party left at 7.45 a.m., and were joined by ringers at Dartford, Erith and Crayford. A pleasant journey was then made to Tunbridge Wells, via the Hop Gardens, Wrotham and Paddock Wood. On arriving at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, a fine peal of eight bells were soon going and several touches brought round. Arriving at Brighton at 12.45 p.m., lunch was partaken of at Ogden's Cafe. At St. Peter's, Brighton, the ringers enjoyed the fine peal of ten. After tea St. Nicholas', Brighton, with a fine peal of ten, was the next stage, but time there was far too short, as a service was held at 6 p.m. So a little handbell music was rung on the green, much to the delight of the residents. Leaving Brighton at 6.45 p.m., the next stop was Buxted Church, which stands in a beautiful park where deer abound. All ringers here had a pull on the fine peal of eight.

The ringers wish to thank all ringers of the churches and the Vicars of each for the use of the bells, as the success of the outing depended on their co-operation. They also wish to thank Mr. A. Stevens, who made the arrangements for lunch and tea.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, who, first as hon. secretary and then as president, held office for 20 years in the Devon Guild, has been inducted to the living of Staverton, near Daventry, where he took up residence this week.

'The Ringers' Handbook,' of which he and Mrs. Powell are joint authors, can now be obtained from Mr. Powell at Staverton.

Mr. Stephen Plummer, whose letter on Pinner bells appears in another column, has just completed his jubilee as an organist. The Rector, churchwardens and choir of his present church have presented him with a handsome silver-mounted Indian picamento walking stick.

Will ringers please note that the date of meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association, Archdeaconry of Ely, at Chippenham, should have been Saturday next, September 23rd, and not the 16th.

WEDDING BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Southover, Lewes, on September 6th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Marsh and Miss Uridge, the bride being a daughter of one of the vice-presidents of Southover Ringers' Guild. The ringers were: J. Wilmshurst 1, G. P. Elphick (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, C. J. Rugg 3, O. Wood (Seaford) 4, A. J. Turner 5, R. J. Dawe 6, R. W. E. Dawe (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Ward 8.

BRIDGEND RINGER'S DAUGHTER MARRIED.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Iltyd's Church, Bridgend, on Sunday, September 10th, the contracting parties being Mr. Albert A. Worthington, of Bryn Mill, Swansea, and Miss Dorothy Muriel James, daughter of Mr. Rees James, the oldest and much respected member of the Bridgend band. The bride wore a gown of Chantilly lace, with embroidered veil held in place with a coronet of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of red roses. The bridesmaids (Miss Olga James and Miss May Thornton) wore floral organdie dresses, with hats to match, and carried bouquets of sweet peas. As the happy couple left the church the bells were rung by the local men to a touch of Oxford and Grandsire Triples, firing, etc. In the afternoon a peal was rung in their honour. The band take this opportunity of thanking the parents of the bride for their kind hospitality after the peal.

MARRIAGE OF MR. A. R. PINK.

WEDDING CEREMONY AT DORKING.

At St. Martin's Church, Dorking, Surrey, on September 10th, the marriage took place of Mr. Alan R. Pink, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pink, of St. Columh Major, Cornwall, and Miss Elsie A. Cleeve, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cleeve, of Dorking.

Mr. Pink, who is on the staff of the Westminster Bank, at Eton, has been for some years an active ringer in the various districts of Surrey, Hants and Berks, where his duties have taken him. In the Windsor district his enterprise, coupled with the enthusiasm of ringers from various towers in the district, have led to the ringing of peals in a considerable variety of methods. The bride, too, has been an honorary member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild for a number of years.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. E. Robins, who is himself a ringer at Dorking Parish Church, and the bride, who was given in marriage by her father, had as her matron of honour her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Storer. Her youngest brother, Mr. Stanley Cleeve, was the best man.

The bells rang out merrily after the ceremony, which was attended by about 35 guests, and later Mr. and Mrs. Pink left for the Lake District, where the honeymoon was spent.

A large number of presents were received, among them being a cut-glass flower bowl and stand from the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which the bridegroom was formerly secretary.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ASH.

A meeting of the Farnham District was held at Ash on Saturday. Ringing on the peal of six commenced at 3 p.m., and the Guild service was conducted by the Rector of Ash (the Rev. B. J. Scott) at half-past four. The choir were in attendance under the leadership of the choir-master (Mr. L. Mansfield). Miss I. Gillians presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Church Room by Mrs. Bailey, a company numbering 34 (including choir) enjoying a splendid meal.

The Rector was in the chair for the short business meeting, and, following this, Mr. W. H. Viggers proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, Mr. C. D. Mansfield and the local ringers, Mr. L. Mansfield and the choir, Miss Gillians, and Mrs. Bailey and her helpers. This was carried with acclamation, the Rector briefly replying. The tower was then revisited and good practice was put in until 8.30 p.m. Towers represented during the afternoon and evening were Aldershot, Ash, Farnborough, Farnham, Chiddingfold and Worplesdon.

AMONG WORCESTERSHIRE TOWERS.

A 100 PER CENT. WEEK.

After the successful tour in South Wales of September last year, it was unanimously decided to organise a similar ringing tour this year, Worcestershire being selected for the venue, and this summer Mr. Sid Holt was asked if he would arrange the towers and very readily consented. There were originally 12 possibilities for the tour, but only seven were able to make the trip, and six of them met at Paddington on Saturday, September 8th, for the Worcester express. We all regretted the absence of Wilfred Williams, who was the prime mover, but he found himself unable to get away from his business. Worcester was reached at 3.30 p.m., and the first attempt at 5 o'clock was at Hallow, about three miles out of the city. Here we found a fine Taylor eight, tenor 21½ cwt. hung in a tower with a very high pointed steeple. London was selected for the kick-off, and a good peal was brought round in 3 hours 11 minutes, our massive tenorman ably conducting.

On Sunday morning the opportunity was taken for a pull on the Cathedral bells, Stedman Cinques being rung with the local men. These are undoubtedly a magnificent peal, and we took the opportunity of inspecting the bells and the 82 cwt. Bourdon. It was decided to risk the wrath of 'Observer' and attempt a peal on Sunday afternoon at Claines, a village about two miles along the Birmingham Road. The Rector met us and wished us the very best of luck. We were unable to commence ringing until 5.33, but a peal of London was successfully brought round at exactly half-past six. It was a very near thing, as the organ commenced playing immediately we stopped. Here the ringing chamber is open to the church. After the service the bells were lowered.

The larger programme commenced on Monday, and we were up very early to Foregate Street for the train to Hagley. Our morning attempt was at Clent, where we met the Worcestershire veteran, Mr. William Short, and he welcomed us to his tower. He agreed to stand in the peal, the clappers being half-muffled in honour of the late Rector, who had passed away a few days previously. We found a very tuneful peal of eight, tenor 11 cwt., and an ideal belfry for ringing peals, and a splendid peal of London was rung in 3 hours, the third in succession. After a quick lunch, we moved to Hagley and a change of method. We found the church situated in ideal surroundings on the edge of Lord Cobham's park. Here there is a light peal, tenor 8½ cwt., and we decided on Bristol. However, after ringing two courses, the second rope slipped wheel, and as Bristol would not go, Cambridge was put on. The frame here is an old wooden one and very loose, and the bells do not go too well, but Cambridge was successfully rung in 2 hours 59 minutes. We were naturally very pleased at the fourth success.

On Tuesday morning an early train had to be caught for Stourbridge, where Reg. Chance was waiting to guide us for our first visit to Staffordshire. A splendid peal of Bristol was brought round at Brierley Hill, and the band very much enjoyed the peal on these tuneful well going bells and a nice airy belfry. After lunch a move was made to Kinver under the guidance of Mr. John Bass. The church here is situated on a very high hill several hundred feet above the village and possesses a light peal of eight, tenor about 12½ cwt., but long draught of rope. An almost perfect peal of London was successfully rung in 3 hours 6 minutes. No failures so far and the company full of enthusiasm.

Our first attempt on Wednesday was at Hanbury, right in the heart of the countryside, 10 miles from Worcester and well away from any bus route, but Mr. Percy Thomas very ably came to our rescue by loaning us his Lanchester complete with chauffeur. While waiting for the car some of the band had the opportunity of inspecting Mr. Thomas' windmill and pump works, and everything was much admired. On arrival at the church, Mr. Robert Knowles made up our band. It was originally decided to try Bristol, but one whole pull and Cambridge was selected. A new rope had a few days previously been procured for the tenor, but it would equally have done duty for a bell ten times the weight instead of a tenor of 16 cwt. A start was made and the peal of Cambridge rung in 3 hours 3 minutes. The bells did not go too well, especially the treble and two, which hadn't been pulled up for over eight months, but the band stuck to each bell very well and a decent peal resulted. Our next tower was at Bromsgrove. Here Cambridge Royal was successfully accomplished on the mixed peal of ten, with tenor about 18 cwt., in 3 hours 24 minutes, rather longer than the usual peal on these bells, but we did not intend to hurry them unduly. The church is undoubtedly a fine building with a splendid high spire. Mr. Harry Price and other local ringers were waiting to offer us congratulations, and our eighth peal in successive attempts was duly celebrated. We enjoyed Harry's hospitality very much.

Malvern Link, about eight miles out of Worcester and in the shadow of the Malvern hills, was our tower for Thursday morning. Here Mr. Knowles welcomed us to his tower and rang the treble for us. Sidney was enabled to call the first peal of Bristol on the bells and incidentally his first in the method as conductor. He performed very ably without any help from our tenor man, who also knew the peal. These are a splendid octave, tenor 16½ cwt., which sound under ideal conditions in the belfry, and the bells absolutely talk to each other in this very musical method, and the peal, which was practically free

of trips, was rung in 3 hours 18 minutes. The afternoon attempt, at All Saints', Worcester, was not so ideal. Here we found a nice peal of ten, with tenor a ton, but as the tower twists and rocks they are rather a handful to ring, especially for the back enders. However, a very good peal of Stedman Caters was rung in 3 hours 16 minutes.

Our first tower on Friday was at Northfields, on the outskirts of Birmingham. Here we had the assistance of Mr. Pervin, from Coventry, and an excellent peal of London was rung in 3 hours 5 minutes. The belfry and bells here are ideal, the tenor being about 14½ cwt., and the band very much enjoyed the peal. Our afternoon attempt was at St. John's Church, Worcester, just across the river from the Cathedral, and here Bristol was the order. However, three home bolts brought the attempt to a premature end after two courses had been rung, but a second attempt met with success, and our twelfth in succession. This was incidentally the first peal of Bristol on the bells, and the peal was well worthy of the fine bells, with tenor 15½ cwt. After the peal the band enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Lewis, high tea being provided at their home.

On Saturday morning we said farewell to the father of the party, Keith, who departed leaving the bachelors to take care of themselves. Having stood in two attempts daily on four successive days, he was entitled to a rest, and he always prefers to ring at his home tower at Brighton St. Peter's for Sunday service. An eight mile bus ride into the country took the party to Sidney's home place, Crowle, a very peaceful place. However, it was our intention to disturb the peace, and Sidney conducted us to the tower. The bells are a light peal of eight, with tenor 10 cwt., and Cambridge was rung here in 2 hours 48 minutes. The third is very liable to slip wheel, but in Sid's capable hands was successfully rung, although it almost beat him two courses from home. Our tenor man was seen at the light end for the first time on the tour, and performed very ably, whilst Jack and Alf rung the tenors very well in quick time, a very good peal. Back to Worcester and thence by bus to Droitwich Spa for our final attempt at Dodderhill, on the hill opposite the town, with the band fully determined to give of their best so as to obtain all the possibles. These are undoubtedly a very fine peal, having been recast and rehung in a new frame by Taylor's in October last, the tenor being 18½ cwt., and the whole peal splendid in tone. Yorkshire Major was perfectly rung and this musical method sounded well on these bells. After 3 hours 8 minutes our conductor was able to say 'This is all,' and we had successfully accomplished all the 14 peals arranged.

Although only seven made the trip from the South, with the capable assistance of various Worcestershire ringers we were enabled to carry out our programme without a hitch. Everywhere we went we were made very welcome and everyone was very interested in our performances. The company are especially grateful to Mr. Sidney T. Holt for his untiring efforts in obtaining towers and ringers to fill the gaps, also the other ringers who came along to help us at short notice. Every peal was excellently struck, and 13 out of the 14 were Surprise peals. The company were a happy, sociable band. We were made very comfortable by our landlord and his wife. Incidentally the two Saturday peals were rung by all bachelors, also one or two during the week. The whole band voted the week a complete success, both as regards ringing and socially. C. E. S.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A happy gathering of the Central Branch took place at Sutton on Saturday, September 16th. About 27 members and friends were present, including Mr. Harry Chapman and Kate(?) Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., breaking off with Cambridge Surprise. Touches were rung in London, Cambridge, Norwich Surprise, Spliced Treble Bob, Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles. Tea was very kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Woodard) and Church Council. Among the ladies present were Mrs. Woodard, Mrs. G. Few, Mrs. R. Knights and Mrs. C. Gimbert (ringers' wives). A thanksgiving service was held in church at 7 p.m., conducted by Canon Woodard. The Rector gave a very inspiring sermon based on I. Epistle St. Paul to Corinthians, x., 30: 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.'

At a meeting later, a special practice meeting was fixed to take place at Somersham on September 27th, and it was agreed to hold these meetings every third week. The next meeting (general) will be at Longstanton on October 21st, and will be held in conjunction with the Ely Archdeaconry. Watch notice columns in this paper, please.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Stratton St. Margaret on Saturday, September 16th. This handy peal of eight were kept busy from 3 o'clock until about 8.30 p.m., with an interval for refreshments. The hon. secretary was requested to convey the sympathy of the branch members to Mr. Alfred Lawrence on the death of his wife. The older generation of ringers would remember Mr. Lawrence, who was a member of the Swindon Parish Church band for over 50 years. Members and visitors were present from Swindon (Christ Church and St. Mark's), Rodbourne Cheney, Fairford, Wootton Bassett, Colehill and members of the local band. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Major.

WESTMORLAND AND CUMBERLAND.

By W. H. F.

(Continued from page 587.)

THE ROUGH WITH THE SMOOTH

At Carlisle we were involved in two unusual predicaments on Friday night. In the first place, our headquarters were being rebuilt whilst carrying on business as usual. One building in a block of valuable frontages was devoted to bedrooms, approached by back yards, several stairs and landings, that led to discussion on 'pairing off.' The meals were taken in another block, with scaffolding and workmen about and dust and noise enough to destroy all sleep and appetite.

The Very Rev. Cecil Cooper, Dean of Carlisle, had regretfully to refuse a full peal, but kindly sanctioned a half-peal on Saturday. This was altered to an hour's ringing on Friday evening, 8 to 9, when the vergers and the keys were not at home. Another key was procured, and then the mystery of Carlisle tower became acute. Half an hour in finding the key of the stair-door, only to discover that one key answered for both. Arrived in the tower, one member, in the growing gloom, walked round the entire tower in the narrow passage formed in the solid walls, another found the bell loft and saw the bells, but no ringing room was discovered until an electric pocket torch revealed the secret chamber, and at last eight men were within. Stedman Triples was rung with the oldest tenor ringer, 1853, on the oldest ringing bell, 1402. The bells were lowered, clock hammers carefully reinstated and all doors locked, ending what was, to me, an experience of a lifetime. Here the ringing room is beneath the belfry, yet not too noisy, as the old bells are a poor lot and preserved for their historical value. There is little hum note to be heard when ringing, and, like some of the older clergy, their voices are worn by long service to the Church, yet beloved by all who have the privilege to hear them. I was greatly impressed by the fine view of the Cathedral from the north-west; in proportion and outline it is almost a duplicate of Brecon Cathedral as seen from the same angle. These bells were restored in 1925, two trebles by Mears and Stainbank being added to the six old bells of 1658, cast at the charge of Lord Howard and other gentry of the county and city. An excellent report of the dedication and history has already appeared in these columns. There have been two peals rung here, Stedman and Bristol, but there does not appear to be early prospects of a local band scoring a peal, as surrounding offices and business premises deny long peals.

CARLISLE ST. STEPHEN'S.

Our final day together was Saturday, August 11th, and there was much to do before leaving for Penrith by the 12.40 train. A team was selected for Cambridge Major at St. Stephen's Church at 9 a.m. It only went three or four courses and the wise decision made then to look over the dear old Cathedral. The first peal in the county of Cumberland was achieved in this tower on May 18th, 1890, conducted by W. Gregson. The bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1865, tenor 15 cwt., the late Baroness Burdett Coutts being the chief subscriber. She was a lover of church bells and gave the octave to St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, at a total cost of £867 in 1861, as well as helping in the Chertsey restoration of 1859 with three new bells. Speaking from memory, I believe the Baroness, also in 1861, presented the bells to Vancouver, B.C., thus indirectly helping the first peal in the Dominion, 1911, a jubilee peal. Thanks were given to the Vicar and steeplekeeper with apology for not making better use of the opportunity. The band regretted they were unable to come again next Saturday.

'I set the bell a-ringing,
When the bride to the altar was led,
And I lov'd to hear it swinging
So merrily over my head.'

'The Bellringer.'

Gretna Green, the well-known matrimonial village, is situated a few miles out of Carlisle, on the Scottish border. It was visited by a quartette of our party—two married ladies and two bachelors, for safety—the famous blacksmith's shop was sedately inspected, and to the relief of the male members Kate was not present. The smith struck the anvil with his hammer and quoted the old formula, 'Will you,' etc., to a number of tourists gathered round him, but there was nothing doing and no wedding bells. John Linton's portrait is to be seen, priest 1825; and John Murray's chair, 1845-65, and many curios, but the 'tieg of knots' has fallen off. The Registry Office is now supplanting the blacksmith.

Carlisle City was left behind us at 12.30 with a yearning to see more of its surroundings and probe into its stirring history of five centuries. Its Cathedral bells were restored in 1825 in memory of her husband, Canon Rashdale, by Mrs. Rashdale, another instance of the affection for bells shown by the women of England.

PENRITH.

'And a-hunting we will go.'—John Peel.

This handsome and important old sporting town is but a few miles from Shap, and we arrived here for lunch after having completed a circular tour of the two counties of some 170 miles by road, rail and bus, with such brilliant sunshine the whole week that doubts arose as to whether Great Britain was off the gold standard? By kind per-

mission of Canon Byard, we were allowed to attempt an afternoon peal, and our team, reduced to eight, were met at St. Andrew's Church by Mr. Harriman, and found all in readiness. We had the pleasure also of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Spice, of Canterbury, on holiday in the Lake district. At 3 p.m. a start for Superlative, the tenor asking to be 'turned in' and reputed to be 25 cwt., was short lived, the rope coming untucked. This was remedied and the second try ended well.

In 1763, Lester, Pack and Chapman cast a ring of six bells for this tower, tenor 12 cwt., and in 1902 they were increased to eight by Taylor and Co., tenor 10 cwt., when a new iron frame was installed. The belfry is very broad and is rather noisy, with a good circle and draught, and the windows can be opened, so there was no serious distress of any of the band when the happy 'That's all' came to the last peal of the tour.

About the year 1625 a bellfoundry existed in Penrith carried on by Thomas Stafford, whose bells are to be found in several neighbouring parishes. The 'great bell' at Cartmel Priory was cast in 1630 by him at a cost of £7, the founder 'agreeing to make it tuneable with the others.' No work dealing with the church bells of Cumberland has been published, excepting a few odd pieces of information collected by the Rev. H. Whitehead, of Lancaster, issued in 1886. Near Penrith is the home of that notable sportsman Lord Lonsdale, and in the churchyard is buried John Peel, the world-famous 'luntingsman.' If any reader would like instruction in this art I would recommend Troyte's 'Change Ringing,' see page 13. Our party found it most useful climbing the towers of Cumberland for a week. Messrs. Chapman and Jenkins will remember this tower in 1925, when, after barricading the stair door, four or five of the local hands came up and sat on a form stolidly watching the two tenor men until they set up. The bellhanger has been here since that eventful visit.

At 7.31 p.m. we bid farewell to Cumberland, and, our number reduced to six, slept at Kendal for the night. I should now like to thank the Vicar of Broughton for his kind offer of his bells for a Sunday peal. The party having broken up before it came, I fear the parishioners as well as ourselves were a little disappointed. The return journey to London in the afternoon was most restful, a first-class compartment (reserved, but unclaimed) was allotted to us all the way to Euston. We all felt truly grateful for the many kindnesses shown us by the authorities at the respective churches, and fully endorse the sentiments expressed by Canon Rawsley, the first president of the Cumberland Association, in the following lines:—

'Long may the bells of merry Cumberland,
Ring out to call the people unto prayer,
And skill and pious purpose hand in hand,
Week in, week out, climb up the belfry stair.'

W. H. F.

PRESENTATION TO STAINES VETERAN.

On Saturday, September 9th, a meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Staines. The weather was glorious. St. Peter's Church was the venue, and ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., several methods being rung, including Cambridge and London Surprise Major. Shortened evensong was held at 5 p.m., at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Flecker) delivered an address full of inspiration and of obvious sincerity, touching on the duties of bellringers. The local organist (Mr. Willard) attended. Tea was served in the Church Hall, where the large attendance (over 40) taxed the resources of the caterers. Miss Riggs and her assistants proved equal to the task.

Before the usual business meeting, a pleasing little ceremony took place. The Vicar, in a few well-chosen words, said that Staines' oldest ringer, Mr. John Phillips, had just attained his 75th year, of which 60 years had been connected with ringing. To show with what respect and affection they of Staines regarded him, a sum of £6 had been collected to present to him. An illuminated testimonial would be presented later. He personally congratulated Mr. Phillips on his record, and then called on Miss Riggs and Mr. Jackson (both members of the St. Peter's band) to make the presentation, which also included a miniature bell-medal. Mr. Phillips briefly replied.

The business meeting dealt with routine matters. The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) announced that the next meeting would be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th. It was hoped to arrange a social evening on that occasion. Permission had been granted to hold a meeting at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, November 18th. Reference to the second annual supper on Saturday, January 13th, 1934, was also made. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who had contributed towards the success and arranging of the meeting.

After some handbell ringing, St. Peter's tower was revisited. Later the tower of St. Mary's was visited and the bells utilised for an hour. Some delay was experienced by the hon. secretary on his homeward journey through tyre deflections, but, having a well-trained ringer's wife, his excuse was accepted without demur! Morn, marry a ringer!

THE PINNER PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have just read Mr. Hibbert's criticism of my letter to you, re the Pinner half-muffled peal. I am sorry that his zeal as a campanologist should have led him to adopt such a discourteous tone (publicly) to a musician of equal zeal, who was expressing admiration at what seemed to him a most pathetic and beautiful effect.

Had Mr. Hibbert read my letter carefully, he would have seen that my hearing of the peal was of the shortest duration, as I went with my friends from our car to the tea table, and, with the conviviality all around me, could pay no more attention. It was only some days after when my imagination, evidently at fault, conjured up an impression such as I have stated.

I really think that Mr. Hibbert should withdraw his (I almost should say) gibes at my remarks, and not try to make an enemy of (up to that time) an admiring critic.

I only regret that my great friend, the late Mr. William Wooding Starnier, whom you must have known of, as the greatest authority on bells, is not alive to champion my musical instincts, however much they may differ from those of a campanologist.

You might be interested to know that the Phrygian Mode is the most pathetic and beautiful of all the ecclesiastical modes. The greatest musician who ever lived, John Sebastian Bach, has used it to harmonise the first Chorale in his Christmas Oratorio to the words, 'How shall I fitly meet Thee?' the melody of which is the same as that of the tune to the words of No. 111, Hymns Ancient and Modern, the Passion Chorale, 'O Sacred Head,' though there there is another setting of Bach's harmonies to the same melody.

The full scale in the Phrygian Mode will be found on a peal of ten bells, from the highest note downwards, but omitting the tenor and the bell above it, thus: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Note the minor 2nd, the characteristic interval of the scale between the two lowest notes, which gives the desolating effect.

The six bells I imagined would be in a peal of eight bells, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, rung slowly, with an accent on 2, 5, 6. Of course, I understood that the bells were ringing changes, always letting the two characteristic bottom notes end the scale. These six notes might be vocalised, 'Another soul has flown.'

I think you will acknowledge that variations on these six notes, always preserving the position of the last two notes at the end, would constitute a most perfect funeral dirge, and one I should like to feel might be rung for myself, were I thought worthy of it.

Here are two variations I might suggest: 2, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 1, 3, 2, 4, 5, 6.

The tonic-sol-fa names of the six notes of my quotation are, doh, te, lah, soh, fah, me. Each of the ecclesiastical modes has its beginning on a white key of the pianoforte, consisting of eight notes, omitting the black keys. They are Dorian, Phrygian, Lydian, Mixolydian, Aeolian, Sorian and Ionian.

STEPHEN PLUMMER.

September 2nd.

MR. MAURICE HIBBERT EXPLAINS.

Dear Sir.—My letter in 'The Ringing World' of August 25th was not intended for publication, being comments (as one of the band) sent for the editor's perusal. Still, on re-reading both letters, it holds good. I see a Mr. A. Howkins enters the lists on behalf of Mr. Plummer. If Mr. Howkins will kindly read my letter again he will find that I emphasised Mr. Plummer's musical training. What I attacked was his ear, a very different thing. If Mr. Plummer had written as an ordinary individual, I should merely have been amused, but, coming from an organist, it implied, quite unintentionally I have no doubt, a slur on the peal. I emphasise again that he sat for a considerable time under a very resonant peal, ringing half-muffled Stedman Triples in the slow time of 3 hours and 21 minutes.

Then he says he thought there were only six bells ringing, 7-8 being missing. What is the inference most people would draw on reading this, from an organist? They would assume that the bells were in a continual jumble and couldn't be picked out, when, as a matter of fact, it was an excellent peal. I suppose we must grant Mr. Plummer an ear, as a choirmaster, but it was most emphatically absent at Pinner. We have plenty of people in this village who don't know a note, but they know (and comment) when we ring six or seven instead of eight. I am pleased to hear Mr. Plummer is interested in bells, and am very sorry if I have hurt his feelings. I should like to point out to Mr. Howkins that the band who rang the peal are also interested, and ring all the year round, and, unlike most organists, are unpaid.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Bushey, Herts.

SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reading 'The Ringing World' of September 8th I was very much interested by the remarks made by Mr. Jennings with regard to Sunday peal ringing and the Lake District tour. I understand from those remarks that the peal was arranged for the benefit of the parishioners and youth of Orton on that particular Sunday, but I am sure if a vote were taken as to who enjoyed the peal most, the people outside, who were having their day of rest spoiled by three hours' pealing of bells, or the party who were ringing them, I think the voting would be obvious.

Mr. Jennings would have been better advised if he had arranged the peal on a night during the week, when he could have been outside the tower and explained to the crowd gathered there the attraction and fascination that change ringing has for himself and the party ringing the bells. He probably would have converted all the youth of Orton to the view that to be a change ringer was something worth while.

Sunday peal ringing should not be allowed by the Church authorities or recognised by the Exercise. All church bells are dedicated to the service of God, and, Sunday being our Lord's day, service ringing of not more than one hour in duration should be the object of every church bellringer. I agree with 'Observer' that Sunday peals are arranged for peal grabbing and not for the good of change ringing.

I compliment the party who took part in the tour of the Lake District, but I also condemn them for the way they chose their methods in the respective towers—perhaps I ought not to condemn all the party, but only those who had the arrangements in hand.

The following was the order of the day: On arrival at the tower inquiry was made from the local man who was there as to what method had not yet been rung through a peal on the bells. The method having been discovered, a peal was registered as the first peal in the tower of that method. These tactics are those of tower grabbers, without fear of argument.

In this district, where the towers are so scattered and enthusiasm has to be kept at the highest pitch to keep change ringing from dying out, would it not have been for the good of the district to ask the local captain if he had a man who would stand in for a peal. His striking, perhaps, would not be all that could be desired, but before he got through a peal with seven experts who would be in the team his striking would be as good as the rest of them, and he would have learned more in the three hours than all the practising he could ever get with his local band. A party who would tour this district with that object in view would be the pioneers of peal ringing in the Lake District, and their names would be honoured for a generation, whereas the peals recently accomplished by the experts will be regarded as a matter of form to such men and forgotten by the local tower in twelve months.

I must apologise, sir, if I have taken up too much of your valuable space, but I could have said more, and I sign myself, not by a noble plume, but

TYSON HOGARTH.

Keswick, Cumberland.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A VISIT TO THE HOME OF JASPER W. SNOWDEN.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Ilkley on Saturday, September 9th. Members were present from the following towers: Armley, Burley, Bradford, Brighouse, Batley, Brantley, Guiseley, Headingley, St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Keighley, Holbeck, Low Moor, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Ripon, Sheffield, Shipton and Shipley, with the local members. Although the bells were not of the easiest going, various methods were rung throughout the day.

Ten was served in Oddy's Cafe, and, through the generosity of Mr. Crawshaw, of Ilkley, a good tea was enjoyed at a reduced cost. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson), the business meeting was presided over by Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A., the president of the association. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted. The following new members were elected on the motion of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. J. W. Baxendall: Messrs. G. W. Debenham (St. Albans), Wilfred Hellwell (Bolton, Lancs), C. Renton (Armley).

Canon C. C. Marshall, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, said that it was always a pleasure to visit the home of our founder and first president, Jasper W. Snowden. Mr. J. Cotterell seconded the motion.

Mr. J. Cotterell proposed that the best thanks be accorded to the local company, especially to Mr. Crawshaw for his generosity in the reduced cost of the tea. Mr. J. W. Baxendall seconded the motion. Mr. Crawshaw responded on behalf of the local company and promised to convey to the Vicar the vote of thanks accorded him.

Mr. J. Cotterell proposed, and Mr. F. G. Sherwood seconded, that the December meeting be held at Armley. The question of organised ringing at these meetings was discussed, and the committee are to report at the next meeting. This concluded the meeting, and some adjourned to the tower for further ringing, others to view the beauties of the moors and river.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT.

The first meeting ever held at Middleton-on-the-Wolds took place on Saturday, September 9th, when the quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held. A choral service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Wilson, M.A.), who preached a very good sermon on the various uses of bells in calling people to prayer.

Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, a native of Middleton, who learnt to handle a bell on this musical ring of six bells, on learning of this meeting at Middleton, wired the secretary and asked to be allowed the pleasure of bearing the cost of the tea. He also sent some copies of 'The Ringers' Handbook' and 'Village Bells,' several copies of the current issue of 'The Ringing World' and cigarettes to be handed round after tea. He expressed the wish that the various towers in the district who received the books would make good use of them. He also wrote the tower secretary at Middleton asking what state the ropes were in. On receiving this report, he instructed Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, to supply a new set of ropes and six new mats for the belfry. He instructed the local secretary to have the old ropes sent away to be repaired, and said he wished everything to be in perfect order for the comfort of the visitors. Before commencing tea, the Rector sent, on behalf of all the guests, a telegram of grateful thanks and best wishes to Mr. Wood for his generosity. This action of the Rector's was received with loud applause. A bountiful tea was supplied to the 36 ringers present.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector presided. Mr. F. Cryer, in moving a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make such a successful meeting, referred to Mr. Wood's extreme kindness. He remembered corresponding with him in his (Mr. Wood's) early days as a ringer, and impressed upon the local ringers the necessity of reading the books over and over again, advising them to obtain a set of handbells to practise on. He asked them to act on Mr. Wood's advice and have combined practices with other towers in the vicinity. This being seconded by Mr. Middleton, of Beverley, was carried with acclamation. Two new members were elected. Messrs. F. Braithwaite, of St. Mary's, Beverley, and L. G. Marritt, of Patrington.

Beverley was chosen as the next place of meeting in December. Further ringing on tower and handbells closed one of the most successful and enthusiastic meetings ever held in the Eastern District. The towers represented were Beverley Minster and St. Mary's, Goole, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Selby and Withernsea, and the local company were in full force.

NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (Hinckley District) AND WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Members please note that the meeting fixed for Stoney Stanton on Saturday, September 23rd, has been postponed.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, September 30th. 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.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Rhyl on Saturday, September 30th. A service will be held at St. Thomas' Church at 3 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know as soon as possible?—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Crowe, Town End, Hatfield, near Thorne, not later than the 28th? Method for special practice, Superlative Surprise.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. Other arrangements as usual.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

CHULMLEIGH CHURCH BELLS. A FINE DEVON TOWER.

The ancient town of Chulmleigh was formerly a borough, but it does not appear that it ever sent burgesses to Parliament. The original Charter of Chulmleigh was granted to John de Courtenay, the then lord of the manor, authorising him to hold a market every Thursday and a fair once a year, on the feast of St. Mary Magdalene (to whom the church is dedicated). The Charter was signed by Henry III. in 1242. The church and tower are magnificent buildings, the tower itself being about 100ft. high.

The collegiate or prebendal church is certainly worthy of being reckoned among the many other fine churches in North Devon, standing as it does on the top of a hill, over 500ft. above sea level, overlooking the valleys of the Rivers Taw and Little Dart, over which the beautiful peal echoes and re-echoes.

Chulmleigh bells are well known for their sound and sweetness. Until 1924 they were a ring of six bells. Then two more were added, which were given by Mr. W. P. Martin, of Colleton Manor, and Mr. T. Sanders. The tenor weighs 28 cwt. The inscriptions on the trebles are:—

1.—In memory of Old Comrades N.D. Hussars who fought in the war 1914-18. Given by Thomas Sanders, Chulmleigh, 1924. Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Note E flat. Dia. 30in. Weight 6 cwt. 3 qr.)

2.—To the Glory of God. In memory of the men of Chulmleigh who fell in the Great War 1914-18. Presented by W. P. Martin and M. C. Martin. Colleton, 1924. Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. (Note D. Dia. 21in. Weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.)

The inscriptions on the original six bells are:—

Treble.—M. for Omnes. Pax. Lewes. Huins. Ecclesiae. Rectore, E.E. W.E.

2nd.—Apud Fratres Caritas. E.E. W.E.

3rd.—Erga. Deum. Pietas. Iohn Foss. Gent. E.E. W.E.

4th.—Thio. Tannar. Wm. Marker. Chw. EE. In. Ecclesia Episcopatus.

5th.—Iohn Chaunt. Simon Harris. Gent. E.E. W.E. Floreat Regno Monerchia.

Tenor.—Thoma. Bury. Armigero. Guardiano. E. W.E. Gloria Deo In Excelsis.

The date of the bells is 1718. Last August a visit was paid by a band of the Devonshire Guild, and the 'first peal of scientific ringing' was accomplished on the eight bells. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples. It greatly interested the listeners, but the Rector was away on holiday, and so was not able to give the expert campanologists the welcome he would have liked. Two of them (formerly parishioners) were on holiday from High Wycombe. Mr. Percy Newton, who was the conductor of the peal, and his brother Arthur, their father, Mr. Hyla Newton, and their brother, Mr. Levi Newton, reside at Chulmleigh. It is hoped that some day Chulmleigh, with the population of over 1,200, will be able to provide a full band of change ringers affiliated to the Devon Guild.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.—At Christ Church on Sunday, August 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,222 changes) in 42 mins. by the following from Trowbridge: J. Bilby 1, W. Loud 2, J. Francis 3, C. Raison 4, N. Andrews 5, W. Baxter 6, S. Hector (conductor) 7, C. Andrews 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, September 17th, at Christ Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Austin (first quarter-peal) 1, R. W. Hyner 2, R. G. Townsend 3, C. J. Gardiner 4, J. Berry 5, S. Palmer 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, A. E. W. Smith 8. Rung as a compliment to the tenor man on attaining his 65th birthday and on completion of 47 years' service with the G.W.R.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 28th; at 7.30 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tickhill, near Rotherham, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at 9d. per head. Business meeting in the Parish Room after tea. Subscriptions for 1933 should be paid at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of the memorial (including the retuned ring of 8 bells with recast sixth) to the late Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (first hon. treasurer of the Guild), will take place at Woking Parish Church at 7.15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22nd. On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, members of the Guild are invited to take part in a special service at 3 p.m. at Old Woking, after which the bells will be open to all ringers. Tea (1s. each) at the Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six bell contest at New Mill on September 23rd. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brightwell, Berks, on Saturday, September 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queens Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Northern District).—A joint meeting of the above will be held by invitation of the Rector at St. Matthew's Church, Stretford (new ring of 8) on Saturday, September 23rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (free) 4.45 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Buses for Stretford leave Parker Street bus station, Piccadilly, Manchester, every few minutes.—L. Noel Cawthorne and Donald Brown, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. S. Tonkinson). A bus will leave Portland Street at 2.30. P.S.—Bishop's Cleeve bells will be dedicated on the 30th inst. at 7 p.m. by the Venerable Archdeacon of Gloucester.—Walter Yeend, Mellford, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. I should be glad to receive annual subscriptions. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Oakham on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Robert G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westbourne on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Homey Cafe (1s. 3d.) each. Tower 1 mile north from Emsworth Station.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Kilndown on Saturday, September 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, after the service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (six bells) on Saturday, September 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The autumn meeting will be held at Guisborough on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6, tenor 9 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at Wear's Cafe, Church Street, at 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury (six bells) on Saturday, September 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Please note that the joint meeting with the W.G. at Claybrook is unavoidably postponed. Instead a meeting will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, September 23rd, to which Warwickshire Guild members are cordially invited. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at moderate charge.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Chippenham on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chawton, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6), available from 2.30, also at Bentworth (5), about three miles distant. Service at S. Nicolas', Chawton, 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly send in their names by Thursday, 28th?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A joint meeting with the East Grinstead Guild will be held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, September 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Amended Notice. Meeting at Great Totham (6 bells) on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those notifying Mr. P. G. Sayer, Great Totham, Maldon, Essex, not later than September 27th.—A. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at Crown Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. A game of skittles has been arranged for during the evening. Kindly let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, the 27th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoodleigh, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be at tea notify me certain by Monday, September 25th, or arrangement will be difficult?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Lancaster on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4 p.m., when the address will be given by Rev. Canon Pollard, Vicar of Lancaster. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, September 30th. Ringing at Bradfield from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Guild members 6d., non-members 9d. Englefield and Theale bells available after tea. Please notify Mr. J. Butler, Marriners, Bradfield, for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 30th, at Ripley (eight bells). Committee meet in Parish Room 3.30 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d. per head) only to those who advise Mr. A. Hutchinson, Market Place Cafe, Ripley, Derby, before September 28th. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Moorside on Saturday afternoon, September 30th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stutton (six bells) and Holbrook (six bells) on Saturday, September 30th. Tea at Holbrook Compasses at 4.30 p.m. (1s. each). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Festival at Durham, Saturday, September 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 5, with address by the Dean of Durham. Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 6 o'clock, followed by the annual meeting, and concluding with a social evening. Will those requiring dinner (members 2s. 6d., non-members 3s. 6d.) please notify me by the 28th? Admission to Cathedral belfry at 2, 2.30, 3.30, 4 and 4.30 only. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The 6th cup contest will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, September 30th, commencing 3 p.m. Bells open to visitors after tea. Please notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop, if you require tea. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, NEAR CHELTENHAM.—The dedication will take place on Saturday, September 30th, at 7 p.m., of the heavy ring of six bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Carshalton on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., tea and meeting following. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned by Wednesday, September 27th. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Mears Ashby (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Will all requiring tea please let me know by September 27th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (five bells) on Saturday, September 30th.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tortworth on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Nearest station, Charfield.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting will be held at 8.15 p.m. on Monday, October 2nd, following a practice at 6.30 p.m. at St. Clement Danes', Strand. All members should attend.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than October 4th.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Piddington on Saturday, October 7th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. Bells available 2.30 to 3.30 and after meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Willesden, Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me without fail by October 4th. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at St. Peter's Church, Glasbury. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (in Church Hall) to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please advise me? These bells have recently been recast and rehung in modern fittings.—E. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting to be held at Bampton on Saturday, October 7th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Talbot Hotel. All those wishing to attend let me know by first post Thursday, October 5th.—W. Evetts, jun., Branch Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 7th. Service at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Gaywood's Rooms, at 5.15 p.m. Canterbury Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (6) and St. Alphege (6) bells available. Tea provided only for those who notify me on or before Thursday, October 5th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A bye-meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Tickets for Jubilee Dinner (3s. 6d.) are available, early application necessary.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham, Sussex.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOUCESTER.—New treble added to complete ring of six (tenor 14 cwt.). Frame repaired and new fittings supplied by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication by Right Rev. E. J. Palmer, Assistant Bishop of Gloucester, on Sunday, October 8th, at 11 a.m. Bells available during the afternoon. All ringers welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitefield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, October 14th. The chair will be taken by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, at 6 p.m. All applications for tickets (4s. each) to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, not later than the first post on Tuesday, October 10th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and visitors staying at York over the week-end will be welcomed in the Minster belfry on the Sunday morning.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 14th. Full particulars next week.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. T. Jesson) a joint meeting of the Tewkesbury and Cheltenham Branches will be held at Bishop's Cleeve on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. All ringers welcome. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by the 10th?—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—Bicentenary Celebration, Saturday, October 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Magdalen (10 bells) 2 to 3 p.m., St. Giles' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Ebbe's (8), 3 to 4 p.m., Christ Church (12) 4 to 5, followed by service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Reception by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Oxford at the Town Hall 5.45 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. Tickets, 5s. each, to be obtained not later than October 14th, from V. Bennett, Hon. Sec., 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 11th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Preliminary Notice.—The second annual supper will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934, at the Red Lion Hotel, High Street, Hounslow.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. Williams has removed to 3, Belgrave Street, Brighton; Mr. Geo. L. Joyce (of Leytonstone) has removed to Hilltop, Ravenscourt Grove, Hornchurch, Essex.

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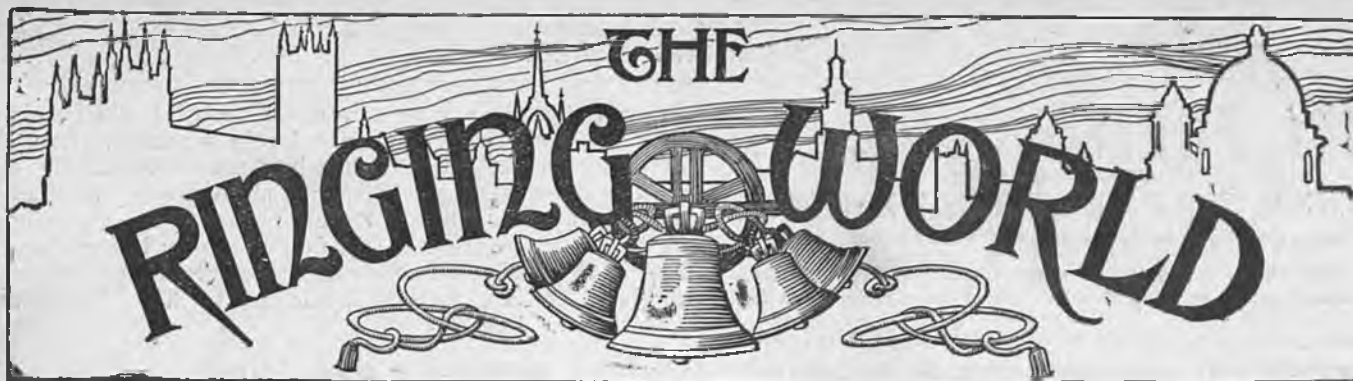
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	HOWARD HOWELL 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	ALFRED ADAMS 8
*BERT HORTON 3	WALTER R. HUGHES 9
EDGAR T. SMITH 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
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HARRY T. HIGGINS 6	HENRY E. GREEN Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

A. JAMES HARRIS Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 6
*RONALD H. DOVE 2	PERCY L. HARRISON 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
*DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE 4	COLIN HARRISON 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by Wm. Pye. Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. The conductor's 300th peal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
HARRY HOPKINS 2	JOSEPH MARKS 7
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 3	ERNEST BRETT 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9
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Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a 29th birthday compliment to Henry William Hawkins, son of the treble man, and to enable the ringer of the 6th to ring his first peal of Cambridge Royal.

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(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, September 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE 6
RALPH COLES 2	FRANK WEST 7
JAMES W. WILKINS 3	P. S. CECIL A. SMITH 8
GEORGE F. HINTON 4	EDWARD R. COLES 9
F. DONALD BOREHAM 5	WILLIAM H. PLUMBRIDGE Tenor

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DARKE Treble	JOHN S. MORTON 5
*CYRIL E. PALMER 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
THOMAS H. CULVER 3	†BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	LIONEL J. CULLUM Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 50th peal, also first peal as conductor.

STRETFORD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT Treble	NORMAN HEAPS 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6
ROBERT DAVIES 3	JOHN POTTER 7
WILFRED J. MOSS 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER Tenor

Composed by the Rev. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by J. POTTER.

First peal on the bells, which were dedicated by the Bishop of Manchester on the 14th inst. Rung to celebrate the inauguration of the borough of Stretford, which took place the same day.

PINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
*ERNEST J. RUNTER 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
HERBERT DEVENISH 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the 80th birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sadler, of Great Tey, which occur on the 18th and 22nd September. Monthly peal for the district.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

ERIC SPEAKE Treble	HAROLD L. FLAVELL 5
THOMAS G. MARTIN 2	NORMAN G. LEECH 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
CHARLES R. COLLINS 4	*VICTOR FERGUSON Tenor

Conducted by A. D. COLLINS.

* First peal. This is believed to be the first peal rung by members of a Church Army Social Centre, and was rung by eight members of the Blakenhall Branch as a mark of respect and farewell to Capt. and Mrs. R. S. Richardson, the local officers, prior to their departure for Egypt.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	PETER CHARMAN 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	JOHN COOK 6
WILLIAM M. STONE 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7
RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, September 17th, in connection with the harvest festival for a young people's service at the Church of St. Edmund, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 27 mins.: Miss D. G. Moir (first attempt on tower bells) 1, H. T. Eastbrooke (first 720 'inside') 2, A. S. Toseland 3, H. Patrick 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

BROAD CLYST, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE STOCKER Treble	EDWARD SPRAGUE 5
ALFRED LOVERING 2	JOHN R. HAYMAN 6
FRED DIMOND 3	WILLIAM HAYMAN 7
JOHN M. SKINNER 4	CHARLES R. SANDFORD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ARTHUR STEDMAN Treble	NICHOLAS NEWBY 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 6
GORDON WHITIAM 3	JAMES E. BURLS 7
*JAMES E. BROWN 4	WILLIAM LANGHORNE Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Arranged for Mr. Brown, of Whitehaven.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	J. WILLIAM CLARKE 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung in a new frame last December by Taylors. The circle was formerly anticlockwise. The band is particularly grateful to the Rector for affording the opportunity to ring this peal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMEROSE, BRISTOL EAST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MRS. F. SKIDMORE Treble	JOHN G. JEFFERIES 5
†ALBERT C. BAKER 2	FRANK SKIDMORE 6
ALFRED KNIGHT 3	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 7
GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE 4	*JOHN COX Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKIDMORE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Triples as conductor. Arranged as a wedding compliment to the Rev. F. H. Cresswell Higgs (curate), who was married at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on September 12th. An attempt on the day of the wedding failed after about 1 hour 20 minutes.

PETERSTONE WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	HUGH THOMAS 5
ALFRED W. HEATH 2	PETER HEATH 6
EVAN COLES 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
FREDERICK HANNINGTON 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Arranged specially and rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Hilda Heath and Mr. Albert Stoodley, which took place the same afternoon at the neighbouring Parish Church of Rumney. The bride is the daughter of Mr. A. W. Heath, the ringer of the second bell, and a sister of the ringer of the 6th. The band take this opportunity of wishing them long life and happiness.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. BUNN 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	FRANCIS W. NADNTON 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
ALBERT E. WHITING 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First in the method by 5th ringer, and first in the method with an 'inside' bell by 4th ringer. J. Bennett has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5060 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
JOSEPH MARKS 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
FREDERICK DIGBY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 18.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	CHARLES DRAPER 6
JOSEPH BAILLY 3	WALTER ALLWOOD 7
NORMAN C. LEWIS 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The peal was arranged for Mr. N. C. Lewis, B.Sc. It was his first peal of Stedman.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FRED PRICE Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM 2	*FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS 4	JONATHAN PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* 100th peal. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, it being his first peal for 38 years. The thanks of the band are due to him for his hospitality after the peal.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ALFRED L. RYMAN Treble	BERNARD SAUNDERS 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	ROBERT J. DAWE 6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ERNEST J. OLIVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KERBLE Treble	WILLIAM DENT 5
AMBROSE MASON 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
GEORGE RASHBROOK 3	*JOHN W. EUSTON 7
WILLIAM CHALK 4	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM KERBLE.

* First peal of Surprise. This makes the 15th tower the conductor has 'circled.'

SIX BELL PEALS.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.

EDWIN JENNINGS Treble	JOHN MCLEAN 4
JAMES E. BROWN 2	THOMAS W. VAREY 5
ALAN W. CASSON 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHEWAITE Tenor

Conducted by G. E. BRAITHEWAITE.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED H. MARTIN Treble	AMOS SMART 4
WALTER PERKINS 2	FRANCIS BALL 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER:

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Two Hours and 1 thirty-Nine Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
PERCY L. HARRISON 3-4	*C. FERGUSON HOWITT 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

* First peal 'in hand.'

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

*LILIAN M. WHEELER 1-2	†GEORGE W. FLETCHER 5-6
†GEORGE B. COLLINS 3-4	EDITH K. FLETCHER 7-8

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

Umpire—Jas. Parker.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

BARNEHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, September 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 9, BEVERLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

GEORGE J. BUTCHER 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3-4	EDWARD J. BEER 7-8
STUART SANDFORD 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpire—Harry Hovord.

First peal of Treble Ten 'in hand' by all. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bevan.

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NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	3	GABRIEL LINDOFF	8
WILLIAM PYE	4	JAMES BENNETT	9
JOHN G. NASH	5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise Royal in the county and by the Guild.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	GABRIEL LINDOFF	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
JOHN G. NASH	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	7
GABRIEL LINDOFF	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..	...Treble	JAMES BENNETT	5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	2	GABRIEL LINDOFF	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
JOHN G. NASH	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

JAMES BENNETT ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	GABRIEL LINDOFF	6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Hallows,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	5
JOHN G. NASH	2	WILLIAM PYE	6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	3	GABRIEL LINDOFF	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES BENNETT	Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung on the harvest festival.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	6
JOHN G. NASH	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

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

First Surprise peal on the bells and first peal in the method in the Isle of Wight. Rung on the harvest festival.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN G. NASH ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	2	GABRIEL LINDOFF	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells and first peal in the method in the Isle of Wight.

LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	6
GABRIEL LINDOFF	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM PYE	5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
JOHN G. NASH	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	GABRIEL LINDOFF	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
JOHN G. NASH	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	...Treble	JOHN G. NASH	5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
GABRIEL LINDOFF	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

RINGING TOUR IN HAMPSHIRE.

WITH A HOP INTO THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A full measure of success on a ringing tour is an event to be proud of, and the Hampshire tourists sincerely congratulate their Worcester-shire 'rivals' on the ringing of all the peals attempted. That the same measure of success did not attend their own efforts was, perhaps, due to a little bad luck, although nothing is certain in peal ringing, but the bare fact remains that two were lost through causes other than lapses on the part of the ringers themselves. Indeed, it was noticeable that on no occasion was a second start necessary, and, apart from the two abortive attempts, the programme arranged was carried out in its entirety.

The band met at North Stoneham at 4.30 p.m. on the 16th inst., where a good peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung, conducted by Mr. George Williams. The next morning London Surprise Major, Cambridge Royal and Grandsire Caters were the order for morning service, in which some of the local ringers took part.

At Dibden in the afternoon an attempt was made for London, but after one hour's good ringing the sixth rope broke below the sally ('Observer,' please note!). The whole of the party were afterwards the guests of the chairman of the Southampton Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild to tea at the Rectory. Mr. and Mrs. Triton were warmly thanked by the ringers, before departure, for their generous hospitality. On Sunday evening part of the band rang at St. Mary's, Southampton, whilst others paid a visit to Christchurch Priory, where Grandsire Cinques was rung for even-song with other visitors and the local ringers.

Apart from the successful peals, which are duly recorded in the appropriate columns, an attempt was made for Bristol at Romeys Abbey on Tuesday, which failed after 2 hours and 50 minutes through the 5th rope slipping wheel, leaving the bell set up. Enough said!

At Whitchurch on Wednesday, after a good peal of Superlative had been rung, the band and friends were entertained to tea at the Vicarage by the Rev. M. S. and Mrs. Douglas.

Thursday was a busy day, a rush to the Isle of Wight and back leaving not much time to spare, but two good peals were the result of the visit. Friday and Saturday brought four more successes, the peal ringing part of the tour concluding with a good peal of London at Ringwood. Six of the band shared in the conducting, and it is a point worthy of notice that Mr. Lindoff last called a peal of Cambridge 40 years ago!

The tour was arranged in an admirable way by Mr. George Williams, to whom the thanks of Mr. William Pye and his colleagues are due. Sincere thanks are also accorded to the Rector of Dibden and Mrs. Triton, and to the Rev. and Mrs. Douglas, of Whitchurch, for their hospitality, also to the several towerkeepers for having the bells ready at the towers visited. Practice on Tuesday evening at St. Mary's, Southampton, was attended by some of the party, whilst on Saturday, after the peal at Ringwood, some eight members of the band paid a visit to Christchurch Priory, where Mr. George Preston had very kindly arranged a special practice for their benefit. Touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve were rung on the very fine peal in this beautiful old building, making a fitting termination to a very enjoyable ringing holiday. It is hardly necessary to add that the lovely scenery of the New Forest was greatly enjoyed on the many occasions it was passed through, whilst the shipping in Southampton Water was an object of interest, the 'Berengaria,' the 'Majestic' in dry-dock and the 'Empress of Britain' being specially noticed.

HANDBELLS AT WINCHESTER PRISON.

A LECTURE TO H.M.'s GUESTS.

Mr. Wilfred Andrews, a prominent member of Winchester Rotary Club, and captain of the Cathedral ringers, was invited to lecture on bells and change ringing at H.M. Prison, Winchester, on Wednesday, September 21st. He was accompanied by Mr. G. Noice and Miss Noice.

The party were met at the main entrance by the chaplain and chief warden, and were escorted through numerous doors and iron gates, and up winding stairs to the chapel, where about 200 prisoners were privileged to be present.

The lecturer, armed with a large assortment of manuscript, photographs and books, kept his audience's keen attention for about 30 or 40 minutes. He explained the casting of bells and how they were hung in church towers for ringing, and also described with the aid of diagrams on a blackboard the method of change ringing. He mentioned several outstanding peals of considerable merit that had been rung recently, including the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Exeter Cathedral, which he described as a very fine performance.

Miss Noice (1-2-3-4) and G. Noice (5-6-7-8) then rang on handbells courses of Grandsire Doubles and Triples and one or two other selections. This is believed to be the first change ringing ever done in one of H.M. Prisons.

At the conclusion, one of H.M. guests thanked the lecturer and his helpers for the very pleasant hour spent.—Mr. W. Andrews, responding on behalf of his colleagues and himself, said they were well repaid if a little pleasure had been given.

VETERAN AUSTRALIAN RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. J. M. GUEST.

The death occurred on August 15th at Melbourne, Australia, of a well-known ringer, Mr. J. M. Guest, at the advanced age of 87 years.

Mr. Guest had been closely associated with ringing in Melbourne since his arrival there about the year 1880, first at St. James' Cathedral and later at St. Paul's Cathedral when the latter was consecrated in 1891. He remained at St. Paul's Cathedral for five years and then gave up ringing.

In 1907 he was induced to return, and remained an active member up to the time of his death. Mr. Guest rang in two peals—conducting Holt's ten-part January 1st, 1890, a year before the Cathedral was completed. Thirty-six years later (1926), at the age of 80, he rang the 6th to Reeves' Variation of the same peal, conducted by the late Arthur Fitzgerald. Mr. W. R. Madgwick also rang in this peal. With increasing years Mr. Guest seldom attempted to call, preferring to leave this to younger and aspiring men.

Mr. Guest was a native of Staffordshire, England, and attributed much of his knowledge to that well-known ringer and teacher, the late Mr. William Micklewright.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KNUTSFORD RECORD PEAL BAND.

The Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their quarterly meeting at Marple on Saturday, September 16th. The weather was gloriously fine and sunny, and the old six bells were set going early. These bells were cast by Rudhall and hung in Stockport Parish Church, where they did duty until a new ring was installed there about 1800. Some years later the old bells were hung at Marple, where they have been ever since.

Service was held in the church at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Spackman), who also gave the address. Tea followed in the Parish Institute, at which over 40 sat down.

At the business meeting, which was held outside in the grounds, the chairman, Mr. James Fernley, sen., congratulated the band who had rung the record peal of Treble Bob Minor at Knutsford on August 5th. He said that it was a very great achievement, and they deserved every credit for their performance. They had upheld the prestige of the branch for Minor method ringing. The branch was proud of them, and hoped they would go on further still and break their own record in the future.

There was no business on the agenda for this meeting, and, after votes of thanks to the Vicar and all who had catered for the tea, a return was made to the tower.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MEET AT TICKHILL.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Tickhill on Saturday, when upwards of 30 members were present, the towers represented being Conisborough, Rawmarsh, Ecclesfield, Eastwood, Rotherham, Barnsley, Doncaster, Norton, Arksey, Sheffield Cathedral and the local company. Touches in methods ranging from Stedman to Double Norwich were rung previous to tea.

At the business meeting Mr. G. Lewis presided. Messrs. W. H. and J. C. Taylor, of Handsworth, were elected members of the association.

For the next meeting on December 16th an invitation was kindly given by the Rotherham company to have the meeting at that tower, and this was accepted with thanks.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens and to the local company concluded the meeting. It was very interesting to learn that one visitor had travelled from Essex, via Grimsby, to attend this meeting, which must be something of a record, but it is not true he was brushing up the dialect ready for the Snowden dinner at York.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Elkstone on Saturday afternoon, attended by some 30 members. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. S. Tonkinson, and a most interesting address delivered by the Rev. P. C. W. Earee. Tea, by invitation of the Rev. Tonkinson, was presided over by the branch chairman, Archdeacon Sears.

The business meeting was very short, and handbell ringing was indulged in and much appreciated.

Grateful thanks were accorded to all who had helped to make the meeting such a happy one. Amongst those present were the Rev. N. E. Hope, of Chedworth, and Mr. Fred Townsend, of Poole, Dorset.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN BRANCH.**

A meeting of the above branch was held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, September 16th. The bells were available to the visitors from 3 p.m., and several good touches were brought round before service time, which was 4.15. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Card, who gave an inspiring address on the duty of the ringer to his church and services.

Tea was served in the schools and was presided over by the Vicar. The business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the chair. Although a non-ringer, he very tactfully conducted the business. He was supported by Mr. W. Short (Ringing Master of the association), Mr. H. F. Martin, Bromsgrove (Ringing Master of the branch), Mr. C. W. Cooper (librarian), Mr. H. Mason, of Hagley, and Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary).

The secretary read a letter from the Stourbridge ringers, giving them a very hearty invitation to hold their next meeting at Stourbridge on January 6th, 1934. It was unanimously agreed to accept that very kind invitation for the new year. Mr. A. Wyer, of Cradley, was disappointed that he had not been earlier with his invitation.

Special reference was made to the loss the association had sustained by the death of the Rev. P. C. Thomas, Vicar of Clent, who was always a warm friend of the association; also to Mr. W. Page, of Worcester, who had filled several offices of the association, the members standing in silence for a brief period. Apologies were received from Mr. W. B. Cartwright, of Selly Oak, and Mr. H. Martin, of Birkenhead.—The Ringing Master of the branch, Mr. H. F. Martin, and the branch secretary were re-elected, and Mr. W. H. Webb, of Halesowen, was elected Central Committee representative. On the proposal of Mr. H. Mason, the Vicar (the Rev. H. Card) was elected an honorary member. Several performing members were also elected.

It was decided that the quarterly peal be attempted by the local company and conducted by G. H. Detheridge, jun. Mr. W. H. Webb emphasised the importance of the branch. The largest part of the county was in that branch. The secretary also asked the members to be kind enough to allot themselves the duty of letting him know if they would be likely to attend the meetings. He had only 30 names sent in, yet 60 turned up for tea. It was hardly fair to him or to the local ringers who had to provide for them.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the ringers' wives who had so kindly assisted at the tables on the proposal of the Vicar, and he spoke very highly of their husbands, who gave of their best Sunday by Sunday.

Mr. H. F. Martin said it gave him great pleasure to move a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the kind way he had received the ringers, for arranging the service and presiding at that meeting.

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BY G. LINDOFF.

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and for the use of his bells, and to all those who had assisted to make them feel at home. The vote was carried with applause.—The Vicar, in reply, thanked them very sincerely for their vote of thanks and hoped the next time the branch visited Rowley Regis things would be more prosperous and they would be able to entertain them to tea.

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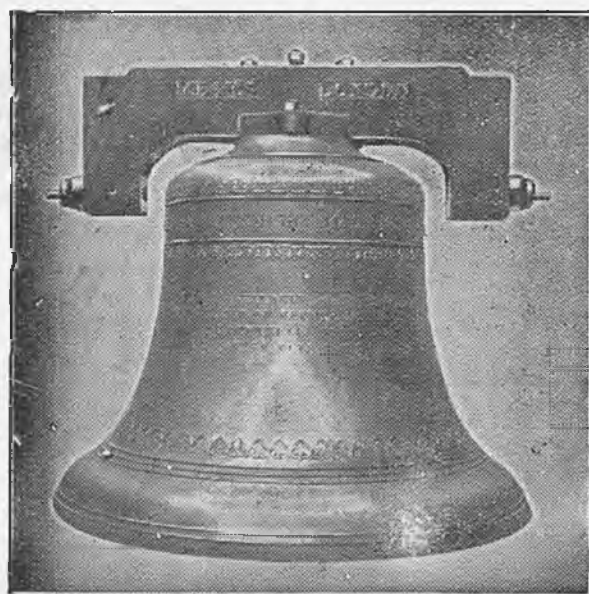
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A number of letters to the Editor are unavoidably held over.

The memorial to the late Mr. H. W. Wilde will be opened on October 28th. The memorial takes the form of a tablet, cast in bell metal and placed in the baptistry of Eccleston Church, near the belfry door. The tablet has been made by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Last Saturday, Mr. George H. Williams rang in a peal of Stedman Triples at Coleshill. It was his first peal for 38 years! What a gap!

Mr. D. Cecil Williams, of Shirley, Southampton, has just taken the degree of Mus.Bac. in the University of Durham. Few ringers have achieved similar distinction.

Mr. W. J. Moss, of Stretford, Lancs, has just completed 35 years' service at St. Matthew's Church, where he learned to ring in 1898. He rang his first peal in 1902, and on September 18th of the same year his first peal in his home tower.

The 3rd bell at Rowberrow, Somerset, which was cracked by a chiming hammer, has been recast by Major J. H. B. Hesse, of Haslemere, Surrey, and his sister, Mrs. Marshall, of Wroughton, in memory of their father and mother, the late Lt.-Col. J. B. and Mrs. E. M. Hesse.

The cracking of this bell was the source of some discussion at the last meeting of the Central Council.

A gentleman wrote to us this week for a copy of a method sheet and enclosed the cost—3d. We do not supply these publications; therefore, the application was forwarded to the hon. librarian of the Central Council. Moreover, the 3d. was sent through the post in coin of the realm—result, a surcharge of 6d. on the letter! This is going to be a profitable transaction for someone.

The Rev. C. Elliott Wigg, curate at All Saints', High Wycombe, who was recently appointed Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was on Sunday, in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, ordained priest. A peal in honour of the event was rung by a local band, of which Mr. Wigg is a popular member, at High Wycombe on the same day.

A member of the Oxford University Society was giving some explanations to a beginner, when a friend standing by, but not interested in the matter, observed, 'It doesn't sound a very respectable sort of business—such a lot of dodging and lying in it.'

By the way, the first meeting of the society for the new academical year will be held on October 10th.

The peal of Bob Royal rung at Gravesend on Sunday, September 17th, should have been credited to the Kent County Association.

REMOVAL OF A LINCOLN CHURCH.

ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES TO BE DEMOLISHED.

A £15,000 scheme to remove the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, to another district has been adopted. The new site is in the parish of St. Giles, and the material of the old church is to be absorbed into a new and larger building, which, owing to the circumstances of the site, is to face west instead of east.

St. Peter-at-Arches has a ring of eight bells and a 'ting-tang.' These are to be retuned by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and hung in the new church.

PREJUDICE IN HIGH PLACES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Quite seriously and earnestly I implore you to reprint the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of September 15th, and earnestly I ask someone who has inter-diocesan knowledge to direct a copy of this reprint to the chairman and secretary of every Diocesan Advisory Committee. It is, as your article says, 'the opposition of a type of antiquarian' which is so baneful.

You might also open your correspondence column to receive stories of fatuous suggestions put forward by diocesan architects and such.

Here is one. The frame in the parish of T— is eaten by death-watch beetle and wood worm. It is built so high that it swings backwards and forwards. The ends of the beams are rotten. The parish, naturally, wanted a new frame, and got a tender from two leading firms of bellhangers. But in steps the diocesan architect and describes this suggestion as 'vandalism,' and gets out a scheme for splicing, undergirding and patching the old frame, which then 'might last 60 years.'

Knowing the difficulty of facing the Advisory Committee with the architect against them, the parish thought it best to get estimates for this patchwork scheme. The estimates were slightly higher than the cost of a new frame.

Fortunately, a certain Canon, who is a well-known ringer, was good enough to come down and give his opinion. I need not say what his advice was.

There the matter stands at present, but is it not monstrous that a parish should be at the mercy of a committee of country parsons who know as much about bell frames and ringing as a cow knows about ironing a shirt?

R. H.

MEMORIAL TO RINGING ADMIRAL.

BELLS DEDICATED AT WOKING.

A memorial to the late Admiral Thomas Philip Walker, D.S.O., for nearly a quarter of a century churchwarden of the Parish Church, Woking, and hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild from its foundation until his death, was dedicated on Friday. A bronze tablet on marble has been erected in the church, and the bells, which he loved so well, have been tuned and the sixth recast. The Guildford Diocesan Guild associated themselves with the parochial scheme, and undertook to defray the recasting of the cracked bell, and so readily did the members respond that, when it was found that more money was needed to complete the scheme than had been raised locally, the Guild contributed the balance.

The work in connection with the bells was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who in 1929 added the two trebles, for the provision of which Admiral Walker was chiefly responsible. A vast improvement has been effected in the ring, which are now one of the finest in the diocese. The tenor is now approximately 18½ cwt. The new sixth bell is inscribed:—

'This bell was recast by the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers in memory of their first Hon. Treasurer, Admiral Thomas Philip Walker, D.S.O. A.D. 1935.'

The inscription on the tablet, which is surmounted by a naval anchor, is:—

In affectionate memory of Admiral Thomas Philip Walker, D.S.O., for upwards of 24 years (1908-32) churchwarden of this church. Entered into rest 27th August, 1932. The bells in the tower were retuned and this tablet erected by friends and relatives.

The dedication took place at the harvest festival service, and was performed by Bishop Golding-Bird (Assistant Bishop and Archdeacon of Dorset). There was a large congregation, Mrs. Walker (the widow) and other members of the family being present. Many ringers attended, including the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse), the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett), the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis, Messrs. A. H. Pulling, C. Hazelden, G. Glode (Guildford), W. Denyer and C. W. Denyer (Aldershot), A. Harman, A. H. Smith and W. Whiting (Leatherhead), H. J. Chaffey (Chertsey), C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association) and Mrs. Kippin, Mr. F. E. Dawe and a full muster of the local band, including Mr. J. Brackley (captain) and Mr. D. Munday (hon. secretary). Mr. A. A. Hughes represented the founders.

The Vicar (Canon G. Askwith) conducted the service, and the Bishop first dedicated the tablet, after which a procession to the tower was formed. Those who assembled in the ringing room with the Bishop were the Vicar, the churchwardens (Lt.-Col. R. R. Hill and Mr. F. C. T. Mann), Mr. A. E. Garrod (hon. treasurer of the Memorial Fund), the Master, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. A. A. Hughes and the local ringers.

The Master, on behalf of the Guild, requested the Bishop to dedicate the new bell to the memory of Thomas Philip Walker, while the Vicar, on behalf of the subscribers, requested him to rededicate the other bells.

The Bishop then performed the ceremony with the prayers customary on such occasions, and while the clergy and churchwardens returned to the chancel, the local ringers rang the bells in some good rounds. The Bishop preached a striking and thought-provoking sermon from the words, 'For what we have received may the Lord make us truly thankful.'

Afterwards, the hour being rather late, ringing was limited to two short touches of Stedman Triples, the first being by a band representative of all the four districts of the Guild.

GUILDFORD GUILD'S 'GIFT OF LOVE.'

The proceedings were continued on Saturday, when the Guild held a special meeting, which was attended by over fifty ringers from all parts of the diocese. A service was first held in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Guild's form being used. This includes the 150th Psalm, which was specially sung at the late Admiral's funeral, and the hymn, 'Unchanging God,' which was one of his favourite hymns.

The Vicar, in his address, paid a tribute to the late Admiral Walker's services and devotion to that church and the diocese, and spoke of the special interest which in his later years he displayed in the ringing of church bells. The tribute which they, as ringers, were paying to him that day was, he said, not one of mere memory, but a practical token of esteem and affection. On the previous evening they had dedicated the memorial tablet and the returned bells, and he thought it was a wise and considerate suggestion on the part of the hon. secretary of their Guild that they should have that service in order that the ringers who were unable to be present at the dedication service might feel that they were not left out of some little share in what was being done. On behalf of himself, the churchwardens and the members of his own belfry, he welcomed the Guild. The Vicar then went on to speak of the message of the bells, which, he said, was one of cheer, comfort and a call to come to the House of God. Such a message could be given effectually only when sent out by straight men and women. They must not contradict in their lives the message they wanted to give.

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RINGING TOURS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of the 22nd can only be described by any broad-thinking ringer as rot and rubbish. I heartily agree (as I think 75 per cent. of ringers would if it was put to a vote) with the remarks of Tyson Hogarth, of Keswick. To your question of would it be fair to expect touring bands to make room for a local in their peals, I would, and I believe scores of others too, decidedly answer, 'Yes.' How many ringers worthy of the name of change ringers are there who could not at the least ring treble to any Plain or Treble Bob method or drum tenor to Stedman? Yet these men would rather ring those bells themselves than give a chance to a local whose generosity they are enjoying for their ring at that particular tower. Whether the parson grants the use of the bells or not, the locals have also a perfect right to say who shall ring at their tower and who not. It would be so at the home tower of any of these touring bands, and they would not be particular at saying what method should be rung. I know of plenty of towers where, if a Grandsire band wanted a peal there, they would be refused, but if a Surprise band asked to go they would almost run after them with a taxi to meet them. No band who were genuinely out for a pull at a strange tower would mind what method they rang providing it was 'struck.' The very fact that they want to pick out those methods which only fit in with their own ideas proves that they are for themselves and themselves only. Such ringers are useless and only ornaments to the Exercise.

My remarks can be proved still further by anyone who takes the trouble to read 'The Ringing World' thoroughly each week, as I have done for 12 years. They should know that these touring bands act exactly the same when at home as when out, for they never do any helping with learners (as far as peal ringing is concerned at any rate). They are 'Surprise mad' and nothing else, and one can only express surprise at you, sir, backing up ringers with such selfish methods, particularly when one reads other articles of yours preaching the encouragement of beginners.

'A VOICE FROM NORTANTS.'

We are sorry to have provoked 'A Voice from Northants' to such a wrathful outburst, but, having thus delivered himself, perhaps he will read the 'rot and rubbish' again, when he may have time to realise that he has taken out and criticised one sentence from a reasoned argument and ignored the rest as well as the hard facts of these ringing tours. 'A Voice from Northants' apparently belongs to a ringer who imagines that peals should only be rung for the benefit of beginners. Peal ringing of any other sort is anathema to him. We doubt if those who read his letter will put him in the category of 'broad thinking' ringers. A peal ringing tour, when ringers travel hundreds of miles at great expense for a set purpose, is on a different basis to peal ringing carried on locally, but, of course, you cannot make people see this if they have made up their minds that they do not want to see it.—EDITOR, 'R. W.'

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Afterwards ringing took place, and later tea was served in the Parish Hall. The Vicar presided, supported by Mrs. Walker, the churchwardens (Lt.-Col. Hill and Mr. Mann), the hon. treasurer and hon. secretary of the Guild.

After tea the Vicar extended a welcome to the ringers, and the hon. secretary expressed the gratification of the Guild in being able to take a share in the memorial to Admiral Walker. He apologised for the absence of the vice-presidents (Mr. Walter Harrison and the Provost, the Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan) and the Master (Major Hesse). In their absence he had, he said, great pleasure in handing to the Vicar the Guild's donation to the Memorial Fund—a cheque for £60—and expressed the hope that the bells, which had been vastly improved, would find no lack of enthusiastic ringers to maintain the purpose for which they were placed in the tower and the art which Admiral Walker was so keen to foster.

The Vicar expressed deep appreciation of the Guild's generous gift, but reminded those present that they had got it at tremendous cost—the loss of Admiral Walker. The Vicar added that he was pleased to see so many young ringers present, showing that there were those coming on who would be able to take the places of the older members.

Lt.-Col. Hill, who succeeded Admiral Walker as churchwarden, thanked the Guild for their invitation to be present that day. He had, he said, a great interest in everything connected with Woking Parish Church, but after the proceedings connected with that memorial he would have a still greater practical interest in the bell-ringers and sympathy with their work.

The hon. secretary thanked the Vicar for holding the service and the use of the bells. He also thanked him and the churchwardens for their presence, and said they were specially honoured in having with them Mrs. Walker, whose interest in the Guild, first prompted by her husband, had continued to grow.

Mrs. Walker made an exceedingly gracious and brave speech in reply, in the course of which she thanked the Guild for their 'gift of love.'

Afterwards the ringers returned to the tower, where touches in a variety of methods were rung—from rounds to London Surprise. Five ladies took part in the ringing, and one of them, Miss Viggart, of Aldershot, rang the tenor admirably to a touch of Stedman Triples.

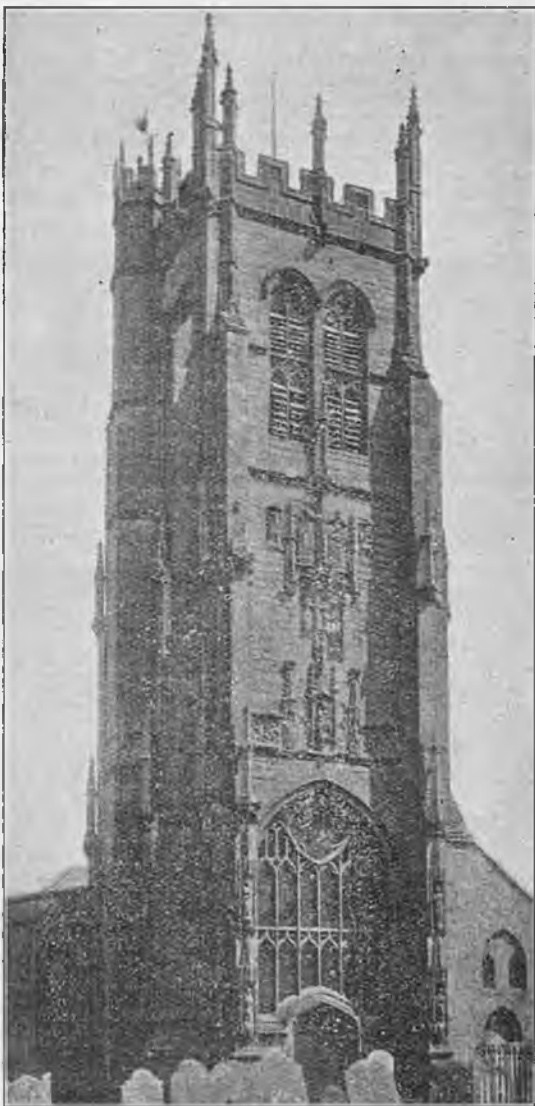
WANDERINGS IN WESSEX.

SOME DORSET TOWERS.

Dorset is rightly called 'a county of varied charms,' for here the wanderer can find some of the finest of cliff scenery; bold, rugged hills; gently smiling valleys, babbling streams; woodland, wild heath, and 'high places,' from which one can obtain views as varied as they are beautiful. But Dorset's charms do not end here; the ringer will find an additional attraction in the glorious towers and bells which abound in this region.

Some 'tower grabbers' from Bucks spent an enjoyable fortnight amongst these Dorset bells, which are as varied as the scenery.

Ringling activities began at All Saints', Wyke Regis, on the first Sunday morning, where we met with a hearty welcome from the local band, and greatly enjoyed the touches on these lovely bells. The evening found us at Dorchester, where, after exploring the



BEAMINSTER'S 'TUDOR TOWER OF RED STONE.'

fascinating old Roman town and Maumbury Rings (an excellent specimen of a Roman amphitheatre), we rang on the fine bells at the ancient Church of St. Peter. Outside this church stands a statue of the Dorset poet, William Barnes, famed for his charming poems in the Dorset dialect.

'Sweet Be'mi'ster, that bist abound
By green and woody hills all round.'

Thus Barnes describes the secluded, quiet little town of Beaminster, placed in a charming countryside, from which its 'Tudor tower of red stone' (the finest in Dorset) rises with great dignity. What a thrill we felt as we studied the wonderful architecture of the tower and its magnificent proportions. And what a grand setting for the famous bells that hang within the tower. These are a fine ring of eight, cast by Thomas Bilbie and his son in 1765, in the adjoining churchyard, owing to difficulties of transport in those days. In spite of the obstacles which they must have encountered, the Bilbies succeeded in casting a maiden peal, which is a sheer delight to listen to. All the bells of this notable ring bear the names of the founders, 'T. Bilbie, sen., and T. Bilbie, jun.,' the names of the churchwardens, Thomas Harris and John Hearn, and the date, 1765. In addition the tenor bears the inscription, 'I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summon all.'

A climb to the top of the lofty tower reveals a wondrous view of

'The zwellin' downs wi' chalky tracks,

A climmin' up their zunny backs.' (BARNES.)

And so a long cherished dream was fulfilled—to ring on Bilbie's masterpiece—and as we thanked the enthusiastic ringers who met us there (some at considerable inconvenience), and made it possible for us to try these glorious bells, we secretly cherished the hope that we might have the privilege of ringing a peal there—some day.

Saturday was devoted to an interesting tour of Dorset in a comfortable motor coach, with facilities for ringing in four towers. The first call was made at Puddletown, a peaceful little village, though not so many years ago it was a flourishing market town. It was interesting to find that this church is the one described by Thomas Hardy in his novel, 'Far from the madding crowd.' The fine, carved oak singing gallery, dated 1635, is still to be seen. Here Thomas Hardy's father used to play as one of the musicians accompanying the choir. But the glory of the church is to be seen in the beautiful old silver-grey oak roof, wonderfully carved, which was added in 1400, and which has, unfortunately, been found to be unsafe through attacks by the death watch beetle. After ringing on the handy little peal of six here, we journeyed on to Bere Regis—the Kingsbere of 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles'—where the tombs, memorials and famous window of the Turberville family may be seen. This beautiful church has a pinnacled tower and an extraordinary timber roof, richly carved, ornamented and painted with figures of cardinals and bishops. Two touches were rung here before the journey was resumed to Milton Abbey, where a meeting was in progress. This glorious Abbey, set in such beautiful, natural surroundings, forms a picture which will long remain in our memories, but as it has already been described in 'The Ringing World' I will say no more. After taking part in the service and social arrangements, and enjoying a few touches on the harmonious eight, we visited the charming little old-world village of Hilton. Here we safely negotiated the thick darkness of the bellfry steps, and rang our last touches for the day—a day that will not easily be forgotten.

On Sunday evening, after exploring the fascinating ruins of Corfe Castle, we were enabled to ring on a beautiful modern eight at Kingston, cast by John Taylor and Co. 50-60 years ago. Here we received quite a welcome, for the ringers were short-handed owing to several of their members having been called away to fight a heath fire some miles off. However, we just numbered eight, and the bells were soon going to a nice little touch of Grandsire, in which the mellow music of the bells was heard to good advantage. The time passed all too quickly, and we felt like expressing Oliver Twist's sentiments; at all events we certainly hope to repeat this experience at some future date!

The church itself was worth the visit, being known as Street's masterpiece; it is built of the beautiful Purbeck marble and stone, all of which was quarried within two miles of the church. Situated on a tree-clad eminence, it commands a wonderful panorama of the surrounding district.

Monday was devoted to the varied interests of Abbotsbury—the old Abbey ruins and picturesque fifteenth-century tithe barn (the largest in England), the quaint little Chapel of St. Catherine on the extreme summit of a hill, the attractive swannery, and the ancient Church of St. Nicholas. Here we spent a happy evening with the local ringers, together with some enthusiasts from Dorchester and Upwey, and became so much engrossed that we nearly forgot there was such a thing as a last train!

The following day was spent at Lulworth, 'that small basin of sea enclosed by the cliffs,' and one of the most romantic spots on the south coast. The afternoon was spent at Holy Trinity Church, West Lulworth, where some very enjoyable touches were brought round, thanks to the assistance of two of the local ringers.

We should like to express here our very great appreciation of all the kindness which was extended to us by the genial Dorset ringers during our stay in Dorset, and also the very deep debt of gratitude which we owe to Mr. C. H. Jennings, the hard-working secretary of the Dorchester District, who did so much, through his abilities as guide and ringer, to add to the enjoyment of an extremely happy holiday.

D. R. F.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Members from both dioceses attended the meeting held at Peterston on Saturday, September 16th. It was most interesting to learn that the locals had made definite arrangements to reorganise the ringers, who for the past couple of years had done little ringing. The band is formed, a new leader appointed and there is every likelihood of Peterston band being once again affiliated to the association after a lapse of about 15 years. The bells, a ring of six, were rung during the afternoon in the standard methods, and at 4.30 service commenced, the Vicar, the Rev. M. Jones-Powell, D.D., who for many years was Vicar of Cardiff, officiating.

Following the service tea was taken in the Church Hall through the generosity of the Vicar. The business meeting followed, and the various items dealt with included reading of minutes, instructors' reports, restorations and the election of several new members. The usual vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for taking the chair, for the service, for the use of the bells and for his hospitality. Afterwards the bells were kept going unusually late, bringing to a close a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting. The next meeting will be held at Bedwellty.

DEVON GUILD BRANCH MEETING.

The Exeter District Branch of the Devon Guild held an autumn meeting at Kenn, near Exeter, on Sept. 16th, with an attendance of 34 members, although facility for ringing was practically limited to the six bells of the Parish Church.

A service in the fine old church was conducted by the venerable Rector, the Rev. F. W. Vining, with organ and choir. Tea in the Schoolroom adjoining the Rectory was followed by the business meeting, under the chairman of the branch. The Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, presented certificates to seven members of Ide band, and congratulated the voluntary instructors on their success. Mr. Cox said he thought Kenn was one of the most lovely churches they could visit for their meetings, and the presence of the Rector at their meeting was an honour for which they were grateful. He hoped the spirit of unselfishness which had borne such good fruit at Ide would be continued, and that members would show ambition to progress in their ringing to something higher than the plain methods. He emphasised the need of greater support for 'The Ringing World,' of which every tower should regularly take at least one copy weekly.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 9th. Mr. A. T. Truman, the local representative, having appealed for assistance in training some recruits, after discussion it was resolved to apply for a grant for car hire, as the bus service was unsuitable. After the meeting members returned to the tower and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. A party went over to Exminster to ring there, a three miles walk through typical Devonshire lanes.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Chipping Norton Deanery Branch held their autumn meeting at Spelsbury on Saturday, September 9th, with about 50 in attendance. Ringing commenced at 2 o'clock. The service was held in the church at 4 o'clock, when the Vicar gave the address.

Tea was partaken of in the Memorial Hall. After tea a short business meeting was held, presided over by the chairman (the Rev. E. C. Freeman). The Chairman asked all members to stand in silence in remembrance of an old member, the late F. Candy, of Chipping Norton, who was always a regular attendant at their meetings. The secretary (Mr. J. Kye) then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted and passed.

Kingham was chosen for the annual spring meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Spelsbury for his invitation there that day and also for giving the address, also to the organist, blower and ladies for providing the tea. The ringers then rang at the following towers: Spelsbury, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Churchill and Chipping Norton, the following methods being rung: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. Ringers took part from Chipping Norton, Churchill, Chastleton, Charlbury, Ilmington, Shipton and Coventry. This brought to a close a very successful meeting.

WEDDING BELLS AT RUMNEY, CARDIFF.

On Monday week the wedding was solemnised by the Rev. F. A. Oswell (a bellringer), who deputised for the Vicar, of Mr. Albert Stoodley and Miss Hilda Heath, daughter of the popular Cardiff ringer, Mr. Bill Heath. The bride was given away by her father and looked most charming, as also did her young sisters, prettily dressed, who acted as bridesmaids. Whilst the register was being signed the bells struck out in the usual rounds, Queens and firing and were kept going for nearly an hour. It had been arranged to go for a peal on Rumney bells, but, owing to a serious case of illness near the church, it could not be attempted. In the meantime, not to be disappointed, the Vicar personally arranged with the Vicar of Peterston for the use of his bells; the peal was rung as recorded elsewhere. The ringers were afterwards the guests of Mr. Heath.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FEERING, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, Sept. 24th, for harvest festival matins; 1,040 Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, R. Grainger 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, H. Nichols 6, C. W. Burton 7, F. Fludder 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,230 changes): R. Grainger 1, A. Mason 2, C. W. Burton 3, J. Elliott 4, E. Mingay 5, W. Elliott 6, G. Hayward 7, W. Keeble (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise Major by ringers of 1 and 4.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Denis' Church on Sunday morning, September 24th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: L. Mitchell (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Hammond 2, A. Lewery 3, A. Helder 4, E. Bishop, sen., 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, W. Hitchenside 7, H. Hammond 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On September 24th, at St. Nicolas' Church, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: B. Rawlinson 1, W. Butler 2, V. Glass 3, W. Mellin 4, J. Chalk 5, A. Evers 6, W. J. Butler 7, E. Bright (conductor) 8. Also arranged for Mr. J. Chalk, who used to belong to the local company.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church for harvest festival morning service on September 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Howells 1, J. Hanson 2, Reg. Dobbins 3, H. Dobbins 4, W. Dobbins 5, Will Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, September 24th, at St. John's Church for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (A. P. Wakely's composition): W. A. Waylen 1, Miss F. M. Child 2, L. J. Lockyer (first quarter-peal) 3, A. G. Rose 4, Miss M. White (conductor) 5, H. Bennett 6, H. R. Mitchell 7, F. Longman 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, September 24th, for morning service, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 53 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, W. Pickworth 3, D. Ovington 4, G. Plater 5, S. Wade 6, J. E. Miller 7, H. Miller 8, N. A. Tomlinson 9, A. G. Crane 10.

WILLESDEN.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, September 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: W. F. Holloway 1, H. Kilby 2, G. M. Kilby 3, E. H. Kilby 4, J. H. Botham 5, T. J. Look (conductor) 6, T. Collins 7, E. B. Hartley 8. Rung for morning service on the occasion of the incorporation of the borough of Willesden and visit of the Bishop of Willesden and the Charter Mayor.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

Over thirty members visited Berkswell on Saturday, September 16th, to try the bells which have recently been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Those who had rung there on previous occasions pronounced a marked improvement in the 'go' of the bells. The only drawback is that there is so little space for the ringers to stand. However, when the difficulty of ropesight was overcome, some good ringing resulted. After tea much amusement was caused by Mr. W. A. Stote (Coventry) producing from his pockets a set of handbells, the tenor of which was about 3in. in diameter. The handles were of wood.

The tower bells were put to good use again in the evening until about 8 o'clock, the majority of the better known methods being rung. The following towers were represented: Allesley, Arley, Birmingham (St. Martin's), Chilvers Coton, Exhall, Erdington, Lillington, Nuneaton, Stoke (Coventry) and Warwick. The best thanks of the Guild are due to Mr. James, the local captain, for his welcome and the trouble taken to ensure the success of the meeting.

NOTICE.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting Saturday, October 7th, at Andover. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. A. Mitchell, 2, Vigo Road, Andover, for tea.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newton Parsonage, Newbury.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chawton, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6), available from 2.30, also at Bentworth (5), about three miles distant. Service at S. Nicolas', Chawton, 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A joint meeting with the East Grinstead Guild will be held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, September 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Amended Notice. Meeting at Great Totham (6 bells) on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4.30 p.m.—A. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoodleigh, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Lancaster on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4 p.m., when the address will be given by Rev. Canon Pollard, Vicar of Lancaster. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, September 30th. Ringing at Bradfield from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Guild members 6d., non-members 9d. Englefield and Theale bells available after tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 30th, at Ripley (eight bells). Committee meet in Parish Room 3.30 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d. per head). General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stutton (six bells) and Holbrook (six bells) on Saturday, September 30th. Bus leaves Ipswich at 2, 2.30 and 3 for Holbrook R.N. School (near Stutton Church), 1s. return fare. Also Harkstead (6), which is one mile from Chelmondiston by the Shotley bus, thence 1½ miles to Holbrook. Tea at Holbrook Compasses at 4.30 p.m. (1s. each). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The 6th cup contest will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, September 30th, commencing 3 p.m. Bells open to visitors after tea. Please notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop, if you require tea. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Festival at Durham, Saturday, September 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 5, with address by the Dean of Durham. Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 6 o'clock, followed by the annual meeting, and concluding with a social evening. Admission to Cathedral belfry at 2, 2.30, 3.30, 4 and 4.30 only. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Rhyl on Saturday, September 30th. A service will be held at St. Thomas' Church at 3 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know as soon as possible?—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, NEAR CHELTENHAM.—The dedication will take place on Saturday, September 30th, at 7 p.m., of the heavy ring of six bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Carshalton on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., tea and meeting following. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Mears Ashby (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (five bells) on Saturday, September 30th.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tortworth on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Nearest station, Charfield.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, September 30th. 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.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Method for special practice, Superlative Surprise.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—October meetings at St. Clement Danes', W.C.: Sunday, October 1st, service ringing at 10 a.m.; Monday, October 2nd, practice at 6.30 p.m., quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m.; Mondays, 16th and 30th, practices at 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting will be held at 8.15 p.m. on Monday, October 2nd, following a practice at 6.30 p.m. at St. Clement Danes', Strand. All members should attend.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on October 3rd, St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 31st, at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Northleach on Thursday, October 5th. Bells open 3.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Vicar, 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please let me know by October 1st?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than October 4th.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Piddington on Saturday, October 7th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. Bells available 2.30 to 3.30 and after meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Willesden, Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me without fail by October 4th. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at St. Peter's Church, Glasbury. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (in Church Hall) to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please advise me? These bells have recently been recast and rehung in modern fittings.—E. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting to be held at Bampton on Saturday, October 7th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Talbot Hotel. All those wishing to attend let me know by first post Thursday, October 5th.—W. Evetts, jun., Branch Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham, Sussex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 7th. Service at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Gaywood's Rooms, at 5.15 p.m. Canterbury Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (6) and St. Alphege (6) bells available. Tea provided only for those who notify me on or before Thursday, October 5th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A bye-meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Tickets for Jubilee Dinner (3s. 6d.) are available, early application necessary.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, October 7th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify the undersigned? Tea 1s. each, members 6d. All ringers welcome.—George Case, Hon. Sec., 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, October 7th. Short service at 4 p.m. in the church, followed by tea at the Townhead Tea Rooms. (Tea is by kind invitation of the St. Cuthbert's Society, Edinburgh.) Those intending to be present please let me know by Monday, October 2nd. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the North Norfolk and West Norfolk Branches of the above association will be held at Elmham on Saturday, October 7th. Please advise W. B. Duncan, Reepham, Norfolk, or myself, if coming.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Standish on Saturday, October 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify Mr. E. Birchall, Preston Road, Standish, for tea (6d. per head) before Wednesday, October 4th.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Youlgrove on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. G. Wallace, Dis. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Uffington on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (5) available at 2.30. Service at 3.30. Please notify for tea by October 5th.—R. Gillling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Owing to an error, the branch meeting will not be held at Moorside, but will be at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5 p.m. Christ Church bells also available during the evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A quarterly meeting will be held in conjunction with a meeting of the Middlesex County Association at Willesden on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 5.30 p.m. All members requiring tea must advise me by Tuesday, October 3rd.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Keyston on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. It is requested that all members requiring tea will please advise Mr. Harry Chapman, Keyston, Hunts, by October 5th.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, October 7th, instead of September 30th, as per calendar.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Diocesan Association will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. Willers, Trumpington, Cambs, and R. C. Sharpe, Newmarket, Dis. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at West Kirby (eight bells) on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will ringers intending to be present please let me know before Tuesday, 3rd?—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Staveley (eight bells) on Saturday, October 7th. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bellhouse Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, at 1s. per head, not later than October 5th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Warrington, on Saturday, October 7th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles', Lincoln, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough (eight bells) on Saturday, October 7th. Usual arrangements. Kindly notify me by Tuesday, October 3rd, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, Bredon, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, October 7th. Arrangements as usual.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kelston on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting (important) at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Harlestone on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Usual arrangements. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 3rd?—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOUCESTER.—New treble added to complete ring of six (tenor 14 cwt.). Frame repaired and new fittings supplied by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication by Right Rev. E. J. Palmer, Assistant Bishop of Gloucester, on Sunday, October 8th, at 11 a.m. Bells available during the afternoon. All ringers welcome.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—St. Mary's Church.—The ring of five bells (tenor 11 cwt.), recast, frame repaired, and new fittings supplied by Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Archdeacon of Hastings on Sunday, October 8th, at 11 a.m. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The first meeting of the academical year will be on October 10th. The secretary will be glad to give information to prospective new members, whether already ringers or not. Special attention is given to teaching beginners.—Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent, Oxford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) **AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea, in St. John's Hall, at 5.15 p.m. 'Sing-song and chin-chin' in St. John's Hall from 7.30 p.m. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends.—F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Palgrave on October 14th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m., also at Eye (8) and Diss (8). Tea in the School at 4.30 for members of Suffolk Guild or Norwich Association who send their names by October 10th to H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, October 14th. The chair will be taken by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, at 6 p.m. All applications for tickets (4s. each) to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, not later than the first post on Tuesday, October 10th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and visitors staying at York over the week-end will be welcomed in the Minster belfry on the Sunday morning. —J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. T. Jesson) a joint meeting of the Tewkesbury and Cheltenham Branches will be held at Bishop's Cleeve on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. All ringers welcome. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by the 10th? —Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland, St. James', on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please note, a combined practice will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Tuesday, October 10th, for Surprise methods, commencing 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Poulton Parish Church on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Rd., Blackpool, S.S.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses paid to members up to 2s. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting is arranged to take place at King's Langley on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. All ringers—learners and otherwise—cordially welcome. This tower is easy of access, can be reached easiest by bus. What about it? A postcard by previous Wednesday, please.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Further details next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bootle on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (by invitation of the wardens). Service 6.30 p.m. For tea notify Mr. J. Brown, 12, Evesham Road, Liverpool, 4. A hearty welcome to all.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—Bicentenary Celebration, Saturday, October 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Magdalen (10 bells) 2 to 3 p.m., St. Giles' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Ebbe's (8), 3 to 4 p.m., Christ Church (12) 4 to 5, followed by service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Reception by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Oxford at the Town Hall 5.45 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. Tickets, 5s. each, to be obtained not later than October 14th, from V. Bennett, Hon. Sec., 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 11th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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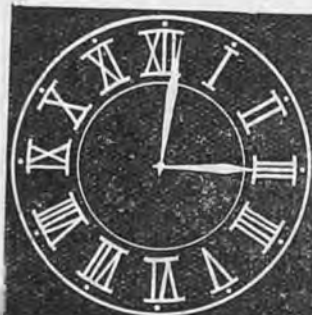
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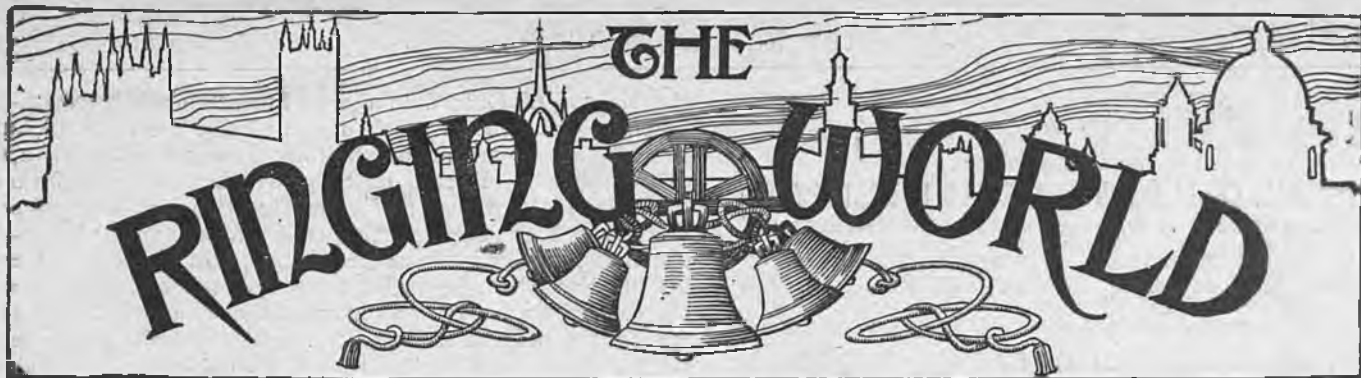
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OXFORD'S BICENTENARY.

Oxford is this month to celebrate a bicentenary that will help to remind ringers that this seat of learning has a long history in the art of change ringing. For two hundred years at least there are records of change ringing in Oxford, although it is fairly safe to surmise that the art was well known there for the best part of a century before that. The rival 'Varsity town of Cambridge can offer more definite evidence of the practice of change ringing in the last half of the seventeenth century, but it is more than likely that the art was equally established at Oxford even in those early days. One of the grounds for the contention is the name of the method which has been known as Oxford Treble Bob from the time when Fabian Stedman published the first books on ringing; and of other methods which were described as 'Oxford methods,' suggesting that they originated in Oxford. But be that as it may, there were undoubtedly change ringers in Oxford in the early eighteenth century, and they had, even in those days, plenty of bells on which they could practise. But definite records are lacking until the year 1733, when, according to Hearne, an Oxford diarist, Oxford men rang the bells at Christ Church in an endeavour to imitate some London ringers, who on a recent visit had done some 'most surprisingly fine' ringing. The Oxford men, remarks the chronicler, 'were soon out and made poor work of it in comparison of the others.'

These men had nothing to do with the University, but belonged to the town. Whether they had actually formed themselves into a society we are unable to say—perhaps the Oxford Society can tell us—but they were the foundation upon which the Oxford Society was ultimately built. There are very few ringing organisations with a two hundred years' long pedigree; and those who can claim it, however humble, are entitled to the respect and admiration of ringers to-day. It is these societies which sowed what later generations reaped; which during the early days of the art laboriously kept it alive and which produced the men who dug and delved to enrich the knowledge of those who followed them. Ringers of to-day owe more to the men of these old societies than most people realise. They formed the centres through which knowledge could be circulated and if sometimes they rather jealously guarded their 'secrets,' it was only by the aid of such societies that progress could be made. Even the rivalries between them helped to advance change ringing, not alone by the competition which existed to set up new standards of peal ringing, but by the endeavours of, shall we call them, the more 'brainy' ones to provide new and better compositions. How far

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the ringers of Oxford in the eighteenth century contributed to the general stock of knowledge we are unable to say. There are no outstanding names like Stedman, or Annable, or Reeves or Shipway, but that is of no moment. What matters is that for two hundred years there have been ringing activities in Oxford, and throughout that time—more in some periods, less in others—the art of change ringing must have radiated and added to the sum of knowledge and interest that slowly but surely spread throughout the country. The members of the Oxford Society do well to remind us of these things, as they do by celebrating the bicentenary of Oxford's recorded ringing performances.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 1	...Trebble	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
ALFRED E. FITSTOW 2		FREDERICK DENCH 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3		T. REGINALD DENNIS 9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 4		JAMES BENNETT 10
JOHN W. WARD 5		WILLIAM PYE 11
ERNEST J. BUTLER 6		LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung on the occasion of the birthday of the Vicar of Great St. Mary's, the Rev. E. C. Essex, M.A., and in honour of the golden wedding, celebrated on August 9th, of the Rev. A. H. P. and Mrs. Boughley.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES 1	...Trebble	F. CECIL MOGFORD 6
JAMES HEMMING 2		WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3		HENRY PRING 8
JOHN W. JONES 4		JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
CHARLES H. PERRY 5		WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

Arranged for the ringers of 2 (Evesham), 4 (Newport, Mon) and 5 (Bridgend).

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS 1	...Trebble	JOHN A. FREEMAN 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2		FREDERICK W. STOKES 7
*LEWIS SNELL 3		RUPERT RICHARDSON 8
HAROLD MARCON 4		HAROLD WALKER 9
JOHN WALDEN 5		*FRANK DEWEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal in the method on the bells.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Saturday afternoon, September 30th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): Miss M. P. Kingdon (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss J. E. Kingdon (first quarter-peal) 2, W. Denyer 3, H. Rance 4, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 5, S. Petter 6. Rung in honour of Mr. P. H. Kingdon (brother of ringers of treble and 2nd) being ordained deacon at Oxford on Sunday, September 24th. The ringers were afterwards entertained at Maybury Wood, Woking, by Mrs. Kingdon. The Misses Kingdon and Messrs. Rance and Petter are members of the Worpleston band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 2	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... 6
JOHN BURLS ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 4	HENRY SIMMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung to celebrate the granting of the Charter of Incorporation to the town of Dartford.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THE-CONFESSOR.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble	ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 5
JOHN J. WEBB ... 2	*FRANCIS EVANS ... 6
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 3	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 7
THOMAS COLLINS ... 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells, also in the county. Rung on the 30th anniversary of the treble man's wedding day. He conducted the first peal in this tower in 1908, this being the first on six bells rung in Radnorshire.

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On Monday, September 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*P.C. JOHN MULLINER ... Treble	*P.C. JOSEPH WILSON ... 5
P.C. DONALD BROWN ... 2	SUPT. FREDK. R. WILLIAMS ... 6
*P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 3	*P.C. RICHARD BENSON ... 7
*P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... 4	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by P.C. FREDERICK PAGE.
 * First peal in the method. The above are all members of Manchester City Police Force.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, September 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 2	WALTER ALLWOOD ... 6
JOHN W. SYKES ... 3	AMBORN WILSON ... 7
NORMAN C. LEWIS ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 398).

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 5
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 2	AMBORN WILSON ... 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS ... 3	JOHN MARSHALL ... 7
PERCY J. JERVIS ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 397). Conducted by JAMES BENNETT

These two peals were specially arranged for Mr. J. Bennett, of London, this being his first attempt for Oxford as conductor.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 26, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES ... Treble	*WILLIAM E. REDDIF ... 5
ROBERT G. CHAPPEL ... 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 6
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 6th.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 27, 1933, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... 2	EDWARD J. BEER ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM

First peal in the method as conductor.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... Treble	*FRANK E. O. HANSFORD ... 5
GEORGE SIBLEY ... 2	DAVID G. TAYLOR ... 6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 3	S. PERCY MERSON ... 7
S. VICTOR CRABB ... 4	S. GEORGE COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by S. PERCY MERSON.

* First peal on eight bells.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WALTER R. HUGHES ... Treble	*JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 6
JOHN C. ADAMS ... 3	BERT HORTON ... 7
THOMAS J. ELTON ... 4	*ALFRED ADAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Taylor and Co.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

W. H. FUSSELL ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
WALTER THOMAS 3	*THOMAS GUEST 7
WILLIAM HOPWOOD 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal on eight bells.

BRADPOLE, BRIDPORT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

*HENRY G. KERLEY Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
MISS MARCIA WHITE 2	*ARTHUR G. ROSE 6
CHARLES H. JENNINGS 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 7
*CUTHBERT W. POWELL 4	*CHARLES H. LATHEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to Miss M. White.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN NASH Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT 5
ALBERT J. HUGHES 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by J. WORTH.

First peal of Major on the bells.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE A. SPENCER Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
ALFRED J. HOUSE 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 136). Conducted by CHAS. T. COLES

TIMBERSCOME, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.)

*HENRY W. LLOYD Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	*JACK ROY 7
*WILLIAM A. SIVIER 4	PERCY MERSON Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal of Major. The treble ringer had not previously struck a blow in Major.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDGAR PEAKE Treble	BRYAN FERNYHOUGH 5
DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY 2	ALBERT BOOTH 6
REGINALD HARPER 3	JOHN BRASSINGTON 7
JOSEPH A. COOKE 4	ROBERT MOSELEY Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.

First peal as conductor.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON 5
*MAURICE LOVELL 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
*VINCENT OVENS 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 7
EDWARD C. COOKE 4	GEORGE A. COOKE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. B. DUNCAN.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major and rung at the first attempt. Arranged for Mr. A. G. Mason, of London.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM G. THORPE Treble	ARTHUR W. WARD 5
HARRY THORPE 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
ARTHUR I. HOLMES 3	ARTHUR MACKERRAS 7
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 4	WILLIAM HOLMES Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY TAYLOR Treble	RICHARD C. CLARK 5
HERBERT DEVENISH 2	LESLIE J. CLARK 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN 3	ARTHUR HEAD 7
HARRY ALLEN 4	EDWARD KEMP Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. Thurlow, son of the Rector of Widford, and Miss Sheldrake.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY E. CLARK Treble	JOHN BURLS 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
ERNEST BRETT 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. J. Powell, recently instituted to the living of the above parish, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Master of the College Youths and hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, the band wishing him 'many happy returns' and thanking him for his kind entertainment after the peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 1, 1933, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ERIC A. CAMFIELD Treble	GEORGE OLLIVER 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 3	CECIL NICE 7
ROBERT SWIFT 4	NELSON ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal.

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SIX BELL PEAL.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4
PERCY L. JOHNSON ... 2	WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 5
ALPHEUS J. BERRY ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Arranged for R. V. JOHNSON, of Crawley, Sussex, who was on holiday in the district.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5367 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

PERCY L. HARRISON ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10	

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, September 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 7-8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 9-10
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5-6	JOHN NEAL ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Referees—MORRIS J. MORRIS and ALBERT WALKER.

F. E. HAYNES has now rung each pair 'in hand' to a peal of Stedman Cinques.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT ADESM COTTAGE, RYE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 1-2	GEORGE GREEN ... 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3-4	ERNEST BRIGHT ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The conductor's 50th peal this year. These peals have been rung with 85 ringers.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, September 16th, at Reigate. Various methods were rung on the eight and ten bells during the afternoon, and tea was provided at Mark Dean's Restaurant. At the business meeting, Mr. L. A. Tidy (Ringing Master) presided.

It was proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at St. John's, Redhill, the method to be Grandsire Triples and Mr. G. Hoad conductor.

The secretary announced there would be a ringing meeting at Buckland early in October, by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Dunk), notice of which is given in our notice columns, also that the next bi-monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Nov. 18th. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 9 p.m. All enjoyed the fine toned peal of bells and good belfry.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Worpleston, on September 6th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with the bells muffled, by W. H. Viggers 1, W. Denyer 2, H. Rance (first 720 inside) 3, E. Sherwood 4, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 5, S. Petter 6. Rung as a token of respect to the late Mrs. G. Chandler (wife of Mr. George Chandler and sister of Miss K. Avenell, two local ringers), who was interred at Pirbright the same day.

LANCASHIRE'S NEW RING OF EIGHT.

DEDICATION AND RINGERS' OPENING AT STRETFORD.

On Thursday, September 14th, the new peal of eight bells at St. Matthew's Church, Stretford, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Manchester, those who assisted in the service being the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee (president of the Lancashire Association) and the Rev. E. W. Horrocks, Rector of Stretford and Rural Dean. Members of the local band rang for the dedication, and the visiting ringers had the pleasure of trying the bells after the service.

On Saturday, September 16th, the day of the presentation to Stretford of its Charter of Incorporation, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the new bells by ringers from eight towers within the Lancashire Association. The ringing of the peal covered the time of the actual presentation of the Charter by the Earl of Derby.

By invitation of the Rector, a joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Northern District) and the Manchester Branch was held as a ringers' opening of the new peal on Saturday, September 23rd. The bells were set going about 3 o'clock, and various methods were rung until service time, the 'service touch' being rung by members of the Ladies' Guild.

The service, which was attended by more than a hundred ringers and friends, was conducted by the curate (the Rev. S. B. Stirrup), the lesson being read by Canon Elsee, who also delivered the address, in the course of which he referred to the history of Stretford Church. There were records, he said, of a chapel being on or near the site of the present church 400 years ago. About 1780 an open market was held near to the church, and the time for closing the stalls was signified by the ringing of the church bell. The nave and tower of the new church were built in 1842, and there was one bell, which is now the tenor of the present peal. In 1870 five more bells were added, making up the old peal of six. These were given by Henry Hayes, of Myrtle Lodge, Stretford. Now, the preacher continued, we come to 1933, when another very generous gift to the church has increased the old peal of six to a very beautiful peal of eight.

The whole of the cost of the latter work has been borne by the nephews and nieces of Ada Alice Ridge, in affectionate remembrance of her life-long association with the church.

After the service tea was served in the Church Institute, provided by the donors of the bells. Members of the Mothers' Union and wives of the local ringers presided at the tables, and the whole of the 120 seats, with the exception of one or two, were filled.

The Rector after tea referred to the generosity of the relatives of the late Mrs. Ridge, and said it would give him great pleasure to be able to convey to them the thanks of all present. Canon Elsee then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the donors, not only, as he said, from those present, but from the Lancashire Association. The gift of the bells meant much to the association as a whole. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the Mothers' Union and the ringers' wives who had so capably arranged and served the tea; and to the Rector and local ringers for the invitation to Stretford and the general arrangements of the day.

In welcoming the Ladies' Guild, Canon Elsee said it gave him very great pleasure to see them there, and it said much for their enthusiasm to see so many of them, some of whom he knew had travelled long distances to order to attend.

Miss I. B. Thompson (Nottingham), speaking on behalf of the Ladies' Guild, seconded the votes of thanks, and said how pleased they were to have been received in such a way. Mr. C. Ollie (branch president) heartily endorsed the votes of thanks on behalf of the Manchester Branch.

The ladies then adjourned to another room to hold their business meeting, whilst the remainder of the assembly, before returning to the tower, listened to a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples on hand-bells.

Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft presided at the business meeting of the Ladies' Guild, and the twelve members present came from the following places: Ashton-under-Lyne, Arncliffe (Leeds), Bolton, Dore, Handsworth (Sheffield), Nottingham, Flixton, Todmorden, Walkden and Manchester. Several of the ladies renewed their membership with the Guild, and Miss Thompson (Manchester) was elected a new member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Guild at Rotherham in February.

At the tower in the evening it soon became a case of 'queue up and wait your turn.' No time was wasted, however, and the bells were kept merrily ringing until a late hour, many old acquaintances being renewed during the period of waiting.

Thirty-five towers were represented at the meeting during the day. The work done to the bells includes recasting and rebanging in a new frame, with the addition of two new bells. The weight of the tenor is now given at 11½ cwt.

Mr. Wilfred Moss, chief ringer at Stretford, is to be congratulated on the able manner in which he has carried out the arrangements during these memorable days that have been held in Stretford, which is now the latest but not the least of the notable boroughs of Lancashire.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, are also to be congratulated on the perfect manner in which they have carried out the work of restoration, the tone and 'go' of the bells being everything that could be desired.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE DUFFIELD MEMORIAL.

The second general quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday at Ripley, Derbyshire, and the bells of the Parish Church (8) were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various standard and Surprise methods. Members and friends came from each branch of the association, viz., Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham. The committee met in the church room, and carried out their usual routine and other duties. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the president, through a severe cold, Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer) was voted to the chair at this and the following general meeting.

Regarding the Duffield memorial bell to the late president, Sir A. P. Heywood, it was decided to meet the balance owing from the interest of invested funds, and so settle the account.

The hon. treasurer reported that this would leave no further funds for bell restoration schemes, and as the association was not paying its way in the general funds, the appeals from Tutbury and Sileby would have to be left over until January, by which time it is trusted those members whose subscriptions were still outstanding would pay up and so put the funds in a sound financial condition.

Mr. Colin Harrison read over the full draft of suggested new rules, and, after a lengthy discussion, the matter was left to come again before the committee in January. In the meantime, local secretaries are asked to put these proposals before all members possible so that the whole draft may be completed and passed at the next annual meeting.

Tea was served at 5 p.m., and about 40 members sat down. The general meeting followed, and Mr. William E. White presided, supported by the Rev. Groome-Merrilees, Vicar of Theddingworth, Mr. G. T. Hales, churchwarden of Ripley, and Mr. Ernest Morris, hon. secretary. Mr. White read a letter from the Rev. E. Pegg, Vicar of Ripley, in which the writer regretted his inability to be present and wishing the members good cheer. The Chairman asked the local members present to convey to the Vicar appreciation of his interest and regrets on the knowledge that he was shortly leaving Ripley. The Chairman also welcomed the churchwarden (an hon. member of the M.C.A.), and the latter replied in a few kind words of welcome to the members, and trusted all would enjoy Ripley bells.

Mr. Colin Harrison read an address from the president, Mr. E. D. Taylor, commenting on the past quarter's work. This showed that 27 peals had been rung, including Wigston Surprise Major, a new method rung for the first time at Wigston Magna. The Leicester branch had rung seven handbell peals of Caters and Cinques, and a peal of Bob Major had been rung by a band comprised of all employees of Loughborough bellfoundry. Doubles and Minor peals were conspicuous by their absence! Two valued members had been lost by death—Mr. Arthur Waters, of Earl Shilton, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston.

New members proposed since last meeting, viz., eight honorary, six ringing, two rejoins, five life members, were duly confirmed in their election.

The members were informed of the committee's decision regarding the new rules.

In concluding the meeting, the Chairman welcomed the presence of the Rev. Groome-Merrilees, and the latter replied.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Ripley and the local committee were duly passed, when the members adjourned for further ringing and social intercourse.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

SPLENDID MEETING AT PHILLACK.

A splendid meeting of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Phillack on Saturday, September 23rd, when about sixty ringers attended, including Dr. J. Symons (president) and Miss Symons, Messrs. W. Wood and W. H. Southard (vice-presidents), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Ringing Master), Mr. J. Thomas (Edmonton) and Mr. A. W. Brighton (London). The delightful ring of eight, cast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in 1929, were kept going during the afternoon, and the method ringing accomplished was Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

The service was conducted and address given by the Vicar (the Rev. Butler-Reeve), and the full simplified chair was present. A bountiful tea was provided in the Parish Hall, and the usual vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Symons, seconded by Col. Jerram.

A feature of the meeting was the handbell ringing done immediately after tea, as this is so seldom heard in Cornwall. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Dr. J. Symons 1-2, A. W. Brighton 3-4, J. Thomas 5-6, A. S. Roberts 7-8, and this was followed by tune playing by J. Thomas 1-2-3-4 and A. W. Brighton 5-6-7-8. Those present were delighted with the performances and showed their appreciation by prolonged clapping. Mr. John Thomas then 'rang' a course of Grandsire Triples and one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the piano, which amazed many who consider method ringing a most difficult thing. It is certain that these items did change ringing in Cornwall a great deal of good. Dr. Symons took the opportunity of explaining to the call-change ringers the difference between odd and even bellringing.

Mr. R. J. Rule (Tuckermill) was elected branch secretary.

DEATH OF MR. F. G. NEWMAN.

AN OLD COLLEGE YOUTH.

A well-known London member of the Ancient Society of College Youths passed away on Monday of last week, in the person of Mr. Frederick George Newman, who was 73 years of age.

Mr. Newman was born at Mereworth, Kent, on October 31st, 1859. He came of a ringing family, and a cousin still rings at the church in his native village. Mr. Newman could handle a bell when he was nine years old, and he early developed into a good ringer and a safe bob caller. Church bellringing was his passion, but he was also a born dancer. He was an excellent penman, and in his latter years, when illness incapacitated him from walking, spent much of his time in writing peal records. For some time he was in Whips Cross Hospital, from which he was discharged in May last year, being incurably afflicted with dropsy.

Mr. Newman rang his first peal at Frittenden. This was Bob Triples. His last was Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on December 27th, 1924. Altogether he had taken part in 227 peals, of which he had conducted a considerable number.

The funeral took place on Friday at Clingford Mount, the mourners including the widow, the stepdaughter, two sisters and neighbours, and at the close of the committal service Mr. C. F. Winney, the one ringer present, rang a handbell thrice in slow time over the grave, in farewell to an old comrade of the belfry. There were five wreaths, one from his widow and Doris being in the shape of a bell with rope attached, all carried out in flowers. Another bore the inscription, 'A lover of campanology,' two were from the deceased's sisters and one from neighbours.

When ringing at St. Paul's, writes Mr. Winney, Fred Newman was one of the few men who could set each of the four back bells in one pull from back-stroke. At that time the tenor could be pulled off by one person with the double rope.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE MASTER INDISPOSED.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association took place at Earls Colne on Saturday, September 23rd, when, despite inclement weather conditions, 37 members were present from 13 parishes: Greenstead Green, Earls Colne, Dummow, Halstead, Kelvedon, Colne Engaine, Springfield, Braintree, Wickham St. Paul's, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Gestingthorpe and Clacton-on-Sea. Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m., and during the afternoon and evening various methods up to and including London Surprise Major were rung.

Service was conducted by the Rev. F. B. Rowley, priest-in-charge of the parish, and the special lesson (Numbers x.) was read by the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell). Preaching from the text, 'Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy,' the Rev. F. B. Rowley spoke on the use of bells and their meaning, and remarked that he was rather struck with the ringers' form of service which they had been using.

Tea was afterwards partaken of at the Village Hall. This had been very nicely prepared by Mrs. Ridgwell, Mrs. Claydon, Mrs. Bowhill, Mrs. Laver, Mrs. French and Mrs. Bartholomew. The Rev. F. B. Rowley presided.

Previous to the commencement of the business meeting, which followed the tea, the district secretary said he was very sorry that Mr. C. H. Howard, the Master of the association, was unable to be present. No doubt most of them were aware that he had been indisposed for some time, and, so far, there had been little improvement. Mr. Ridgwell then read a letter he had received from Mr. Howard, in which the writer expressed regret that he was unable to attend the meeting, and conveyed his best wishes for an enjoyable time.

Mr. H. G. Herbert, of Sudbury, was elected a non-resident ringer member. It was also agreed that the annual meeting of the division be held at Dummow on November 11th.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. F. B. Rowley for his excellent address and for attending the tea. He also thanked Mr. Wenden for his services as organist, and the ladies for so kindly preparing the tea.

In seconding, the district secretary thanked the Rev. F. B. Rowley personally for all he had done.

The Rev. F. B. Rowley, responding, said that nothing could have given him greater pleasure than to be with them on that occasion. He was very pleased to see so many ringers present on such a wet afternoon. It seemed to him that ringers of to-day were as content to sit down to a nice cup of tea as the old ringers of years ago were to something a little stronger (laughter). He also would like to thank the ladies for the excellent tea they had prepared, and for the nice way they had served it.

A number of the ringers subsequently indulged in handbell ringing, whilst others returned to the tower, where ringing was carried on until about 8.30.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Thursday, September 28th, for the harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Blaker 1, E. W. Pye 2, R. D. Ward 3, E. D. Smith 4, J. Moule 5, F. Hull 6, E. E. Holman (conductor) 7, P. J. Daw 8.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEW BRANCH FOR RUTLAND TO BE FORMED.**

At a special general meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held at Oakham on September 23rd, it was decided to establish a new branch for Rutlandshire. Over seventy ringers attended the meeting, and five branches of the Guild were represented, those present including Mr. F. Wilford (Master), the Rev. R. C. Thursfield (president of Kettering Branch), Canon E. E. Law (Empingham), the Rev. W. St. G. Coldwell (Tickencote), the Rev. J. H. Woods (Glaston), the Rev. A. B. Westcott (Corby), Miss Thursfield (hon. secretary, Northants Branch, Ladies' Guild), Messrs. F. Barber, H. Baxter and W. H. Waldron (branch secretaries) and Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary). An apology was received from Mr. S. F. Millward (auditor).

Preston, Wing, Whissendine, Glaston, Empingham and Oakham belfries were the Rutland towers represented, and ringers from a wide area were present from Corby, Kettering, Leicester, Peterborough, Rugby, Melton Mowbray, Wigston, Bourne, Market Deeping, Warkton, Cranford, Isham, Northampton, Burton Latimer, Rothwell, Desborough and Wellingborough.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Fraser), and the collection for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to £1 0s. 3d. Tea was served in the Women's Institute Room, after which Canon E. E. Law presided at a meeting, which considered the suggested formation of a branch of the Guild in Rutland.

The Master briefly stated the objects of the Guild, which now has nine branches and nearly 1,100 members.

After some discussion, the Rutland ringers present were asked to vote on a proposition: 'That the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers be formed,' and this was carried.

The first meeting to elect officers, etc., is to be held at Empingham on Saturday, November 4th, of which due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. R. G. Black moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Oakham for the use of the bells and for conducting service; to the organist, the caterers and to Mr. W. E. Higgs, Oakham, who had made the arrangements.

The splendid ring of eight bells (tenor 28 cwt.) was much appreciated by the visitors, who made good use of them during the afternoon and evening, from rounds for the less advanced to London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

RINGING TOURS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should like to say through 'The Ringing World' that our experience of touring ringers does not fit in with the remarks made by a Northants ringer.

Quite recently a touring band obtained permission to attempt their first peal on our bells. This being granted, they immediately invited two members of our local band to stand in and asked them to name the method.

They were also given permission to attempt the last peal of the tour a week later. For this attempt they invited three members of the local band to stand in, again giving the locals choice of method.

W. BIBBY.

Frodsham.

RINGING TOURS v. DOG IN THE MANGER.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, 'A Voice from Northants,' seems to have bitten off more than he can chew. As a ringer who has done a fair amount of spadework and also taken part in a few ringing tours, I think I may fairly claim to speak from a rather wide experience. I would remind your correspondent that it is not necessary when on a tour to be always carrying passengers or helping lame ducks over a stile. Most visiting ringers prefer something else. They can always be accommodated with the lame ducks nearer home. One does not have far to go to see them swimming around, but, Mr. Editor, how difficult it is for one to see the other fellow's point of view? Now I can quite understand the difficulties of Mr. Hogarth's district, having toured through there a few years ago, but may I point out to him that all Surprise ringers have, like himself, to start at the bottom and gradually to work upwards, often after a lot of practice and also expense. One would think it a more courteous act to ask visitors to ring either in a touch or peal attempt than to want local men to butt in. But to return to 'A Voice from Northants.' He appears to tar all Surprise ringers with the same brush, but to him I for one can give the lie direct. Having just rung my 50th peal this year, I find they have been rung with 85 different ringers. That alone speaks for itself and needs no further comment from me. One could say a great deal more from experience, which, to my mind, is the best teacher of all.

W. KEEBLE.

A lengthy letter on the Cumberland tour from Mr. E. Jennings is held over owing to pressure on our space.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The condition of the bell frame and the ringing chamber floor has made it necessary to cancel the meeting of Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Andover.

'Enquirer' asks if any reader can supply him with information regarding the church and derelict peal of eight situated on Lundy Island.

'Is ringing dying out?' Mr. A. Castle of Elham, Kent, is prompted to ask this question from the fact that in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' no fewer than 68 meetings were advertised.

A tablet recording the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Exeter Cathedral on October 15th last year will be unveiled and dedicated in the Cathedral belfry on Saturday, October 14th, at 4 p.m. Canon McLaren will perform the ceremony.

The three large bells at Falmouth Parish Church, Cornwall, have been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank into eight, the treble weighing 3 cwt. and tenor 8½ cwt. Unfortunately, they have been only hung for chiming.

Two trebles are being added by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. to the ring of six at St. Anthony-in-Meneage, Cornwall, and are to be dedicated on October 14th. This will make Cornwall's 31st octave.

The meeting of the Lancashire Association which was to have been held at Poulton on October 14th has been postponed to the 28th.

He will be 80 years old next month, but last Saturday that physical wonder of the Exercise, Mr. James George, rang the 50 cwt. tenor at Southwark Cathedral in an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques, which was lost in the last course, through a misunderstanding, after four hours! Mr. George was as fit at the end as he was at the start. Many ringers would like to know the secret of his apparently perpetual youth.

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The committee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild wish to take this opportunity of thanking all who have so kindly helped in any way to bring the above scheme to such a successful conclusion.

R. RICHARDSON, Master.

ONE HUNDRED AND ONE NOT OUT.

At St. Bartholomew's Church, Areley Kings, Worcs, on Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 720 Oxford Rob Minor: Jas. Reynolds 1, Chas. Beaman 2, Thos. Eleox 3, Egbert Coley 4, George Butler 5, Henry Martin (Birkenhead) 6. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles. The above touches were rung and the bells 'fired' on the occasion of the 101st birthday of Mrs. Mary Bullock, a much respected parishioner, and cousin of Mr. H. Martin. The venerable lady is fairly well in health and is able to walk about her garden.

CHANGE RINGING IN H.M. PRISONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your last week's issue, in the report of a lecture given by Mr. Wilfrid Andrews, of Winchester, it was stated that the performance of change ringing was believed to be the first given in one of H.M.'s prisons.

An Armley band rang a course of Grandsire Caters in H.M. Prison, Leeds, many years ago.

JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

PREJUDICE IN HIGH PLACES.

THE NEEDS OF COUNTRY PARISHES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Whilst absolutely agreeing with your article and the letter of R. H., there is prejudice and prejudice. I fear that many people reading your article will read into it their own ideas that all old work should be scrapped and replaced with new. That this was not intended I know, but there are those who will undoubtedly use the article to express their own interpretation of it.

There are thousands of ringers who definitely dislike many modern bells, as compared with those cast before modern tuning methods were thought of. There is a mellowness about a ring of good old bells that one seldom hears in a new one. Doubtless an individual modern bell is in tune with itself which an old one may or may not be. But the effect of the whole ring may have a very definite jarring effect.

Further, in country places I very much doubt the wisdom of ball bearings on any except heavy bells, whilst the ultra modern stay appears to have been invented solely for the purpose of adding considerably to the cost of repairs. Incumbents have to think not only of the greatest efficiency, but also of primary and future cost.

Bellfounders are not philanthropists, but essentially business men. They are out to get work at the cheapest cost to themselves; primary efficiency is essential or they wouldn't get it; but obviously the more they can deal in 'stock' fittings the better for them. They are all ringers and have devised out of their experience the best fittings they can think of. They are perfectly honest in their advice, but do they all really think far enough into the requirements of the individual parish?

It appears to me that a crack ringing church in London requires something totally different to an isolated country parish, exposed to westerly gales of sea wind. In the former, have, by all means, every modern contrivance you can think of. In the latter many of them are an absolute curse. A stay, for instance, must be able to be knocked up by any village carpenter.

As an example of difference of opinion, I quote the difficulties of a Vicar who has a parish near me on the sea coast in a very wild part. He has three old bells, one a mediæval. He wants six and a new frame. The local antiquarian Rural Dean says that he must have an oak frame (in these days when it is impossible to get any but green oak) and must keep his present bells (one of them is slightly cracked).

He consulted a bellfounder, who said he must have a STEEL frame, ball bearings and scrap all the old bells. If he wanted to keep the mediæval bell, put it in a museum. He then consulted me. Now the two good bells have a beautiful tone, especially the mediæval. I, knowing nothing of what had previously been said, gave my vote solid for an iron frame and consult a different bellfounder whom I mentioned with a view to a splice. He then informed me of the above, and I left him scratching his head. Possibly he'll take the advice of the antiquarian, in which case no one will be able or want to ring his bells in the inside of five years.

Possibly he'll take the advice of the bellfounder, in which case he'll have a scaling and painting job to do at least every two years and have to send away every time a stay is broken.

I doubt if I am of sufficient importance for him to take mine, but I think in the end he'd be better satisfied if he did.

May I conclude by reminding you that I absolutely agree with your remarks; but not with the interpretation which may in some quarters be put on them, that everything should be left in the hands of the bellfounder. I do not suppose for a moment you can find space for this letter, and I write it more for a plea for more long-sighted consideration of the requirements of individual parishes than at present obtains in the ranks of 'crack' ringers of 'crack' churches than anything else.

C. F. J.

ANCIENT BELL FRAMES.

THE VIEWS OF THE S.P.A.B.

Dear Sir,—I have read the leading article of Friday, September 15th, in 'The Ringing World.' Although I know more than one 'eminent ecclesiastical architect' who might be the one referred to by you, other of your readers not being so fortunate may associate the opinions you mention to the wrong person or even to this society. Since I know there used to be prejudice against the society I serve because of their care for, and interest in, bells and bell cages, I desire your permission again to make the society's relationship in this matter clear in your paper.

The sound of ringing bells is delightful, and those who enjoy this sound with me are grateful to the Exercise that gives us this pleasure. The delight in the sound of ringing bells is of a kind like to the delight to be had in unspoiled English country; and for that matter it is like the pleasure to be had from the knowledge and the view of the ancient buildings which add a human grace to this country. Both are æsthetic pleasures (forgive the word). That there should be in any minds an idea that the pleasures to be had from a good ring of bells and those provided by a nobly built and fortunately preserved tower conflict, shows stupidity; for the promotion of fine bellringing and the preservation of fine towers equally serve the living generations of mankind.

Nothing is more damaging to an ancient tower than to force the ringing of heavily going bells in a weak frame, neither is there any pleasure to the ringers, nor would those outside, knowing the condition, wish to hear this laboured music.

It is important, therefore, that bell cages should be properly designed, not only as to the arrangement of the bells, but as to the form and weight of the cage, and as to the means whereby the loads it has to take are transmitted to the walls of the tower. In advising on such matters three principles seem to stand out and guide my society.

1. The preservation of the tower, the preservation of ancient cages and of old bells, and, if possible, of all that pertains to an example of ancient bellhanging.

2. When it is necessary make a new cage for an old ring in an old tower. As far as the sound of the bells and the structure of the tower is concerned, provided the design of the cage is good, it does not really matter what material is used for that cage.

3. As the whole pleasure of bellringing and hearing the music is æsthetic, so in the hanging of bells also there should be no æsthetic offence.

If difference exists between the approach of this society to the subject of bellringing and the approach of those who are enthusiastic performers, it appears to me that it lies in the fact that some bellringers have not considered, or, if they have considered, have not accepted, the third of the above enumerated principles.

A man, who fully enjoys the sound of ringing bells, the tower from which the sound comes and contemplating the village and meadows over which the sound travels, is shocked if he learns that the ancient tower has suffered a brutal treatment at the hand of a bellhanger, and this though no structural injury is done to the walls. An apple may look rosy red and attractive, but the knowledge that it is tunnelled with the browning tracks of a maggot takes æsthetic pleasure from the contemplation of its coloured beauty; for as great a part of that pleasure is in knowing as it is in seeing or hearing. It is thus with a mediæval church tower when the unsympathetic merchant of steel has forced his unwanted and unneeded wares there; and this when, in fact, materials of the old kind will efficiently serve. There is no reason at all why modern knowledge of construction should not be decently applied to the benefit of an ancient building in the matter of bellhanging as in others, and it is for its thoughtful, rather than its excessive and boastful application, that the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings appeals.

It is unseemly to replace the decaying stonework of a traceried window with a metal casting of what has disappeared, it is usually unseemly and disagreeable even to use in such a position a casting made in modern synthetic stone; when such things are done, everyone agrees that the mellowing work of our forefathers is insulted; yet the exaggerated idolater of 'Progress and Modernity' would doubtless build a perfectly logical argument why these materials are better than any that have preceded them; as in some respects and on some occasions they are.

I cannot believe your readers who so much enjoy the beauty of bells and the sound they make will be unsympathetic to, or will be unable to understand, the kindred love of beauty felt by the members of this society. If they do understand these things, or even if they do no more than see that there may be something in them, the society would ask all bellringers to join with it in preserving ancient church towers, ancient bells, ancient bell cages, and when alterations have to be made, or repairs are to be done, that they should urge, as part of the object of these works, the preservation of the character and 'being' of the single unit that is the church, the tower, the bells and the cage.

A. R. POWYS, Secretary, S.P.A.B.
Member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The September meeting of Leeds and District Society was held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, September 30th. The bells were rung up at 3 p.m. and continued in use (except for a break for the tea and meeting) until 9 p.m.

The business meeting was held in the Church Schoolroom in the evening, with the president in the chair. One new member was elected, viz., Mr. C. F. Sutcliffe, of Brighouse.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Birstall on October 28th. Mr. Senior proposed and Mr. Armitage seconded that the best thanks of the society be accorded the churchwardens and the local company for the day's meeting and arrangements.—Mr. Morris replied for the local company, who promised to inform the churchwardens of the vote.

There is at present no Vicar at Holbeck. Before the meeting was declared closed, a well-struck course of Bob Royal was rung on handbells.

GOLDEN WEDDING AND A JUBILEE.

To mark the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bevan and also Mr. Bevan's completion of 50 years as a ringer at St. Martin's Church, Gospel Oak, members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang 720 Bob Minor on Thursday, September 28th, at St. Martin's Church, conducted by Mr. Bevan's son: W. Norton 1. R. Bevan 2. J. Payton (first 720 'inside') 3. F. Smith 4. E. Bondfield 5. T. Bevan (first 720 as conductor) 6.

DEVON GUILD AT WIDECOMBE.

SUCCESSFUL BRANCH MEETING.

The South-West Branch of the Devon Guild held a district meeting at Widecombe-in-the-Moor on Saturday, September 30th, with a record attendance of 66 members and friends, including visitors from Mid-Devon and Exeter Branches. Bands came from the three Plymouth churches and from Walkhampton and Petertavy. The Rev. E. C. Wood (Vicar) conducted a short service in the church, which was tastefully decorated for harvest festival. In his address of welcome the Vicar drew an apt analogy between the ancient custom of the priests sounding their trumpets and the bellringers of the present time.



WIDECOMBE'S STately TOWER.

At the Northfield Cafe, the Rev. F. W. Moore, chairman of the branch, conducted the meeting, which was preceded by a bountiful tea. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. W. H. Marsh and the late Mrs. Dankes, wife of the Archdeacon of Plymouth.

Four new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Meavy on January 20th, 1934. It was announced that the restored bells at Meavy were to be dedicated on the following Wednesday.

Mr. E. W. Marsh, branch secretary, gave a brief resumé of the proposed alterations to the Guild rules to enable members to understand the changes proposed by the committee.

In conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindly welcome, also to the organist and choir, was acknowledged by the Vicar. Two or three bands visited Buckland-in-the-Moor after the meeting, where the church possesses a bright toned ring of eight in first rate going order.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

For the first time in the 57 years' history of the Lancashire Association the annual meeting was held at Lancaster. A fair company started to arrive soon after 10 a.m., while others called at different towers as they passed on their way, all reaching the Priory Church at a few minutes to 4, when the service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Pollard). Tea was taken at a cafe nearby, and the business meeting held at the Church House.

The president (Canon H. J. Elsce) opened the meeting with prayer and afterwards read the committee's report. Each member present had a copy of the balance sheet. The auditors, not being able to be present, sent a report, which was read from the chair.

The next business was the election of officers for two years. Three nominations were sent in for vice-president and three for treasurer. No less than 585 voting cards were returned out of 800 sent out, and the returning officer (Mr. J. H. Banks) declared the result to be in favour of Mr. T. B. Worsley as vice-president and Mr. C. I. Davies as treasurer.

Rochdale was chosen for the next annual meeting, and votes of thanks were passed to Canon Pollard and others for the service, the ringers for having all ready and the officers who retired by rotation. The president was thanked for taking the chair and also congratulated on passing another birthday earlier in the month.

The committee, in the course of their report, said: The number of members was returned at 1,573, of which number 1,163 reside in the county. The financial side shows a gain of £13 3s. 0½d. on the year's working, while the peals, which range from Minor in one method to Bob Maximus, numbered 154. This does not tally with the Central Council analysis, as we finish our year on August 31st. We have lost seven members through death, also five among honorary and non-resident members. Mention is made of the successful experiment of a supper at Liverpool, and the second one, which is to be held at Bolton on October 21st.

Mr. P. Crook afterwards was busy selling tickets for the latter event, which promises to be highly successful.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.

MELTHAM REGAIN CUP AFTER 12 YEARS.

The Halifax and District Association held a six-bell contest and quarterly meeting at New Mill, Huddersfield, on Saturday week. It had been previously arranged to ring 600 changes any method, with three leads practice.

The draw was made as follows: 1 Liversedge, Oxford Treble Bob Minor; 2 Shelley (No. 2), Oxford Treble Bob Minor; 3 Meltham, Oxford Treble Bob Minor; 4 Holmfirth, Oxford Treble Bob Minor; 5 Stainland, Kent Treble Bob Minor; 6 Shelley (No. 1), Oxford Treble Bob Minor; 7 Friezland, Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

Some excellent ringing was heard during the afternoon. The judges, Mr. W. Idle (Batley) and Mr. H. Biltcliffe (New Mill), gave their decision as follows:—

	Faults	Penalty	Total
Liversedge	136	10	146
Shelley, No. 2	246	20	266
Meltham	99	0	99
Holmfirth	94	10	104
Stainland	176	0	176
Shelley, No. 1	117	10	127
Friezland	185	0	185

No. 3, Meltham, were declared winners of the cup.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Edwards, presented the cup to Mr. E. Whiteley, the Meltham conductor. He congratulated them, but he, as a novice, thought they all had rung well. He was reminded that it was 12 years since Meltham had won the cup before. It was a coincidence that it was at New Mill, and that his brother was Vicar at the time. He thought they would have to have a Vicar with another name to prevent Meltham winning the cup there. He said he felt sorry for Holmfirth losing the cup owing to the penalty of an overpull.

A large number sat down to an enjoyable tea. The meeting followed, when ringing had ceased. Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham) was chairman.

Mr. E. Whiteley (Meltham) proposed thanks to the Vicar and to the churchwardens for the use of bells.

The Vicar, in reply, made reference to a gentleman who had lived in the vicinity, who said that when the bells were rung it always rained. It would appertain that day, but he thought that the rain was very welcome on this occasion.

AUTHORSHIP OF A PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Mr. J. A. Burford has pointed out to me that the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Tewkesbury Abbey on November 12th, 1932, is given as composed by T. B. Worsley, but that the same composition was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, October 4th, 1913, composed by F. Dench.

In the Peal Book of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association both peals will be recorded as being composed by F. Dench.

EDGAR GUISE, General Hon. Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**VISIT TO HOWDEN.**

A very pleasant and successful general meeting of the association was held at Howden on Sept. 16th, when some 70 members were present from a wide area. What a transformation, Howden, 1929-1933! The fire of 1929, disastrous and regrettable as it was, proved the means of providing Howden with a truly magnificent peal—surely one of Taylor's best peals of eight—and conditions that are ideal in the ringing chamber. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and many were the remarks of admiration expressed at the fine quality and go of the bells.

At the meeting of the General Committee held in the afternoon, Mr. J. W. Addison, who has been secretary of the Northern Division for a number of years, was elected Ringing Master of that division, and Mr. E. Hudson, of 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, near Ripon, was elected secretary. Ripon was chosen as the place for the next meeting, which is the annual one, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the General Committee at Leeds on December 2nd.

A splendid tea was served in the old Bishop's Palace, formerly the residence of the Bishops of Durham, and the business meeting was held on the lawn with the president (Canon C. C. Marshall) in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. Waring, Vicar of Howden. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J. W. Addison, G. Lewis, W. Barton, J. Cotterell, P. J. Johnson and H. N. Ineson.

In proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, Canon Marshall alluded to the beautiful peal of bells they now had in Howden, and said how grateful they were to the Vicar for providing such a glorious day and for extending so hearty a welcome. He added that possibly something would be done in time to soften the sound of the bells outside.

In a racy reply, the Rev. A. Waring said he had no idea he was clerk of the weather, and thus responsible for the glorious day, but he was very pleased indeed to welcome the association to Howden, and hoped they had all enjoyed their visit. He advised the members not to pay too much heed to those people who complained of the noise of the bells, as neurotic people were to be found in any parish. They had a few even in Howden. When the bells were silent following the fire, people exclaimed, 'If only we could hear the sound of the bells again,' and now, when they had the bells, there were still a few who complained about the noise of them. However, he would bear in mind Canon Marshall's suggestion, and see what could be done. He offered his personal congratulations to Canon Marshall on his appointment as a Canon of Ripon, and said how pleased he would be to welcome the association to Howden again.

Mr. S. F. Palmer proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the local company for the arrangements they had made, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea, and this was acknowledged by Mr. J. W. Thompson, of the local company.

The President drew the attention of members to the date of the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, which is to be held at York on October 14th, and hoped they would support the dinner again this year as they had done in the past.

This concluded the business.

Further ringing brought to a close a most enjoyable and pleasant meeting.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS MEETING.**'SPLICED' AND 'MIXED' RINGING.**

Punctually at the advertised time a strong band assembled at Amersham for the East Berks and South Bucks meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, but owing to an interment (even the skies shed a tear), the visitors could not start off with their usual speed. The tenor was carefully 'tolled' up, the other five being raised in peal in the following 'modes,' Stoke, Chalfont, Past Grand, Egger and Spot. Something a little more musical being fancied, a course of Cambridge was rung. Rounds were also accomplished, including 2.1.3.4.5.6 and 1.3.2.4.5.6, non-conducted, in both fast and slow time.

The feast (not of Stephen) was even better than usual. Perhaps this was due to the presence of the P.G. Some ten different methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, ranging from Original to London Surprise, and including five Surprise methods. Kent and Oxford were spliced, Cambridge and London were mixed (a bit more than was intended), but the real brain testers were the 'Hot Bob' touches. One member of the 'flying squad' did not put in an appearance. Was it the 'stormy weather' that called the 'Bob at home'? There were some 'postcards' left in the 'middle,' too.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Thursday, September 21st, at the Parish Church, Cirencester, Glos. a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 2, J. O. Eden 3, H. L. Cooke 4, F. J. Lewis, jun., 5, H. S. Parsons 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. G. Cook 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Grace Dorothy Bond, daughter of Mr. F. W. Bond, and Mr. William A. Richmond, of Bristol, which took place at the Parish Church the previous day. Also to commemorate the opening of the Bingham Public Library.

OXFORD SOCIETY.**BICENTENARY CELEBRATION.**

This month the Oxford Society is to hold a bicentenary celebration. The event is one of considerable interest and recalls the fact that the City of Oxford, with its many peals of bells, has, for at least two hundred years, been a centre of change-ringing.

Late in the 17th century there must have been an active band of change ringers in Oxford, although, unfortunately, no written records exist. But the method known as Oxford Treble Bob has been practised since about 1677, and this takes its name as some think either because it was first rung in Oxford or because it was invented by a native of that city.

However, from the year 1733 onwards there is a continuous record of change ringing performances, as the following historical notes, quoted from Hearue, a contemporary Oxford historian, will prove:—

MAY 24th, 1733.

On Whit-Sunday last (May 13th) came to Oxford on foot 15 ringers from London and the day before came on horseback one Mr. Skelton about 14 or 15 years ago a Commoner of Queens College, Oxford, and an excellent ringer. The next day being Monday, May 14th, the Oxford Ringers gave them a short peal at Magdalen College as they did in the Evening at Christ Church, the Londoners laying still that day, that they might refresh themselves after the fatigue of their journey. The day after (being Tuesday, May 15th) the Londoners rang a peal admirably well at New College of about 1500 changes from a little before 11 o'clock in the morning till 12, and in the evening they did the same at Christ Church. On Wednesday, May 16th, they (the Londoners) began to ring at Christ Church in the morning a quarter or more before 12 and they rang till 2 most incomparably well: when the gudgeons being bad, the biggest bell (that is, the tenth) fell down, but not through the loft, otherwise they proposed to have rang 5040 changes. In the evening they rang the 8 bells at Magdalen College, but 2 or 3 ropes breaking, they could not proceed above $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. On Thursday, May 17th, they began to ring at New College, proposing to ring the said number of changes viz. 5040 changes there. They began a little before 12 and rang about $\frac{1}{2}$ of an hour when one of the ropes broke and so they were stopped. Afterwards they dined at the Weavers beyond Friar Bacon's Study, and some (if not all) of them stopping over to Ifley, they rang the six bells there (the 700 changes upon them). The next day Friday the 18th they were resolved to ring the above mentioned number of 5040 changes upon New College ten bells as they had begun to do before. Accordingly they began a little before 12 in the morning and rang full 2 hours wanting 2 minutes when one of the ropes broke and put a stop to the peal for which all were very sorry as they were at the fall of the great bell at Christ Church, for their ringing at both places as well as elsewhere was most surprisingly fine without the least fault from beginning to end; such as never was before in Oxford and 'tis a scandal that the bells should be not in good order. Saturday, May 19th, they went out of town. On Tuesday, May 22nd, the great bell at Christ Church was got up again and in the evening the Oxford men rang all 10 and endeavoured to imitate the Londoners, but they were soon out and made poor work of it in comparison of the others.

JANUARY 1st, 1734.

Christ Church ten bells being now in good order, yesterday some select Oxford Ringers rang them all for a wager. They were to have 6 trials and if upon the 6th trial, they did not do it, they were to loose. Yesterday they began, being the first trial, just as 12 o'clock and finished the whole, 27 minutes after 3 o'clock. This is the first time that this number of changes was ever rung in Oxford. The Oxford Ringers yesterday made many mistakes so that 'twas expected they must have given over several times. I did not hear them till they had been at it 3 quarters of an hour, but afterwards I heard them quite out till they had done, and I observed 52 faults in their ringing, 9 of which were very considerable ones. However, take it altogether 'twas excellent ringing and they may glory of it. The most considerable fault was occasioned by Dr. Gregory, Regius Professor of Modern History and Student of Christ Church, who broke in upon the ringers to their great disappointment.

APRIL 17th, 1734.

On January 1st last as I have noted a company of select Oxford ringers rang 5040 cator changes upon Christ Church ten bells. The very same company undertook to ring 6876 changes upon the same bells on Easter Monday last being April 15th. They agreed to begin at 10 o'clock exactly in the morning and some of them sent notice of it a few days before to me. Accordingly they raised the bells and put them in order at 10 o'clock that morning and at a quarter or a little more after ten, they began the changes and continued them until above a quarter after one in the afternoon, when the rope of the 9th Bell somehow or other happening to twist, the ringer of that Bell, Arthur Lloyd, was out and thereupon they all stooped of a sudden (and so they sank the Bells) which accident I was very sorry for. For indeed they rang so excellently well, that I was even

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BIG BEN AND THE B.B.C.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Regarding the remarks of your correspondent under the above heading in your issue of the 15th inst., or course it sounds 'very ridiculous to those who know that Big Ben only strikes the hours.'

But the point is that nine out of ten people do not, and it is an understood fact that the ordinary man in the street thinks of Big Ben as the clock. So long as this is so, I think the B.B.C. is quite right in causing the announcement to be made in the form it is.

It is quite likely that the authorities at Broadcasting House are also cognisant of the superior knowledge displayed by your correspondent, but prefer, in consideration of their audience, to refer to the clock as 'Big Ben.'

Curiously enough, a correspondent in this week's 'Radio Times' complains of the B.B.C. announcements as being too precise, giving as his reason the fact that the ordinary listener desires to be spoken to as an ordinary being and not as though he were an encyclopedia.—Yours truly,

C. BRETT-SMITH.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

On Wednesday, September 27th, to celebrate the 76th birthday of Mr. Thomas Lingard, of Christ Church, Pendlebury, eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a touch of 1,008 Grandsire Triples: P. Green 1, W. Wallwork 2, N. Tompkins (conductor) 3, T. Lingard 4, O. Seddon 5, A. Wallwork 6, J. Kershaw 7, N. Bryan 8.

Mr. Lingard, who has been a ringer for 60 years, was the recipient of congratulations and good wishes from the local ringers and many other friends.

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ravished with it, and though they did not quite come up to the Londoners, who rang without fault, yet 'twas really so admirable, that I could observe but six faults, besides the grand one (which was the seventh and put them out) in all their ringing, which six faults however, had they performed the whole, I should have looked upon as so inconsiderate that I should have thought the Peal might have been said to be rung without faults. They rang 4800 changes which was 240 less than they rang before and wanted 2076 of the whole 6876, which notwithstanding had not that misfortune happened, they would certainly have performed without difficulty. As I went on purpose to be as nice as possible in my observations and was present from beginning to end, choosing to be as private as I could, standing for the most part in Cowley Street, which goes from Ch.Ch. to Tilham Bridge. I was as critical as possibly I could be and as I went without any manner of partiality to judge fairly of the matter and to pass over no faults, I must say that I could discover but six faults and that what they did was admirable, much to their honour and credit.

MAY 2nd, 1734.

Yesterday an attempt was made upon New College Bells of 6876 changes. They began a quarter before ten in the morning and rang very well till four minutes past 12, when Mr. Brickland a school master of St. Michael's Parish missing a stroke, it put a stop to the whole, so that they presently set them and sunk the bells, which is a pity, for 'twas really very true ringing excepting five faults which I observed (for I heard all the time tho 'twas very wet all the while, in that part of the Parks on the East side of Wadham College where I was very private) one of which five faults was the treble that was rung by Mr. Richard Hearne, and the other four were faults committed by the above said Mr. Brickland, who 'twas feared by several beforehand would not fully perform his part, but they took him now because Mr. Broughton (who otherwise should have rung) was attending as Barber. Excepting this Broughton and Mr. George, the ringers were all the same as those mentioned under January 24th last, Mr. George's hands being not quite recovered of some blisters he received the last ringing on April 15th last, Mr. Nash, a Cabinet Maker, who is an excellent ringer, supplied his place and rang the 3rd bell so they were as follows:—

Mr. Hearne the 1st or Treble, Mr. Vickers the 2nd, Mr. Nash the 3rd, Mr. Terry the 4th, Mr. Brickland the 5th, Mr. Yate the 6th, Mr. Smith the 7th, Mr. Barnes the 8th, Mr. Lloyd the 9th, Mr. Benwell the 10th or Tenor. When I mentioned afterwards my observation to the said Mr. Smith, he told me that though he rung himself yet he minded the faults also himself upon which I asked him how many there were. He said three before that which stopped them. I told him there were just five before that, at which he admired my niceness. They rang in the said two hours and nineteen minutes 3475 changes which wanted 3401 of the number proposed.

(To be continued.)

NOTICE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer and Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Compton Martin on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Kindly notify me by Tuesday, October 10th.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., Council House, Timsbury, near Bath.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 31st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Piddington on Saturday, October 7th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. Bells available 2.30 to 3.30 and after meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Willesden, Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at St. Peter's Church, Glasbury. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (in Church Hall) to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please advise me? These bells have recently been recast and rehung in modern fittings.—E. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting to be held at Bampton on Saturday, October 7th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Talbot Hotel.—W. Evetts, jun., Branch Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A bye-meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Standish on Saturday, October 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Whaplode, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 7th. Service at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Gaywood's Rooms, at 5.15 p.m. Canterbury Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (6) and St. Alphege (6) bells available.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Tickets for Jubilee Dinner (3s. 6d.) are available, early application necessary.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, October 7th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify the undersigned? Tea 1s. each, members 6d. All ringers welcome.—George Case, Hon. Sec., 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, October 7th. Short service at 4 p.m. in the church, followed by tea at the Townhead Tea Rooms. (Tea is by kind invitation of the St. Cuthbert's Society, Edinburgh.) All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the North Norfolk and West Norfolk Branches of the above association will be held at Elmham on Saturday, October 7th. Please advise W. B. Duncan, Reepham, Norfolk, or myself, if coming.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Youlgrave on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. G. Wallace, Dis. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Owing to an error, the branch meeting will not be held at Moorside, but will be at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A quarterly meeting will be held in conjunction with a meeting of the Middlesex County Association at Willesden on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 5.30 p.m.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnhurst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, October 7th, instead of September 30th, as per calendar.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Keyston on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Diocesan Association will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. Willers, Trumpington, Cambs, and R. C. Sharpe, Newmarket, Dis. Secs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Staveley (eight bells) on Saturday, Oct. 7th. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Walsingham, on Saturday, October 7th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Bells (8) available. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, October 7th. Arrangements as usual.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kelston on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting (important) at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Harlestone on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Andover, arranged for October 7th, is cancelled, owing to condition of the bell frame and ringing chamber floor.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown Parsonage, Newbury.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOUCESTER.—New treble added to complete ring of six (tenor 14 cwt.). Frame repaired and new fittings supplied by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication by Right Rev. E. J. Palmer, Assistant Bishop of Gloucester, on Sunday, October 8th, at 11 a.m. Bells available during the afternoon. All ringers welcome.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—St. Mary's Church.—The ring of five bells (tenor 11 cwt.), recast, frame repaired, and new fittings supplied by Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Archdeacon of Hastings on Sunday, October 8th, at 11 a.m. All ringers welcome.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. T. Jesson) a joint meeting of the Tewkesbury and Cheltenham Branches will be held at Bishop's Cleeve on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. All ringers welcome. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by the 10th?—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) **AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea, in St. John's Hall, at 5.15 p.m. 'Sing-song and chin-chin' in St. John's Hall from 7.30 p.m. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends.—F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Palgrave on October 14th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m., also at Eye (8) and Diss (8). Tea in the School at 4.30 for members of Suffolk Guild or Norwich Association who send their names by October 10th to H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, October 14th. The chair will be taken by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, at 6 p.m. All applications for tickets (4s. each) to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, not later than the first post on Tuesday, October 10th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and visitors staying at York over the week-end will be welcomed in the Minster belfry on the Sunday morning.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland, St. James', on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please note, a combined practice will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Tuesday, October 10th, for Surprise methods, commencing 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses paid to members up to 2s. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting is arranged to take place at King's Langley on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. All ringers—learners and otherwise—cordially welcome. This tower is easy of access, can be reached easiest by bus. What about it? A postcard by previous Wednesday, please.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. W. Thompson, 29, Furlong Road, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before Oct. 11th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bootle on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (by invitation of the wardens). Service 6.30 p.m. For tea notify Mr. J. Brown, 12, Evesham Road, Liverpool, 4. A hearty welcome to all.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, at 1s. per head, for members notifying me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 10th. Meeting commences 5.30 p.m.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hazelbeech (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Usual arrangements. All those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday previous. — Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 11th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Tilehurst on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify me by Oct. 11th?—E. G. Foster, Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available after 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Hoping to have a good turn up.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation, to those who let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 10th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Upham on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Number for tea by Oct. 12th. Netley bells unavailable.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.30 (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow. Service at 5.30. All Saints', Hastings, bells available from 6.30. Will all members intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

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BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea please notify Mr. W. Kitson, Primrose Cottage View, Wheel Lane, Grenoside, by Tuesday, the 10th inst. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Nantwich (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know before the 11th inst.—R. D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Lockington on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Horsell, near Woking, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all members make an effort to attend this meeting?—K. Eastes, Holly Brox, Ottershaw, Surrey.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—Bicentenary Celebration, Saturday, October 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Magdalen (10 bells) 2 to 3 p.m., St. Giles' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Ebbe's (8), 3 to 4 p.m., Christ Church (12) 4 to 5, followed by service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Reception by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Oxford at the Town Hall 5.45 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. Tickets, 5s. each, to be obtained not later than October 14th, from V. Bennett, Hon. Sec., 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bedwelty on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alterryn View, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available 3.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at The White Cot Dairy. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Co-operative Hall, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Dinner 6 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 3s. 6d., now ready, from Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The meeting at Poulton Parish Church is postponed to Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Rd., Blackpool, S.S.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 11th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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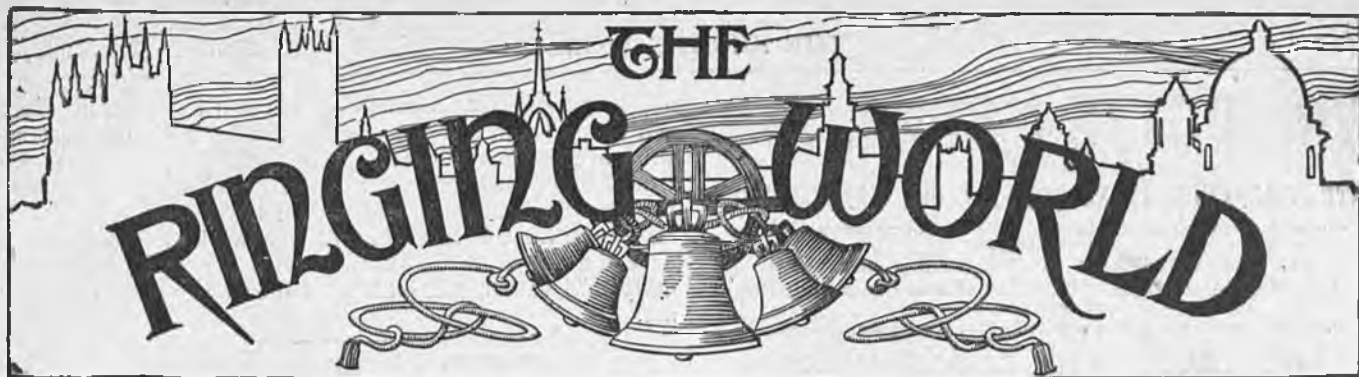
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'OLD GREEN EYE.'

Addressing a gathering of ringers at a meeting of the Sussex County Association on Saturday, the Vicar of Ringmer took the opportunity of uttering a word of warning against the intrusion into the belfry of the ogre which he described as 'Old Green Eye.' Such a warning is not out of place. Jealousy stalks everywhere, among every sect, in all walks of life, and through every pursuit. It is to be found in the ranks of ringers, no less than among other sections of the community, for ringers are only human; and although the warning was given to an assembly of Sussex ringers, the advice has a much wider application. The Vicar of Ringmer spoke as a former ringer, and, therefore, not without experience of the ways of ringers. And who is there, with any experience at all, who has not seen at some time or another the disastrous effects which 'Old Green Eye' can work in a company or in an association?

Jealousy is usually the product of a small mind and congested vision, and coupled, as it often is, with selfishness, can do a vast amount of harm in a ringing circle—as it can, of course, in any other sphere. It is jealousy that frequently impels the local conductor to keep all the calling in his own hands—particularly if he is not of a very brilliant type—because he is fearful that if he gave any other members of the company a chance his own position might eventually be undermined. His jealousy prevents him studying the best interests of the company; for no band ought to be without a reserve of conductors any more than they ought to be without a reserve of ringers. Then there are those jealous rivalries which prevent some ringers—and good ringers, too—from inviting other equally good ringers to join them in their ringing and particularly in their peal ringing; and those petty jealousies which arise when someone, who thinks he ought to be included, is left out of a touch or peal. Team work, as the Vicar of Ringmer also pointed out, is the essence of progress in change ringing, and jealousy and selfishness are its greatest enemies.

But jealousies do not stop at the instances we have mentioned. They can be found in other directions—sometimes between associations, who look upon themselves as rivals instead of as coadjutors in the promotion of the art of ringing, and, sometimes, even in the correspondence which appears in these columns. 'Old Green Eye' frequently gets a footing unobserved, but his presence is quickly and often disastrously revealed, and while we do not for a moment believe that ringers are, as a body, any more prone to fall victims of his snares than any other section of the community, ringing is so essential

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ally a pursuit that demands the team spirit, that there can be no room for jealousy in the belfry if the best results are to be achieved. It is for this reason that we would emphasise the warning given at Ringmer, which incidentally is a place that should have some interest for ringers from the fact that it was while he was curate here the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies pursued some of his early and valuable explorations into the problems of the art.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5160 CHANGES;

*TREVOR PRICHARD Treble	*ROBERT JONES 7
*SIDNEY ROMANS 2	*ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 8
JESSE GILBERT 3	ALFRED HANNIS 9
GEORGE GOULDING 4	THOMAS PRICE 10
ERNEST DAVIES 5	JOHN F. BALLINGER 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Cinques. Rung in honour of the 61st wedding anniversary of Ex-Sergt. Joseph and Mrs. Williams.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE E. WILLSON ... Treble	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HENRY T. WILLSON 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	*STANLEY W. BAYBUTT ... 8
*GEORGE J. BUTCHER 4	*HARRY HOVERD 9
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 5	LEONARD BAYBUTT ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. The conductor thanks the local band for permission to attempt this peal, also for completing the band in the last week.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MISS DORIS E. LIDBETTER Treble	† J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 6
† ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	WILLIAM LIDBETTER 7
JOHN LEE 3	WILFRED G. WILSON 8
† GEORGE M. KILBY 4	FRANK CORKER 9
† MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 5	† ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the granting of the Charter incorporating Heston and Isleworth as a municipal borough.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 3
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	WALTER WALLACE 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss D. Allsop. Mr. James George's first peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

CHATHAM.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

H. SPRINGATE Treble	F. BELSEY 5
MRS. G. H. CROSS 2	MUS. V. JARRETT, R.E. ... 6
*S. J. T. SHELLOCK 3	C. E. J. NORRIS 7
*W. BEAUMONT 4	G. H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. A birthday peal for ringer of 7th.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

SHUFFORD SPARROW Treble	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 5
HARRY D. LISIER 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	LIONEL J. COLLUM ... 5
BERTIE ALDRIDGE 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
ALFRED G. HILL 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... 7
JOHN S. MORTON 4	THOMAS H. CULVER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung for the special induction service of the Rev. W. F. Leadbitter, B.A., as Rector of Woolwich.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD CHANCE Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD ... 5
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
JOHN BASS 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 7
C. HOWARD STANLEY 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

EAST MEON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lb.

MRS. J. BRAY Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WALTER AYRE 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

The band wish to express their appreciation of the very cordial reception accorded them by the Rev. and Mrs. C. Mylne. The former was for several years the Vicar of Burton Stather, Lincs.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	HARRY KILBY 5
*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 2	TONY PRICE 6
MISS K. M. BRADFORD 3	FRANK CORKE 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER
* 25th peal and first of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late F. W. Etherington, who was for many years a churchwarden at St. Mary's, Twickenham, and an honorary member of the association.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM TATE Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON ... 5
FRED NEWTON 2	CHARLES BROWN ... 6
JOHN H. LENTON 3	HARRY BROWN ... 7
HARRY C. WALTER 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
First peal as conductor.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES E. CHURCHILL Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5
CYRIL D. NICHOLS 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 3	WILFRED G. WILSON ... 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 4	JAMES H. HUNNISSETT ... Tenor

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER
First peal in the method by all and by the association.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*WILLIAM SHORT Treble	*JOHN BASS 5
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 6
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	REGINALD CHANCE ... 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	HECTOR G. BIRD ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 4	HARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. L. 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 parts.

MARTOON, SOMERSET.—For evensong on Sunday, October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Locock (first quarter) 1, F. Farrant (conductor) 2, Miss I. L. Hastie 3, W. Gould 4, F. Strickland 5, F. Hansford 6, A. Dyer 7, F. Pugsley 8.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
NORMAN G. LEECH 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This variation is now rung in this form for the first time.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
ALBERT WIFFEN 2	HERBERT E. REASON 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the marriage, which took place earlier on the same day at the above church, of Miss A. M. Howard, daughter of Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) and Mrs. Howard, and Mr. D. M. Cameron.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS Treble	*CYRIL CROWE 5
CHARLES H. MOORE 2	WALTER R. FARROW 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	†GEORGE H. MOORE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob at first attempt. † First peal in the Kent variation.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER Treble	EDWARD FOSTER 5
*MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	*LEONARD PIERREPONT 6
*MISS G. BURCHNALL 3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN 7
*HAROLD DENMAN 4	*FREDERICK G. HOOPER Tenor

Conducted by A. J. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*HARRY THEADOM Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
†HERBERT WEBB 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
†BERTIE WEBB 3	CHARLES W. BURTON 7
†JOSEPH DYER 4	AMBROSE MASON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal, aged 15. † First peal of Treble Bob.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

STEPHAN PARRY Treble	WILFRED J. MOSS 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
NORMAN HEAPS 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 3½ cwt.

REGINALD CHANCE Treble	JOHN BASS 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
C. HOWARD STANLEY 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BENGEO, HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE GRAY Treble	WILLIAM K. NORTH 5
REGINALD DORE 2	SIDNEY CARTER 6
STANLEY A. CARTER 3	JOSEPH LADLEY 7
WALTER GREENAWAY 4	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEOFFREY JACKSON Treble	CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 5
HORACE H. SMITH 2	CHARLES W. SMITH 6
ALBERT FLEET 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	FREDERICK BOWLER Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge. H. H. Smith's 100th peal for the association.

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

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
*MISS M. E. REYNOLDS 2	†RICHARD A. POST 6
†FRANCIS E. MAY 3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... 7
†JOHN P. PELLOE 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' † First peal of Bob Major.
Rung for pleasure.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*JAMES A. MILNER Treble	JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 5
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
*WILFRED STEVENSON 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 171). Conducted by J. WORTH.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
This composition is now rung for the first time and contains 3, 4, 5
and 6 the extent in sixth's place.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM P. GARRETT Treble	GEORGE WHITING 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.
* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DISWORTH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores with ten different callings.

*SAMUEL FLETCHER Treble	C. DAVIS 4
J. SADDINGTON 2	*C. DAKIN 5
WILLIAM FLETCHER 3	*ALFRED HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by C. DAKIN.
* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Fred Mee
and Miss Dorothy King, an esteemed member of the band.

SUTTON, NR. MACCLESFIELD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of York Surprise, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise,
Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

ELLIOT COOPER Treble	JAMES STANWAY 4
JOHN BEECH 2	WILLIAM HAZELDINE 5
*HAROLD COOPER 3	JONAH COTTRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.
* First peal with a bob bell. All the ringers hail from Biddulph,
North Staffs.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	ARTHUR KEEBLE 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	KEITH WHITTLE 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal on tower bells by D. A. S. Symonds. The treble, 2nd
and 3rd ringers are father, son and grandson respectively.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 2, 1933, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Court, one 720 of Double Oxford, two 720's
of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 20 cwt.

*DAVID TARGETT Treble	†LEONARD DUNFORD 4
†DAVID MACKAY 2	FREDERICK A. TARGETT 5
RONALD G. BECK 3	†E. JOHN TARGETT Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods.
This is the first peal of Minor rung on these bells by a band 'taught
to ring' in this tower.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Plain
Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
WILLIAM WELLING 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 3	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

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

UPPER CAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GAPPER, JUN. Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
WILLIAM DAY 2	ERNEST MORGAN 5
*OLIVER E. H. HILL 3	ALFRED ROBINS Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal.

MATCHING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDWARD ROCHESTER Treble	LEWIS CORDELL 4
FREDERICK WHITBY 2	STANLEY CLARK 5
ISAAC CAVILL 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. Brinkworth, who has
been Vicar of this parish for 23 years, and is retiring owing to ill-
health. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church on Sunday,
October 8th, for the harvest festival at St. Barnabas' Church, a
quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: Arthur Stadden (first
quarter-peal) 1, Miss B. Stadden 2, Mrs. W. Edwards 3, Miss V.
Hyman 4, Miss G. Stadden 5, F. Smith 6, A. E. Colburn (conductor)
7, J. Thomas 8.

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CROMER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Pain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Miss KITTY WILLERS Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	HERBERT E. READ 5
VICTOR M. ORMEROD 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells in more than one method.

BURES, SUFFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent, and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

Miss HILDA SNOWDEN ... Treble	A. L. DIXEY 4
A. IVES 2	C. SNOWDEN 5
A. M. GENERY 3	T. BIRD Tenor

Conducted by Miss HILDA SNOWDEN.

This is the first peal ever recorded on these bells.

THORNER, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Killamash, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and College Exercise. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSHUA WORMALD ... Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY 4
ARTHUR C. WOOD 2	PERCY MASSAM 5
FRANK ELLIS 3	GEORGE WM. STEEL ... Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. J. Muir and Miss A. MacInnes.

LYTCHETT MINSTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*HAROLD E. WHITE ... Treble	FRANCIS G. BLAKE 4
*WILLIAM M. LIGHT 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*WALTER H. SAUNDERS ... 3	*FREDERICK H. LOFF ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

SELSTON, NOTTS.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent and Killamash Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN W. ENGLAND ... Treble	† F. GERARD 4
*A. LESLIE RAWSON 2	† CYRIL JACQUES 5
HAROLD DOUGHEY 3	† TOM CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal ever rung on the bells.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 24 cwt.

*HARRY T. VICKERY ... Treble	*JOHN B. SHUTLER 4
*THOMAS A. E. HEBDITCH ... 2	P. C. FRANK HANSFORD ... 5
†HARRY W. S. HEBDITCH ... 3	REGINALD F. J. HEBDITCH Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. S. HEBDITCH.

* First peal and first attempt. First attempt as conductor. Except the ringer of the 5th, all are members of the tower.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 15 in C.

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	JOHN P. PELLOE 7-8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk, on his 78th birthday.

PUDSEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 3, 1933, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	GEORGE AMBLER 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

VICAR'S WARNING AGAINST 'OLD GREEN EYE.'

A well-attended meeting of the Southern Division was held at Ringmer on Saturday, when 44 members were present, representing the following towers: St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd, Brighton, Buxted, Crawley, Heane, Lindfield, Rotherfield, Seaford, Shoreham, Southover, Lewes and members of the local band. In the afternoon some good ringing was done on the fine eight untouched bells by Mears and Stainbank, in spite of the short draught necessitated by the organ being under the ringing room.

A short service was held and in the course of an interesting address the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Capron) referred to 'Old Green Eye,' the jealous monster which he, as a one-time ringer, thought all should take special care to avoid if the best results were to be obtained. He also stressed the importance of the team spirit among ringers.

After a splendid tea, the business meeting was held, and, on the motion of Mr. William Hart, of Brighton, a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his address and generosity in providing the tea, also to Mr. Painter and other local ringers for having everything in readiness, and to their wives for kindly serving the tea.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going in various methods from Grandsire to London Surprise until 8 o'clock.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN UTTOXETER RINGER.

FIFTY YEARS AT ONE CHURCH.

There passed to his death on Wednesday, October 4th, suddenly, a man of sterling character in the person of Mr. Charles Smith, of Uttoxeter, Staffs. He had just completed 50 years as a ringer at the Parish Church, where he had been leader for a number of years. He was one of the first to take up change ringing at Uttoxeter, and had rung just over 30 peals. Ringing was his one hobby, and if there was a meeting anywhere in the North Staffs or Midland Counties districts, Charlie, as he was familiarly known, was there. His cheery countenance and unassuming manner will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

His last ring was done at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on the previous day, when he went to help Mr. J. H. Swinfield get some of the young ones of that band through their first peal. After ringing an hour, however, he felt unwell and had to give up. He reached home where he collapsed and died before medical aid could be got to him. His passing has left a void in the local band which will be hard to fill.

The funeral took place at Uttoxeter on Saturday, the church being filled by sympathisers. His fellow-ringers acted as bearers, and four of them rang the 'swing peal' on handbells over his grave.

After the committal service, with the bells fully muffled the 'whole pull and stand' was rung 69 times, the number of his years. Amongst the many floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell from all associated with ringing at Uttoxeter.

Ringers were present from Rokester, Marchington and Doveridge, and Mr. J. Swinfield represented the St. Paul's band and Midland Counties Association.

On Sunday morning, as a mark of esteem to their old leader, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung by the following: John Buxton 1, Ernest Roberts 2, William Lunn 3, Frank Richardson 4, George Tomlinson 5, J. George Burrows 6, George Elliott 7, R. George Lewis (conductor) 8.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**PEALS AND PRACTICE MEETINGS TO BE ARRANGED.**

The half-yearly meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Rhyl on Saturday, September 30th. It was not a very big gathering, but members were present from Bangor, Llanduduo, Abergelle, Wrexham, Gresford, Flint, with the local band. The Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Devon Guild) was also present. A service was held in St. Thomas' Church, conducted by the Vicar (Canon Edwards-Davies), who cordially welcomed the members to Rhyl.

A short business meeting followed, the chairman being the Rev. R. C. Jones (president of the association), who made a suggestion that more peals should be rung to create more interest and inspiration to young ringers, and that a qualified band should visit towers for that purpose.

It was also decided to arrange combined practice meetings in each district and that the district secretaries lose no time in making the necessary arrangements.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind welcome and his interesting address at the service concluded the meeting. The members were then entertained to tea, kindly provided by the Rhyl ringers. Some very good practice was put in on the bells during the afternoon under the guidance of Ringing Master A. E. Pegler.

A HEREFORDSHIRE RINGING CONTEST.**SIX BANDS COMPETE AT ALMELEY.**

The first annual competition for the shield presented to the Clifford and Presteigne Districts of the Hereford Diocesan Guild by Mr. H. T. Chandler, of Lyonshall, was held at Almeley on Saturday, September 30th. Six towers entered for the contest, three from each district, viz., Almeley, Bredwardine, Whitney, Kington, Pembridge and Eardisland. To give all towers an equal chance, the test consisted of raising the bells, ringing rounds or changes for five minutes and falling the bells.

Mr. C. Edwards, Master of the Hereford Guild, acted as adjudicator. Tea was provided at The Bells, 44 sitting down. After tea Mr. Edwards announced the result of each band's efforts, giving valuable advice in passing, which should be of great benefit to his listeners in their efforts at the next competition.

The band with the least faults proved to be Kington, and the shield was handed to the captain (Mr. L. Jones) by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Kearns).

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Edwards for his services and the shield secretary (Mr. J. P. Hyett) for making all arrangements. The donor of the shield was prevented from being present by being on board H.M.S. 'Glorious.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, October 1st, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Surprise Minor (1,372 changes), viz., 720 of London, 432 of York and 120 of Cambridge: W. Elliott 1, C. W. Burton 2, A. Mason 3, J. Elliott 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, C. Button 6. Also for early Communion service, 720 Bob Minor, and for Matins 720 Kent Treble Bob, those taking part besides the above being J. Papworth and R. Grainger.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, October 1st, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Copperwheat 1, E. Whitmore 2, F. Stubbs 3, F. Kirk 4, S. Robinson 5, C. Whitney 6, J. Stubbs (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. Barker 8. Rung in connection with the harvest thanksgiving services.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): P. F. Mortlock 1, W. J. Andrews 2, R. B. Dent 3, F. F. Leeks 4, W. R. J. Poulson 5, M. T. Symonds (conductor) 6, L. Pryke 7, F. A. Turner 8. Messrs. Dent and Leeks are from Cavendish and Croydon respectively.

COLCHESTER.—At St. Peter's Church on October 1st for evening service for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. J. Schofield 1, H. T. Pye 2, G. N. Rashbrook 3, F. L. Bumpstead 4, R. W. Stannard 5, W. Dent 6, W. Chalk 7, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 8.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: Miss M. Penrose 1, Miss L. Willoughby 2, W. H. Southeard 3, R. A. Watts 4, H. Williams 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 7, H. Stephens 8. Rung on the occasion of thanksgiving for harvest and all temporal blessings.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD.—On Sunday, October 1st, at St. Lawrence's Church for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 480 of St. Simon's, 480 of Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire: B. Cornell 1, H. Day 2, V. Cornell (conductor) 3, W. Head 4, L. Penison 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, September 10th, at St. Michael's Church for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. W. Tucker (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Prior 2, H. M. White 3, T. Jordan 4, S. Carter 5, W. T. Prior 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. R. Cook (Fakenham) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. F. Springham, W. T. Prior and W. Prior.

CAVERSHAM BERKS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, September 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) (Brook's): A. D. Cullum 1, E. Essex 2, J. Hands 3, G. Essex 4, F. Pounds 5, E. J. Munday 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, C. D. Cullum 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the conductor, from Forest Hill, London, who wishes to thank the local band for kindly fixing it up.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Another peal has been rung in which three generations of one family took part. At Preston, Suffolk, Arthur Symonds, Stedman H. Symonds and Dennis Symonds rang the three front bells to a peal of Minor. It is good to see such a portent of the continuation of the Lavenham family's connection with ringing.

Our readers will observe with interest the record of a peal 'rung for pleasure.' So many reasons are advanced from week to week for peal ringing that this candour is refreshing.

A local fund has been started for the restoration of the six bells at Pirbright, Surrey.

The composition of the peal of Bob Major rung at Timbercombe was by J. R. Pritchard.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Alsager, reported last week, was rung for the Chester Diocesan Guild. The composition of the peal of Lincolnshire Surprise rung at Staines was by the Rev. H. Law James and not by Gabriel Ludoff. Incidentally this was sent in as 'Lincoln' Surprise.

The errors and omissions were due to defective reports, but 'The Ringing World' pleads guilty to having printed Walkden for Walsden as the place where a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on September 30th.

NEW BELLS IN MEMORY OF OLD RINGERS.

TREBLES TO BE ADDED AT SOMERSET CHURCH.

It is rare that we hear of bells being added to towers to honour the memory of old ringers, but a movement is now on foot to add two new trebles to the heavy ring of six at St. Michael and All Angels, Somerton, Somerset. This ring was rehung in a cage for eight by Warners in 1915 during the time when the old ringers, in whose memory the proposed additions are to be made, were active service ringers. Part of the cost of the two trebles is being defrayed by the relatives of these ringers, the family of the late Mr. Tom Gibbs, a ringer, sexton and acting vergier at this church for 49 years, being the chief subscribers.

BLACK SATURDAY.

BUT DISAPPOINTMENT WAS TURNED TO GLADNESS.

Ten expert ringers, asked to keep a date,
Two rang Plain Bob elsewhere, and then there were eight.
Eight Surprise ringers, conductor's thoughts in heaven,
One stayed to shift his 'digs,' and then there were seven.
Only seven ringers, conductor in a fix,
One had to work O.T., and then there were six.
Of these six ringers, one waited for a ride.
The West tractor went on strike, and then there were five.
And three of the five weary waiting ones wended their way to the water, wondering whether to weep or wassail.
But they retraced their steps to the stonemason's yard, earnestly earmarking an epitaph for the erring egoists.
And the fair mistress of the house charmingly chose cake and cups of 'cha,' bringing brightness unto those benighted bellringers.
And so they decided to seek solace at some secluded spot, the fair mistress of the house taking the wheel, and leaving her lord to look after the lair.

Pausing in their haste to listen to the peal on the bells of Buckland, the course end 12356478 with a bob at H. was heard. Then on to Bampton, again finding disappointment through illness, and a fruitless search for a 'Falcon,' which was not, still added to the general grief.

But at last they found a friend, who cheerfully changed their course to Clanfield, where they found bells, ringers and ringing.

And it came to pass that they returned to their homes light of heart and with a great gladness.

YOUNG BANDS' PROGRESS.

At Bishopstoke, Hants, on Sunday, October 8th, for harvest festival evensong, a 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Clark 1, G. Hutchinson 2, G. Pullinger 3, S. Winkworth 4, G. Grant 5, E. Wheeler 6, J. Hill (first as conductor) 7, C. Ayliffe 8. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung by an entirely local band at Bishopstoke. All are Sunday service ringers. This is the result of three years' hard work by their instructor. Four of the band, including the conductor, are still in their 'teens.'

A course of Double Norwich was rung for evensong at St. James' Church, Poole, on Sunday last, by the local band. Each ringer learned to handle his rope in the tower (with the exception of the captain, Mr. F. W. Townsend). It is the first time such a feat has been accomplished in that district, and probably in the whole of the Salisbury Diocese.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Wednesday evening, September 27th, at the Parish Church, Battle, Sussex, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Dennis Hale, who is a member of the band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by the following: H. Franks 1, W. Franks 2, G. D. White (All Saints', Hastings) 3, John P. Pelloe (Chiddingfold) 4, John Sinden 5, A. Levett (All Saints', Hastings) 6, William J. Jeffries (Deptford, conductor) 7, G. Prodder 8.

LUNDY ISLAND'S DERELICT BELLS.

DILAPIDATION IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was interested to see a note from 'Enquirer' concerning the above church, as I was informed on my last visit that very few ringers ever visited that part of 'our unknown Empire.'

Lundy is an island about three miles long and half a mile broad, situated in the Bristol Channel. It is reached by the motor boat 'Lerina,' which runs as required from Instow, North Devon, with mails and supplies. During the summer, Campbell's luxurious steamers run frequently from Minehead and Ilfracombe.

Both these journeys can be, and often are, most unpleasant, especially the former, which is 24 miles and takes 2½ hours. The island is often called 'a little corner of heaven, reached through the gates of hell.' Some of the younger generation call it 'the island of quick romance.'

Almost on the highest part of the island, where it can be seen for many miles on a clear day, stands the small but beautiful Church of St. Helen.



ST. HELEN'S CHURCH ON LUNDY ISLAND.

It has a seating capacity of about 80, and was built by a former owner of the island towards the latter end of the 19th century.

Services are held there about once in six or eight weeks, but as the population of the island, including the staff of two Trinity House lighthouses, is never much more than 20, the congregation is very small.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals take place there at times; in fact, a famous Somerset cricketer chose the Church of St. Helen for his wedding.

The church, except for the bells, is kept in good condition, and the thanks of the visitors are due to this.

At the west end is the tower, and one has to walk through this to enter the church.

On the right as one enters is a memorial tablet to the former owner and donor of the church. It reads as follows:—

'In loving memory of Hudson Grossett Heaven, Priest, Lord of the Manor of Lundy, who died in 1916 having accomplished the dream of his life by erecting this Church to the Glory of God.'

On the left of the tower is the door to the ringing room and bells, and over this door hangs a peal board, with the following inscription on it:—

'1905. Church of St. Helen, Lundy. Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. On Wednesday, August 23rd, eight members of the above association, at the kind invitation of the Rev. H. G. Heaven, rang a true and complete peal of Stedman Triples, 5,040 changes. Tenor 15 cwt. A variation of 'Thurstans' four-part: Rev. H. A. Cockey 1, C. H. Tomkins 2, (Continued in next column.)

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

COMBINED PRACTICES DISCUSSED BY NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at All Saints', Carshalton, on Saturday, September 30th, over 30 members and friends attending from Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Ewell, Chelsea, Heddington, Brockley, Epsom (Christ Church), Carshalton, Merton, Benhiton, Warrington, Buckland and Banstead, and, according to the attendance book, one 'bird of passage.' Ringers were rather slow in coming in the afternoon, but a start was made about 4 o'clock with Grandsire Triples and call changes for the benefit of some promising members of the Carshalton company. The next effort, a touch of Stedman Triples, came to grief owing to a broken rope, but this was soon remedied, an expert splicer being in the belfry, and ringing continued until 5.30, when all present attended evensong.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall and a company of 25 thoroughly enjoyed the good meal provided. Father Simmons, the curate, called in during tea and said a few words of welcome to the company and apologised for the absence of the Rector.

The business meeting followed, and the secretary said he was sorry to say that Mr. A. W. Clark, District Master, was unable to be present on account of illness.

Mr. C. H. Kippin therefore occupied the chair for the business meeting, at which two new members were elected and the election of one member ratified.

The secretary then put forward a suggestion by the committee with regard to combined practices to be considered by the meeting. The suggestion was that as the practices were not sufficiently supported during the earlier part of the year, it was impossible to carry them on in their present form, but to let any tower that required help apply to the district secretary. The committee would then do all they could to help those towers.

There was considerable discussion on this subject and various views put forward, but most members were of the opinion that combined practices were necessary.

In the end the committee's suggestion was accepted by the meeting, and the secretary was asked to inform the various towers.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. L. Reece and the local company for making such excellent arrangements. The tower was again visited and ringing continued until 9 o'clock, with the exception of a slight delay, when the services of the expert splicer were again required, but even this little interval was utilised for a heated discussion on combined practices and the encouragement of beginners. It is hoped that good results will come of it for both experts and beginners.

The methods practised during the afternoon and evening ranged from call changes to Bristol Surprise Major.

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C. H. Gordan 3, R. J. Wilkins 4, W. A. Cave 5, P. Came 6, Rev. F. E. Robinson 7, Canon G. F. Coleridge 8. Conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. This is the first peal rung upon the bells.

The ringing room contains two ropes and the broken clock mechanism, and one is tempted to pass by quickly and ascend the ladder to the bells, where a sad sight awaits one.

Eight bells, covered in rust, wheels broken, stays broken, in fact everything in a general state of neglect. I could not find any inscription on the bells, but there was a small plate on the stay holders of most of the bells, bearing the name of a Smethwick firm.

I swung each bell, some with difficulty, and the tone was perfect, and it made me think how many churches would like to have that one time beautiful peal.

It is a pity that they have to be left where they are to rust away, but it is a consolation to some of us to think that they lie near the grave of the person who gave them, and loved every inch of that beautiful island.

H. J. CANN.

'A SORRY SPECTACLE.'

Mr. Arthur Wilkins, of Bristol, writes of a visit he paid to Lundy Island as follows:—

I went over to Lundy about three years ago, and the condition of the church and bells can only be described as heartbreaking, especially to a ringer.

Even when the one and only peal was rung the 'go' of the bells was so bad that had it not been that Jack Thomas was with the band, and spent some hours up aloft removing the effects of sea spray, etc., it would not have been possible.

The church itself is, I believe, not now used at all, or at all events only occasionally, and the peal board is getting difficult to read. The belfry presents a very sorry spectacle. Only two of the eight ropes were still to be seen, and only one intact, the other finishing just below the 'sally.' There was no sign of the other six! Every tripper who landed, it seemed, had a pull at the one good rope, and I should be very surprised to see it intact to-day.

I can give your enquirer details of the somewhat exciting trip the band had getting across and back, and of their enforced stay on the island, if he cares to write me. My father, the late 'Jack' Wilkins, was in the band, and, although I was only a 'kid' at the time, I well recall his story.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHANGED PROGRAMME A GREAT SUCCESS.

The annual festival of this association, which is held alternately in the two dioceses, was held at Durham on September 30th. Originally this was a whole-day event, held on Mondays, and ringing commenced at about 10 in the morning, with a festival service at 1 o'clock and dinner at 2. In later years the day was changed to Saturday, with the times as before, but as very few members can now get off for a whole day, it was decided to make a change this year and have the festival service at 5 o'clock and the dinner and annual meeting at 6, concluding with a social evening.

The festival service was held in the choir of the Cathedral, over 60 members being present. The special form of service was used, and the singing of the hymns, 'O praise ye the Lord,' 'To Thee, O Heavenly Father' and 'Hark on high the joyful music,' was most inspiring.

The new Dean of Durham, Dr. Alington, welcomed the members, and in the course of a very thoughtful address said it was the people of the Middle Ages who invented church bellringing, and bells were the least altered thing in these days of change, although the art of bellringing might have changed a good deal through the ages past.

After an excellent dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel, the 56th annual meeting was held, the president (Mr. J. Anderson, of Newcastle) being in the chair.

The treasurer (Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland) submitted a very satisfactory financial statement, the balance in hand, including £8 13s. 6d. in the Peal Booking Fund, being £52 7s. 6d.

The secretary, in his annual report, referred to the death of the late president, Mr. E. B. Perry, and also to the loss the association had sustained by the death of Mr. J. A. Goffon, of Monkseaton, Mr. George Siddle, of Chester-le-Street, Master Raymond Thompson, of Wickham, and Mr. George A. Ward, of Chester-le-Street, also of Canon W. Bothamley, Vicar of St. Nicholas', Durham, a life member for 26 years. Bishop Woods' departure from the district would also be a severe blow, as he had especially endeared himself to ringers. They were also sorry to lose Mr. Parkinson, of Houghton-le-Spring, who had removed to Blackpool.

THE YEAR'S PEALS.

The peal report showed 28 peals, as against 37 last year, nearly half of the peals being in Minor methods. Mr. W. J. Davidson, Newcastle, had rung 14 peals during the year, and six members rang their first peal. The list of peal conductors was headed by Messrs. W. G. Davidson and Roland Park with six each. Miss E. Stephenson, of West Hartlepool, was the first lady to ring in a ten-bell peal by the association, and Mr. W. H. Barber, Newcastle, was the first to call a peal of Stedman Triples (composed by Mr. J. W. Parker) in exactly equal halves.

The certificates for Sunday service ringing were then presented by Major F. A. Yorke, of West Hartlepool. The first for eight, ten and twelve bell towers had been won by Christ Church, North Shields, with 1,523 points, and the second by St. Ignatius', Sunderland, with 1,282 points. The first certificate for five and six bell towers was won for the fifth time by Holy Trinity, Darlington, and the second by St. Mary's, Whickham, with 1,877 and 513 points respectively.

Very satisfactory reports had been sent in by the four district secretaries, more than 20 meetings having been held in the two dioceses during the year. The meeting was delighted to hear that steps were being taken for the restoration of the eight bells of St. Hilda's, South Shields, and it was decided to give a donation of 5 guineas to the fund which is being raised.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers on the motion of Mr. Arthur Payne, J.P., and the following were elected for the coming year: President, Mr. J. Anderson, Newcastle; vice-presidents, Northern District, Mr. R. S. Anderson, Newcastle; Western District, Mr. F. Sheraton, Chester-le-Street; Eastern District, Mr. R. L. Patterson, Sunderland; Southern District, Mr. W. N. Park, Darlington; treasurer, Mr. J. W. Parker, Sunderland; secretary, Mr. C. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland; editorial secretary, Mr. C. L. Routledge, Newcastle; Wednesday Guild secretary, Mr. W. Sheraton, Houghton-le-Spring; West Tyne District secretary, Mr. R. W. Leighton, Blaydon; Northern District secretary, Mr. K. A. Nicholson, Gosforth; Western District secretary, Mr. H. Tyson, Tanfield Lea; Eastern District secretary, Mr. F. Robson, West Hartlepool; Southern District secretary, Mr. J. T. Titt, Darlington; auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird, Gosforth.

On the motion of Mr. W. Story, J.P., a vote of thanks was passed to the Dean and the Cathedral authorities for their kindness, and a programme of handbell ringing, songs, recitations, etc., arranged by Mr. W. J. Davidson, Newcastle, and Mr. E. A. Gallimore, Durham, was carried out. The gathering was one of the most successful festivals which the association has held, and it was generally agreed that the change in the arrangements was a great improvement.

SWANSEA.—On Saturday, September 16th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Howells 1, F. Curtis 2, W. Dobbins 3, J. Brettell 4, J. Williams 5, Will Dobbins 6, J. A. Hoare (conductor) 7, J. Williams 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples by the same band. Rung as a farewell to Mr. J. Brettell (ringer of the 4th), who is leaving Swansea. He has been there for a long period.

CHALLENGE CUP FOR HANDBELL RINGING.

RULES FOR THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.

The 'Dawe' Silver Challenge Cup, presented to the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild by Mr. F. E. Dawe for the encouragement of handbell ringing among the members, is to be competed for each year at the close of business at the annual general meeting. The following rules will govern the contest:—

1.—The cup shall be called the 'Dawe Cup,' and shall be competed for at the completion of each annual meeting of the association.

2.—The object of the contest is to stimulate change ringing on handbells by local companies.

3.—Only members of the association shall be allowed to compete. They shall be ringing-members of the same company, which must be attached to a tower in the area of the association, and no member shall take part in more than one band in any year.

4.—The contest shall consist of at least a full course of any method on eight bells. Each member of the band must ring two bells 'retained in hand.' Previous to a band going into 'changes' they shall ring six whole pulls of 'rounds,' and the same shall be repeated upon the completion of the changes. During the ringing no word shall be spoken by any member of the band. The ringing shall be upon a set of handbells provided independently for the occasion.

5.—The representative of each company intending to compete shall give notice in writing to the general secretary of the association not later than the quarterly meeting in January, and shall state the names of the proposed competitors.

6.—The main consideration in the contest shall be correct and good striking, and it shall be umpired by three competent persons, whose decision shall be final. The umpires shall be selected at the quarterly meeting held in January, and, during the contest, shall not see the competing bands or know their order.

7.—Immediately preceding the contest (the umpires having withdrawn), the bands shall decide by lot the order of their competition.

8.—The successful company shall hold the cup for the ensuing year, and shall keep it in the tower from which the band has been entered. The person entering the band for the contest shall be held responsible for the safe custody of the cup and its return to the association, and the cup shall not be held by a company for more than two consecutive years.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

In accordance with previous arrangements, the half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on Saturday should have been held at Louth, but, owing to illness, the bells were not available, therefore Washingborough was chosen as an alternative. Eleven towers were represented, namely, Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Blankney, Branstons, Gainsborough, Lea, Lincoln, Ruskington, Upton, Washingborough and Willingham. There were also present Mr. George Gabriel Lindoff, Housham, and Mr. R. W. Stockdale (hon. secretary of the North Notts Association).

Washingborough tower contains a nice ring of eight bells, which are in good going order and were well utilised during the afternoon and evening in various methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major, although the latter method did not altogether materialise. Service, consisting of the Guild office, was held, at which Canon H. T. Parry (Grimsby District president) officiated in the absence from home of the Vicar. An interesting address was given by the Rev. R. Olsen, St. Giles' Lincoln.

Subsequently members and friends to the number of 35 were present at tea, which was followed by the business meeting. Through the very regrettable absence, owing to illness, of the much respected president of the branch (Mr. F. F. Linley), Canon Parry was voted to the chair. An apology for absence was read from Mr. R. Richardson (Guild Ringing Master). The balance sheet of the Rev. H. Law James Memorial Fund was presented. Mr. George Gabriel Lindoff and Mr. A. E. Lamming, Goxhill, were elected performing members.

Brigg and Scunthorpe were both proposed as the place for the 1934 half-yearly meeting, and the majority of the members voted in favour of Brigg, September 15th being fixed as the date.

On behalf of the members, the secretary was requested to write a letter of sympathy to Mr. Linley expressing their regret at his illness and wishing him a safe recovery.

A hearty welcome was extended to the visitors, to which Mr. Stockdale responded in a very capable and humorous manner.—The Rev. Olsen also replied, and said he considered it would be very appropriate if there were any laymen amongst the ringers who might be able to give an address at some of the meetings.

He very kindly brought with him plans of the proposed new church for St. Giles', Lincoln, in which the material, including the bells, of St. Peter-at-Arches, is to be incorporated. The plans were inspected with interest by the members present.

Votes of thanks were passed to Canon Parry for officiating at the service and presiding at the meeting, to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the organist and organ blower, the caterers, and last, but not least, to the local ringers and others who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

This concluded the business, after which further ringing took place during the evening.

OXFORD SOCIETY.

Here are some further extracts from Hearne's diary, of special interest in view of the forthcoming Bicentenary Celebration.

SEPTEMBER 28th, 1734.

Yesterday being the obit of William of Wickham (founder of New College) some of the Oxford Ringers agreed to ring at New College, proposing to ring 6876 cator changes upon the ten bells there. They designed to have begun at 11 in the morning, but 'twas near 12 before they began, for they had rung only two hundred changes when the clock struck 12. They had so many gross faults that 'tis not worth while to particularize them all, only thus much may be noted, that a Bob was missed being called before they had got to two hundred and that they strangely blundered a little after they had rung 600, and so again a little after they had rung 1100 and so after 1400 and 1900 and at length when they had rung 2714 (which wants 4162 for the whole) they were quite out it being then 3 quarters after one. Then they set the bells and soon after began again and rang 650 and made an end at very near half hour after 2. I was very apprehensive yesterday when they first began, that they would not perform their task, the compass being too wide, and the person that rang the ninth bell making a bad step even at the first. Though 'twas so wet I heard them all the time walking for that purpose up and down in the Parks on the east side of Wadham College. Had they finished the peal and done it well, I should have taken care to transmit to print the names of the several ringers to posterity, 6876 changes having never as yet been rung in Oxford. But as the performance was so bad (considering the character each ringer bore for his skill in the art of ringing) as it will not be for their credit to have their names mentioned so neither will it be for the honour of William of Wickham to discover who the persons were, that performed so lamely on the day he died.

DECEMBER 2nd, 1734.

On the 5th November last some Oxford ringers were resolved to show their zeal for the Government by ringing Cator changes upon Christ Church 10 bells. They were some of the best ringers and because they think they merited much by their performance, I shall here specify the names of every one of them, at the same time noting that those 3 excellent ringers, Mr. John George, Mr. Thomas Yate, and Mr. John Broughton, acted much more for their honour and credit, who declined ringing among them that day, by which these three avoided the censure of being poor mercenary ringers (for the others rang for money) and of giving credit to a downright false notion that the Prince of Orange, landed on the 5th whereas it was the 4th, to say nothing of the Powder Plot which very many wise men give out was a mere sham. I happened that day between 3 and 4 in the afternoon to go through the White Walk while the bells were ringing, and I heard several say 'twas good ringing. Coming to the Cloysters I stood still to listen and in 15 minutes discovered 18 considerable faults, the last 6 so considerable that they were confounded and so gave over and yet they boast 'twas extraordinary good ringing and that they rang 2000. I cannot say anything to the number of changes nor to the goodness of the ringing, yet 'twas good enough for the day. I should likewise here remark that the reward of mercenary ringers was only 1/6 a man. The names of all those 10 ringers just as they rang were as follows: Mr. Richard Hearne a taylor, 2 Mr. John Vickers second butler of New College, 3 Mr. Wm. Crozier a cork-cutter, 4 Mr. Guy Terry a potash maker, 5 Mr. Brickland a school-master, 6 Mr. Thomas Nash a Cabinet Maker, 7 Mr. Arthur Loyd carpenter, 8 Mr. Wm. Barnes second cook of Christ Church, 9 Mr. Richard Smith a glover, 10 Mr. Benwell, Sexton of Christ Church.

And now I have mentioned this 5th November ringing, I will beg leave to take notice of the names of those who rang at New College on Friday September 27th last, being the Founders Day, a thing I should not have done, had not the ringers been so proud of this 5th November ringing at Christ Church and been so much ashamed of that at New College and yet I think there is much more reason to be ashamed of that at Christ Church than of this at New College. That they are ashamed of what was done at New College appears from all accounts inasmuch that they have endeavoured as much as ever they could to conceal the names of those that chiefly erred or blundered in the ringing which notwithstanding have been able to find out. The names of the ringers are in order thus: 1 Mr. John Vickers, 2 Mr. Tom Nash, 3 Mr. John George, 4 Mr. Guy Terry, 5 Mr. Thomas Yate, 6 Mr. John Broughton, 7 Mr. Richard Smith, 8 Mr. Will Barnes, 9 Mr. Arthur Loyd, 10 Mr. Nicholas Benwell.

As to Mr. Vickers he is very ingenious in the Art of ringing and is excellent in calling the Bobs and managing the musick of ringing. I think he is one of the very best in England and he is withal a very good ringer himself; and yet at this time he missed calling two of the Bobs, one of which was before they had gone 200 changes, as at the same time did likewise Mr. Arthur Loyd and Mr. William Barnes (otherwise two famous ringers) committ most notorious blunders, and these were the three chief blunderers in this undertaking and 'twas from their mistakes that the peal was spoiled, and yet it must be owned, that it happened purely from their being much

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT'S HELP FOR BENEVOLENT FUND.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Canterbury on Saturday. Upwards of 60 members attended, the following being among the towers represented: Ashford, Deal, Dover, Egerton, Faversham, Hadlow, Headcorn, Herne, Littlebourne, Sturmy, St. Peter's, Thanet, Ramsgate, Teynham, Wickhambreaux and Wingham, as well as Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphege, Canterbury.

The association's service was held in St. Alphege Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. Gordon Wilson) officiated, assisted by the Rev. Canon Whorlow. The Rector gave a very interesting address, mainly concerning the historical facts of the life of St. Alphege, to whom the church is dedicated. Mr. W. E. Pittman, Mus.Bac., presided at the organ.

After the service the members adjourned to Gaywood's Rooms for tea, which was provided by the association. The Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who presided at the tea table, was supported by the Rev. Canon Whorlow, the Rev. C. A. Manley (Vicar of Littlebourne), the two district representatives and the hon. district secretary.

Subsequently the business meeting was held, when Canon F. J. O. Helmore was unanimously elected to the chair. The hon. secretary (Mr. P. W. Smith) read his report for 1933, and produced the balance sheet, which showed a very substantial balance.

The appointment of district officers for 1934 resulted in Mr. F. Brett and Mr. Harrison Smith being re-elected as district representatives, Mr. Percy W. Smith as hon. district secretary, and Mr. F. Brett as Ringing Master.

Quarterly meetings for next year were arranged as follows: Spring meeting to be held at Wingham; summer meeting at Lynginge; annual meeting at Canterbury. The next by-meeting was arranged for Faversham.

Before the meeting closed a collection was made for the County Benevolent Fund, and a proposition was eventually made and carried that these collections be a regular feature at the annual and summer meetings of the district.

The meeting closed after an exceptionally merry speech by the Rev. Canon Whorlow, who proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman 'for keeping the meeting in such splendid order.'

Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's bells were available during the afternoon and evening.

EARLY OXFORD RINGING—Continued from previous column.

in liquor, whereas they ought to have been sober, as indeed there can never be any true ringing but by person that come to it perfectly sober.

MARCH 12th, 1735.

Yesterday a new attempt was made at New College by Oxford Ringers to ring 6876 cator changes, but they did not succeed as it was hoped they would. They began about 1/2 an hour after 12 and rang till a little after 3 in the afternoon. Being indisposed with a Diarrhoea, I could not go out to hear them.

MARCH 13th, 1735.

The ringers at New College on Tuesday last were the very same that rang at Christ Church the 5040 cator changes on January 1st, 1734: (1) Hearne a taylor, (2) Vickers butler of New College, (3) George a taylor, (4) Guy Terry a Potash Maker of St. Clements, (5) Yates cook of Magdalen College, (6) John Broughton Barber, (7) Rich. Smith Glover, (8) Barnes 2nd cook of Christ Church, (9) Arthur Loyd of Holywell, (10) Nicholas Benwell who shows Great Tom.

I am told by good judges that the ringing was extraordinary good. 'Twas pity and all were sorry that they were balked which was occasioned by the ropes slipping somehow or other out of Nicholas Benwell's hands, who rang the Tenor and for aught I know is as good a tenor man as any in England.

MARCH 22nd, 1735.

On Thursday last the Oxford Ringers began to ring at New College at three quarters after 12 o'clock and rang completely what they had attempted several times before, 6876 cator changes, finishing the peal about 3 quarters of an hour after 4 o'clock. 'Tis the first time that such a number of Cator changes was ever rung in Oxford upon Ten bells. I did not hear the ringing myself for the same reason I have specified before, but I have heard from good Judges that 'twas a glorious performance. For though there were two very great blunders and some other bad ringing yet considering the length of the peal, it was admirable ringing such as can hardly be mended unless it be by the Londoners it being a thing as it were next to impossible to go through such a long tedious work without faults. The names of the Ringers were as before. They were very much caressed when they had done and were handsomely entertained at New College.

MAY 25th, 1735.

The Oxford Ringers are gone over this Whitsuntide to Warwick to ring the fine 10 bells there, having been invited over to that purpose.

MAY 31st, 1735.

I hear the Oxford Ringers rang this Whitsuntide above 30,000 changes excellently well at Warwick.

NORTH NOTTS RINGING CONTEST.**CRAWFORD CUP COMPETITION AT SHIREOAKS.**

The Shireoaks band won the sixth annual competition for the Crawford Challenge Cup, which took place for the first time at St. Luke's Church, Shireoaks, on Saturday week. This was the first time the Shireoaks company had won the cup. The cup had previously been won by Ordsall 'A' team three times and by Anston company twice.

The cup was presented to the North Notts Association in 1928, to be competed for each year by the affiliated towers of the association. The donor of the trophy, Mr. Arthur Crawford, Rampton, gave the cup in memory of his father, Mr. Charles Crawford, of East Markham. The late Mr. Crawford was an enthusiastic ringer in North Notts, and was one of the best known in the area.

Each competing team had to ring 360 changes in any method they chose. The judges were Mr. J. Flint (Bolsover) and Mr. J. Brothwell (Treeton).

After the contest the competitors and friends adjourned for tea at the Public Hall. There were about 70 present.

The Vicar (the Rev. Ronald V. Dodds) presided, and was supported by the Rev. R. P. Wilkinson (Rector of Ordsall), the Rev. R. Hodgson (Vicar of Anston), Mrs. Palmer and Mr. J. R. Knowles (churchwardens), and Mr. R. W. Stockdale, East Markham (hon. secretary).

The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the association to Shireoaks.

The decision of the judges was as under:—

Shireoaks company 57 faults, including a penalty of 30 faults for ringing on their own bells; Anston company, 61, including 10 faults for failing to set the bells; Ordsall company 135 faults; East Markham company, 191 faults, before breaking down; and Worksop company, 225 faults.

The Vicar then declared, amidst applause, Shireoaks company the winners of the cup. This was, he added, the first time the competition had taken place in the parish, and the success achieved should be a source of great encouragement to the Shireoaks ringers.

Mrs. Palmer, the people's warden, presented the cup to Mr. Fred Hargreaves, and congratulated the company upon their success.

Mr. Fred Hargreaves, captain of the Shireoaks team, in reply, said he was pleased that the company had won the cup after their previous efforts. The old adage was true that 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try again,' and he advised other companies to continue to try until they won the cup.

Mr. Hargreaves then went on to urge young men to take up the art of bellringing. It was one of the finest recreations, both physically and mentally, and he felt sure that if they only made a start to learn they would continue it. He expressed the hope that every band would try and obtain a few young persons to take up the art of change ringing. Mr. Hargreaves urged upon members of all the towers to do all they could to further interest in the competition and not to be afraid to enter it.

Mr. Flint, one of the judges, in speaking of the contest, remarked that the ringing of the Anston company was excellent, and they would have won the cup if two of the ringers had not failed to set the bells.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson congratulated Shireoaks company upon winning the cup, and wished them every success. He observed that Ordsall 'A' team had carried off the cup for three years in succession. They had not brought a second team this year.

Mr. Sydney Palmer, a ringer at Sheffield Cathedral, and a member of the Yorkshire Association, made a few remarks respecting the management of associations.

Mr. Stockdale (hon. secretary) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who had served the tea, the judges, and the Vicar for presiding and allowing the association the use of the bells.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson added that they had complete confidence in the judges. They set a high standard in ringing, and he hoped members would continue their very good work.

The secretary intimated that a meeting should have been held at North Collingham in August, but for some reason or other it was not convenient. He was going to interview the Vicar.

Mr. Stanley Lamb, of Worksop, was made a member of the association.

The next meeting was fixed to be held on Saturday, November 18th, at Sutton-on-Trent.

The following bellfries were represented: East Retford, Worksop, Ordsall, East Markham, Anston, Barlborough, Edwinstowe, Gamston, Langwith, Sutton-on-Trent and Cuckney.

During the evening various touches were rung on the bells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**V.W.H. BRANCH FOUNDER'S FAREWELL.**

The autumn meeting of the Vale of the White Horse Branch was held at Uffington on Saturday. Ringing began about 3 o'clock, and a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Bridle).

The Vicar of Buckland (the Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse) gave a farewell address, as he is leaving Buckland in mid-October for Chale, Isle of Wight. He said he considered it a great honour to be asked by the Vicar of Uffington to preach. The privilege of starting the branch had been given to him in 1913, and he was secretary of it for the first eight years of its life. This task had given him much pleasure, and he was glad to see the branch still growing. He appealed for loyalty to the officers of the Guild from every parish, and asked members to remember that in their work they must be churchmen first and ringers after. A man might be a first-class ringer but a poor churchman. This did not help forward the aims of the Guild. In conclusion, he felt he could not use more fitting words for the occasion than those used during the service, 'The Lord be with you,' as they really mean 'Good-bye.'

Tea was served in the Village Hall to 28 ringers, and the business meeting followed, the Rev. A. J. de D. Deane (chairman of the branch) presiding, supported by the Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Mr. R. Gilling (branch secretary) and members from Uffington, Faringdon, Buckland, Hinton, Waldrist and Shellingford, with a visitor from Swindon.

The Chairman said he was pleased to see so many present, and thanked the Vicar for conducting the service. He gave a hearty welcome to Mr. Hibbert, who had paid an unexpected visit. He paid tribute to the work done for the branch by the Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse, and said he was sure it was the unanimous wish of the meeting that he would have happiness in his new parish.

One new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the spring meeting at Hinton Waldrist in February, and a meeting at Shrivenham on October 21st, when Mr. Hibbert would be present to inspect repairs done to the bell frame before giving the grant of £2 2s. from the Guild Restoration Fund.

Mr. Hibbert congratulated the branch on the attendance at the meeting and the number of young ringers present, and asked them to stick to it, as it was young members that the Guild wanted.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where ringing continued during the evening, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, Miss S. Davis and Mr. W. Hibbert, jun., being among those who took part.

BRANCH INSTRUCTORS TO ATTEND WEEKLY PRACTICES

The half-yearly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch was held at Piddington on Saturday, October 7th.

There was a good attendance of members from Bicester, Brill, Bucknell, Caversfield, Islip, Launton, Middleton Stoney and Waddesden, and the bells, a light ring of five, were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles for the service, which was conducted by the branch president (the Rev. W. O. Reilly). The lesson was read by the Rural Dean (the Rev. C. D. Read), and an excellent sermon preached by the Rev. G. Dixon, president of the Central Bucks Branch. The Rev. H. J. Edwards presided at the organ.

Tea was afterwards served at the Seven Stars Inn.

At the business meeting it was arranged that branch ringing instructors should attend the weekly practices of those towers needing instruction.

The sum of three guineas was voted to Bicester to help defray the cost of improvements in acoustics and sound control, both inside and outside the tower, if the Church Council would carry out the work.

Further ringing, in which many beginners rang their first touches, brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday. Ringing commenced at 5 p.m. and good use being made of this grand old peal.

The service was conducted by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham and was much enjoyed, Mr. Attaway ably presiding at the organ.

Tea was partaken of in the Church House and was arranged by Mr. J. Stafford. The usual short business meeting followed, Mr. Heginbotham (branch chairman) presiding.

A letter was read from the Rev. C. A. Plaxton inviting the branch to hold their annual meeting at Southbroom in January.—A short discussion took place, and it was decided to hold the matter over until the next monthly meeting.

The next two monthly meetings were arranged as follows: Seend in November, and Westbury in December.

The usual votes of thanks having been passed, the tower was again visited. Christ Church bells were also available during the evening. Various methods up to Double Norwich were rung during the meeting, representatives attending from the following towers: Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James'), Southbroom, North Bradley, Holt, Rowde, Westbury, Trowbridge, Bratton, Melksham, Kingston Magna, Buckland Newton, Wootton Bassett and Ealing.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on the 31st, 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) AND **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea, in St. John's Hall, at 5.15 p.m. 'Sing-song and chin-chin' in St. John's Hall from 7.30 p.m. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends.—F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Palgrave on October 14th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m., also at Eye (8) and Diss (8). Tea in the School at 4.30 for members of Suffolk Guild or Norwich Association.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, October 14th. The chair will be taken by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, at 6 p.m. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and visitors staying at York over the week-end will be welcomed in the Minster belfry on the Sunday morning.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland, St. James', on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses paid to members up to 2s. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting is arranged to take place at King's Langley on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. All ringers—learners and otherwise—cordially welcome. This tower is easy of access, can be reached easiest by bus. What about it? — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Compton Martin on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Kindly notify me by Tuesday, October 10th.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bootle on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (by invitation of the wardens). Service 6.30 p.m. For tea notify Mr. J. Brown, 12, Evesham Road, Liverpool, 4. A hearty welcome to all.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, at 1s. per head. Meeting commences 5.30 p.m.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Tilehurst on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. — E. G. Foster, Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation. —G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Upham on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Netley bells unavailable. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Lockington on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Horsell, near Woking, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all members make an effort to attend this meeting?—K. Eastes, Holly Brox, Ottershaw, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Waltham St. Lawrence, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells (6) from 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30, 1s.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting will be held at North Shields on Wednesday, Oct. 18th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. — W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—Bicentenary Celebration, Saturday, October 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Magdalen (10 bells) 2 to 3 p.m., St. Giles' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Ebbe's (8), 3 to 4 p.m., Christ Church (12) 4 to 5, followed by service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Reception by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Oxford at the Town Hall 5.45 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. Tickets, 5s. each, to be obtained not later than October 14th, from V. Bennett, Hon. Sec., 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bedwellty on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available 3.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at The White Cot Dairy. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Co-operative Hall, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Dinner 6 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 3s. 6d., now ready, from Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting of the Andover district on Oct. 21st at Laverstoke. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for which please notify the Rev. R. R. Pitter, Laverstoke Vicarage. Business meeting.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown Parsonage, Newbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The first winter meeting of the branch will be held at Aldbourne (8) on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. All members and ringing friends are welcome.—Arthur W. Deane, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough, Wilts.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at The Waverley Hotel, followed by business meeting. All ringers invited. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 17th inst.? —B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Axbridge on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business. Kindly note new address. — L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Frequent bus service from Bedford. All welcome. — P. C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, at which peal tablets will be unveiled and dedicated, followed by tea and business meeting at Greyhound Hotel. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday previous?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting at Hertford on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ichester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Coker on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Croscombe (bells 6), on Saturday, Oct. 21st, 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea to follow. — F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Som.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln, on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cathedral bells available 7.30 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 18th.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Central Branch Joint Meeting.—By kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. C. Bond, a joint meeting will be held at Longstanton (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Black Bull 5 p.m. We are hoping for a very good attendance, and will those intending to be present advise for tea by 19th? No excuse, a welcome awaits all.—Miss K. Willers, Ely Branch Sec.; F. Warrington (Central), Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Chishall on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wasey, 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hothfield on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. — P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Billesdon (6) on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Toone's buses leave Humberstone Gate at 2.45 and 3.30. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify me, for tea, by Thursday previous. A good attendance hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Pentrich on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m., to those who notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 18th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The meeting at Poulton Parish Church is postponed to Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Rd., Blackpool, S.S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting (8), on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Swalcliffe, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. Foreman Cox, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6), recently rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Kindly notify if requiring tea. Midland Red bus from Banbury 1.45 and 3.30.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained in the village. The district committee and local ringers will be pleased to welcome any friends who care to come and try this grand ring of bells which have recently been recast by John Taylor and Co.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. Those desirous of tea kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, 24th.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—The October meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Arrangements as usual. Please notify Mr. W. James, Home Yard, Cobham, for tea (meat tea 1s. 6d.).—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

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LADIES' GUILD, ESSEX, HERTS & MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Wednesday, Nov. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (free) for those who give notice of their intention to be present.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, St. Michael's, Cornhill. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, 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, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association is arranged for Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 6 p.m. in the small hall of the Public Hall, Worcester. Tickets, 2s. 6d., can be obtained from the branch secretaries or from J. R. Newman, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

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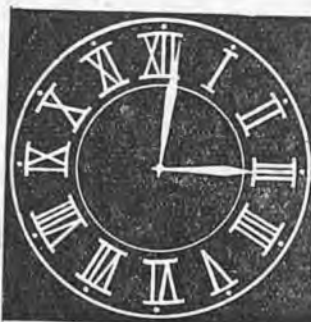
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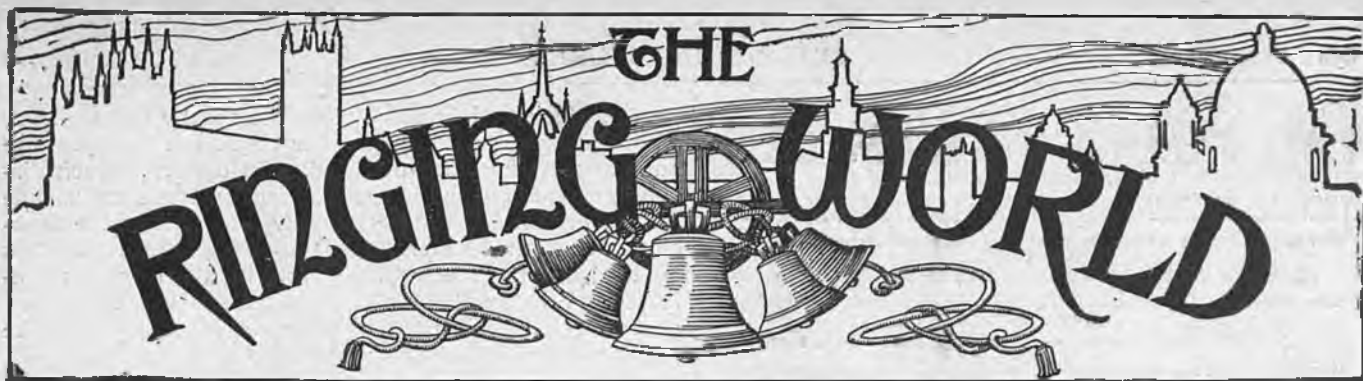
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Had the average ringer been asked off-hand whether the associations and guilds of this country had any territory left to penetrate, he would, up to quite recently a any rate, have answered 'No.' The net of organisation had been spread so completely in the last fifty years that not one little corner of England had escaped—at least that was what most people had imagined. And yet almost in the centre of the country there was a tract of 'virgin soil.' This was the little county of Rutland. It appears to have been neglected up to the present time, yet it offered splendid opportunity for spade work. In the past it seems to have been a bit of 'No man's land,' and, presumably, having no ringers of its own with sufficient interest in the art to take the initiative, it has led a lone existence, outside the ranks of any organisation. Now, at last, something is to be done about it.

Rutland lies in the diocese of Peterborough and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild is to take steps to organise a branch in the county. The wonder is that such action was not taken long ago, for the reorganisation which led to the formation of the Diocesan Guild, out of the old Central Northants Association, the Peterborough and District and the Oundle and District Associations, took place in 1924. It may have been the comparative isolation of the towers of Rutland, which are cut off from easy communication with the rest of the diocesan area. But the Peterborough Guild, in what is really its jubilee year — its grandparent, the old Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society having been formed in 1883—is now determined to repair the omission. A Rutland branch is to be formed, and there will be plenty of scope for work. The essential need will be the finding of enthusiastic officers in the district, for the difficulties of intercommunication with other parts of the diocese will compel the branch to provide most of its own driving power. Although there are only two rings of eight, there are five of six and six of five bells which are in good ringing order; there are others whose condition is indifferent, and obviously there is scope for some useful work here in those directions where an association can be of real use. We hope the Peterborough Diocesan Guild's effort will meet with a full measure of success.

But if this little bit of England is the last patch left to be brought within the direct influence of a ringing organisation, there are a good many areas up and down the land where there is room for reorganisation; where interest has slackened off, and the influence and activity of the associations count for very little. This is not always due to lack of keenness and enthusiasm on the

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part of officials; it is more often the apathy of members, who, having everything done for them, fail to appreciate and support the work of the district officers. Such discouragement is bound in time to react on those responsible for the organisation and gradually the work of the association concerned suffers. It is not easy to overcome this apathy; but the real remedy lies with the ringers themselves. When will some of them realise that if they expect to get anything out of their ringing, they must be prepared to put something into it?

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Four Hours,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AODSLEY Treble	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	*GEORGE RADLEY 8
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
*EDWARD J. BRER 4	GEORGE W. STEERE 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	LEONARD W. BAYBUTT 11
*HARRY HOVERD 6	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5867 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

JOE HARDCASTLE Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 8
ALBERT WALKER 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON 9
JAMES COTTERILL 5	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

First peal on the recast bells.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

TREVOR PRICHARD Treble	HARRY PHELPS 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	FRANK PONTING 7
GEORGE ORCHARD 3	THOMAS PRICE 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	ALFRED HANNIS 9
ERNEST DAVIES 5	JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

FREDERICK J. HURRELL Treble	HARRY HOSKINS 5
JOHN E. LYDDIARD 2	GEORGE E. RAWLINGS 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	JIM HURRELL 7
CHARLES A. BINES 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed by I. G. SHADE. Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung on the occasion of the consecration of the new Church of St. Barnabas at Eltham by the Lord Bishop of Southwark. Messrs. Lamb and Hoskins' 50th peal together.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CYRIL HAMMOND Treble	EDWARD J. BEER 5
CHARLES GOODBURN 2	JOHN BURLES 6
*MISS KATHLEEN BEER 3	STUART SANDFORD 7
RICHARD CONSTANT 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal of Major.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

D. HAROLD ARGYLE Treble	JOHN THOMPSON 5
*BENJAMIN BEEBEY 2	*ERNEST YORKE 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 7
ERNEST STONE 4	EDWIN MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Treble	HARRY A. HOVERD 5
*E. CHARLES PATTEN 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
*ALFRED G. HILL 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. H. E. Audsley's 500th peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 80). Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HENRY J. TUCKER Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
LOUIS BOND 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
KEITH HART 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
ROBERT SWIFT 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

The conductor's 300th peal.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART, No. 7.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	S. GEORGE COLES 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	JOSEPH FOWLER 6
WILLIAM A. SIVIER 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 7
DAVID G. TAYLOR 4	PERCY MERSON Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CLAUDE SNOWDEN Treble	*ALEC M. GENERY 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
†ALBERT L. DIXEY 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Major.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

FREDERICK TARGETT Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 5
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS 2	HENRY PRING 6
HARRY J. SANGER 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
*ERNEST J. TAYLOR 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CHARLES BAKER 5
CHARLES LOOME 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 6
STANLEY W. COPLING 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
*WILLIAM J. WASEY 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLY.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the 5th on his 74th birthday.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY Treble	*THOMAS STORER 5
LAWRENCE CHADBORN 2	WILLIAM DICKINSON 6
FRANK BRADLEY 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
SAM PINDER 4	FREDERICK SALTER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK SALTER.

* First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell. This composition is now rung for the first time.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

HAROLD PENNACK Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
*AMBROSE MASON 2	CHARLES W. BURTON 6
*ALFRED G. G. THURLOW 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Holborn,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	HORACE BELCHER 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

REGINALD CHANCE Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	SAUMEL GROVE 6
JOHN BASS 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
WILLIAM BROWN 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to an old 'pal' and highly respected member of the local company for 34 years, the late Alfred Hackett, who was interred on the previous Monday.

MILNROW, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT DAVENPORT Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY 5
JOHN H. C. MASSEY 2	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM 6
STEPHEN L. PARRY 3	HAROLD HAMEL 7
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 4	SIDNEY DUNNE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Bennett. The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ringer of the 6th, who stood in at the last moment.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 5
PHYLLIS TILLET 2	FREDERICK J. TILLET 6
WILLIAM TILLET 3	JOHN F. TILLET 7
WILLIAM MADGWICK 4	CHARLES A. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by J. W. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by C. J. SEDGLEY.

First attempt for Major by the ringer of the 2nd, who is 14 years of age. The ringers of 3rd, 6th and 7th are her uncle, grandfather and father respectively.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN Treble	ALBERT FLEET 5
HORACE H. SMITH 2	CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 6
FREDERICK VICKERS 3	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich, after being a ringer for 47 years. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. G. C. Rolfe, Rector, and the Rev. J. Westmoreland, assistant priest, who have just left this parish to be Vicars of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, and Horbling, Lincolnshire, respectively.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for harvest festival service at St. Mary's Church: H. Wells 1, M. Turner 2, S. Dauby 3, S. J. Hughes 4, J. Prickeett 5, F. Screen (conductor) 6, E. Lewis 7, F. Oldnall 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HEIGHINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfeit, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT Treble	ROBERT B. SIMPSON 4
WILLIAM OLIVER 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
GEORGE W. PARK 3	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

All the above are members of the Darlington Holy Trinity band. The peal, which was arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 4th, who commenced their ringing at this tower, was the first of Surprise on the bells since 1910.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED J. BATTIN Treble	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. 5
ALEC RICHARDSON 3	ERNEST J. LADD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Arranged for the ringers of treble, 3rd and tenor, to enable them to ring their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, two 720's of Oxford, two 720's of Kent and one 720 each of Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MISS DOROTHY F. SMITH Treble	HAROLD TOWNSEND 4
GEORGE PIPER 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND 5
H. WALTER SMITH 3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH C. JENNINGS.

* First peal. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in K.

*RONALD H. BULLEN Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
GEORGE GILBERT 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	*ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven methods.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Guthlac,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER
WILLIAM J. CLEAVER 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, who belongs to Blankney, Lincoln. It was his first attempt for a peal.

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GARWAY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble | ARTHUR BREWER ... 3

*HENRY WILKES ... 2 | FRANK DOWNES ... 4

HENRY J. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

* First peal with a bob bell.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) London Surprise; (2) Norfolk and Primrose Surprise; (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (4) Plain Bob; (5) Double and Single Oxford; (6) Double and Single Court; (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES H. MUSSON ... Treble | JOHN E. ALLAN ... 4

WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 2 | THOMAS A. COOPER ... 5

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 3 | HORACE M. DAY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in twelve methods by first four ringers, and first 'inside' by 5th ringer.

STEVENTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

FRANK W. BUNCE ... Treble | JONATHAN HONEY ... 4

JAMES W. WILKINS ... 2 | JOHN NOBES ... 5

WILLIAM HIBBERT, SEN. ... 3 | PERCY J. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

First peal of Minor on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. The ringer of the 2nd hails from High Wycombe, 3rd from East Isley, 4th from Sunningwell, tenor from Reading, the remainder belong to the local band.

BRATTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*MISS ELSIE R. LAWRENCE Treble | WILLIAM CHAPMAN ... 4

TREVOR B. HOLLOWAY ... 2 | FRANK A. PENN ... 5

REGINALD H. NEWTON ... 3 | A. OWEN WRINTMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. O. WRINTMORE.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. First in the method as conductor.

CASTLE BROMWICH, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with ten different callings.

*G. CROFTS ... Treble | *H. H. BROWN ... 4

*J. WILKINSON ... 2 | W. C. RHODES ... 5

A. T. SCRIVENS ... 3 | W. C. SCRIVENS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. T. SCRIVENS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble | FRANK LAWRENCE ... 4

WILLIAM RANFORD ... 2 | WILLIAM LEWIS ... 5

SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3 | CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Mr. W. Lewis' 100th peal for the association.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. K. NORTH ... Treble | ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... 4

JOHN WELCH ... 2 | HENRY WALLACE ... 5

SYDNEY CARTER ... 3 | BARNARD PATMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Joseph Hundleby to Miss Gladys Savage.

CLIFFORD CHAMBERS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. approx.

LEONARD KINCHIN ... Treble | FREDERICK KINCHIN ... 3

ERNEST HOLDER ... 2 | FRANK TOFFLEY ... 4

HORACE LL. TERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE LL. TERRY.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6

WALTER AYRE ... 3-4 | *FRANCIS KIRK ... 7-8

*CHARLES JEFFS ... 9-10

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witness—Mrs. W. Ayre.

* First peal of Grandsire 'in hand' and on ten handbells. W. Ayre's 150th peal as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT 35, ALBANY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ROBERT BREY-SMITH ... 1-2 | FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 5-6

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3-4 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Rung as a birthday peal for T. Groombridge, sen.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. P. SPARKS, HESTERCOMBE GARDENS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*FREDERICK G. SPARKS ... 1-2 | †H. PERCY SPARKS ... 3-4

†WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... 5-6

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal 'in hand.'

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT, EDGELEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

HAROLD JACKSON ... 1-2 | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6

FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4 | ALFRED BARNES ... 7-8

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

A LOUGHBOROUGH CHIME.**BELLS DEDICATED AT NELSON.**

A very fine chime of eleven bells has been erected by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in the grand steeple of St. Mary's Church, Nelson, Lancs. Remarkable scenes were witnessed on the evening of October 3rd, when the bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Burnley. Hundreds of people had to be turned away from the ceremony by the police, who had to be summoned to deal with the crowds.

During the progress of the ceremony dense throngs waited in Manchester Road and the side-streets nearby, looking at the flood-lit steeple until the climax arrived, and the bells rang out in a burst of melody.

The hushed attention of a congregation numbering over 700 was a fitting background for the impressive ceremonial of dedication. The opening hymns and prayers concluded, the Vicar's warden (Mr. Thos. Bardsley) handed the tolling-rope of the tenor bell to the Bishop, who prayed that the offering might be accepted by God, and in turn handed the rope to the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Candler). Prayers appropriate to the purpose of the bells were said, and as the last response died away, a single note from the tenor bell sounded as a prelude to the playing on the bells of the hymn-tune, 'Praise, O Praise Our God and King.'

Following an eloquent sermon by the Bishop, a delightful rendering of the air, 'The Bells of St. Mary's,' was given by Master Eric Warren, one of the choirboys, and at the termination of the service a recital on the bells was given by Mr. Harry Withers, of Selly Oak.

The chime of eleven bells is based upon a tenor of 24 cwt., giving the note D in the scale C. The total weight of the bells is 5½ tons, and, with the frame, the installation weighs about 9 tons.

The bells are inscribed as follows:—Tenor.—Ormerod: To the glory of God this bell, the foundation of the peal, was given by the late Ann Ormerod, in loving memory of her husband John. 2nd.—Walton: Given by Henry Mancknols Walton, trustee. 3rd.—Given by the congregation. 4th.—Townsmen's: Given by the townspeople of Nelson. 5th.—Prosperity: Given by the tradespeople of the parish and town. 6th.—Given by Albert Henry Candler, fifth Vicar, and Thomas Bardsley, Vicar's warden. 7th.—Given in pious memory of all founders of St. Mary's Church and congregation. 8th.—Given by friends of St. Mary's. 9th.—Given by Mayors of Nelson (with coat of arms and names and years of office). 10th.—Given by textile workers. 11th.—Given by the children.

A bronze tablet in the north porch records the names of 'founders' commemorated by the 7th bell, of Mayors subscribing to the 9th bell and of tradespeople contributing to the Prosperity bell.

Prior to their erection at Nelson, the carillon was erected at Skegness, Lincs, where for a week in September recitals were given by Mr. Withers. The grand tonal qualities were greatly admired by thousands of townspeople and visitors. Mr. Withers gave a programme of tunes and changes five times a day.

OVER RINGER MARRIED.

An interesting ceremony took place at St. Mary's Church, Over, Cambs, on Saturday, October 7th, when the wedding of Mr. Arthur W. T. Ginn and Miss E. Ravin was solemnised. A numerous congregation attended the service, including the local company of ringers, of which the bridegroom is a member. The bells were rung immediately after the service and a peal attempted later, but unfortunately had to stop, owing to the indisposition of one of the band, after two and a half hours' ringing. The ringers were: A. King 1, M. Ginn 2, R. Smith 3, G. L. Perkins 4, E. Wakeling 5, W. Seeking 6, J. Perkins 7, F. Warrington 8. Mr. King had not rung for five years and is under the doctor's care, yet made a brave attempt.

5.184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY A. KNIGHTS (No. 171).

23456 M B W H

32546	In 5th	1	2
45236	1	—	2
56234	1	—	2
32654	1	—	2
24653	1	—	2
56423	1	—	2
63425	1	—	2
24365	1	—	2

Repeated.

3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's place.

First rung at Norbury, Cheshire, on October 7th, 1933.

FATHERS AND SONS.

At Goldhanger, Essex, on Wednesday, October 11th, three fathers and three sons rang 720 Bob Minor: H. R. Appleton 1, A. Appleton 2, B. C. Mann (conductor) 3, S. J. White 4, W. J. White 5, C. J. Mann 6. The fathers rang the 2nd, 4th and 6th.

A FAMOUS PEAL.**DEDICATION OF COMMEMORATIVE TABLET AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.**

An interesting ceremony took place in Exeter Cathedral belfry on Saturday last, when a tablet recording the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung on the Cathedral bells by non-resident members of the Devonshire Guild on October 15th last year was unveiled and dedicated. The tablet is of light oak, with lettering in black, surmounted by a shield bearing the Guild device in gilt on a vermillion ground.

Canon McLaren attended on behalf of the Chapter, Mr. C. T. Coles (London) represented the peal band and there were also present members of the Cathedral band and representative members of the Guild from six branches.

After introductory versicles and prayers, Mr. Coles offered the tablet, and Canon McLaren accepted it to remain in perpetuity as an incentive to others to emulate the achievement.

Mr. C. G. Glass, chairman of the Exeter Branch, then unveiled the tablet, remarking on the excellence of the performance, which he had heard from start to finish.

A special prayer by the Canon and the Blessing concluded the ceremony.

Courses of Grandsire Cinques and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, giving all in turn the opportunity to have a pull. The company subsequently reassembled at Dellers Cafe for tea, with Canon McLaren presiding.

Before dispersing, Mr. Coles thanked the Canon for the kind permission the Chapter had given to the band who rang the peal, and said he thought the Chapter were justified in their decision not to allow the tenor to be 'turned in' single-handed.—Canon McLaren replied, expressing his pleasure in being with them, and said that he would certainly convey to the Chapter Mr. Coles' message.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

Though the attendance was comparatively small, yet a happy meeting was held at Bloxwich on Saturday, October 7th. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton (Vicar), who, prior to his address, gave the members a hearty welcome. A very nice tea was afterwards partaken of in the Schoolroom, prepared by local ladies, under the supervision of Miss Hamilton.

The customary vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, use of the bells, etc., to Miss Hamilton and her assistants for arranging and serving tea, also to the Rev. C. H. Barker for presiding at the organ, was received with applause.—Both the Vicar and Miss Hamilton suitably replied.

It was resolved to send a message of congratulation to Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, who that day was celebrating his 71st birthday quietly at home, being unable to be present at the meeting.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted of touches in a variety of methods, from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise. The bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the result is a marked improvement.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Coseley on January 6th. In the meantime, the jubilee dinner is to be held at Wolverhampton on November 4th.

A 'MISSIONARY' MEETING.**HEREFORDSHIRE RINGERS' GATHERING.**

An interesting meeting took place at Chelmarsh on Saturday last, when members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild from Bridgnorth and ringers from Highley were the guests of the local tower.

The object of the meeting was to encourage the two towers of Highley and Chelmarsh to give up the old idea of 'call-change' ringing and to take up 'method' ringing. Three veterans of the craft were present, all of whom have seen over 50 years' service, namely, Mr. John Overton, sen., Ringing Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild (Bridgnorth District), Mr. T. Elocck, Chelmarsh, and Mr. E. Brown, Highley. The bells were raised at 3.25 p.m., after which the Bridgnorth band, consisting of Messrs. J. Overton, sen., H. Overton (St. Leonard's), George Case, W. Hayward and H. Moore-Williams (St. Mary's), assisted by Mr. E. Brown (Highley), rang touches of Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. Interspersed with these methods, 'call-changes' were indulged in by the Highley and Chelmarsh ringers, one particular 'touch' including all three of the veterans already referred to.

The company, 24 in number, were the guests of the Vicar of Chelmarsh (the Rev. H. S. Newill) for tea at the school, after which a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the donor of the feast.

The Vicar, in reply, expressed his pleasure in seeing the ringers there and also stated that he was very pleased to hear the bells being rung, as that was what they were put in the church tower for. He hoped this meeting would be the precursor of many others, to the advantage of the art, and the local tower in particular.

An adjournment was then made to the church for further ringing, and during an interval Mr. John Overton, sen., gave a short address to the assembled company, explaining the virtues of 'method' ringing and how learners should set about their work.

At 8 p.m. a very enjoyable and sociable meeting came to a close, all the visiting ringers expressing their appreciation of the 'go' of the bells and the fine hospitality with which they had been received.

STRAIGHT TALK TO RINGERS. OXFORDSHIRE VICAR'S ADDRESS.

The autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Bampton on Saturday week and attended by about 40 members.

The service, which preceded the business meeting, was conducted by Prebendary Gegg, assisted by the Rev. Stuart Gmelin, chairman of the branch. The lesson was read by Mr. W. Evetts, jun., the branch hon. secretary.

The preacher was the Rev. G. F. Pierce, Vicar of Standlake, who delivered a forceful address.

'Has it ever occurred to you,' said Mr. Pierce, 'that as bellringers you are fellow-workers with God, or do you regard your self-imposed duty as a form of recreation, giving something definite to do on Sunday?'

'I exhort you to look upon bellringing as a high form of service to God. Co-operation is one of the watchwords of the workers of to-day, and I suggest that that spirit might be taken more into the life of the church.'

'In putting to you that in the office of bellringing you are taking an active part in building up the Church of Christ, I want to consider a point which may or may not be a welcome point.'

'Your task is to notify others to assemble to worship God. Is it not strange, therefore, that after performing that high office some ringers neglect to attend the service of worship in which they have invited others to join?'

'Is the worship wrong, is the God we profess to worship wrong, or is our office as church bellringers all sham? It does seem to me to be a curious way of working for God if, after the task of ringing is done, ringers do not stay for the services to which their bells have summoned others.'

At the business meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. Stuart Gmelin, Mr. Evetts reported that the members of the Coombe tower had decided to rejoin the Guild.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wootton (Oxon).

On behalf of the meeting, Mr. John Monk congratulated Mr. Evetts upon his election as one of the four diocesan representatives on the Central Council of Church Bellringers in succession to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Prebendary Gegg, the Rev. C. F. Pierce and Miss Taunt, the organist.

Owing to the critical illness of Mr. Roland Lee, of the Vicarage, the Bampton bells were not available to the ringers, and after the meeting visits were paid to the Aston and Clanfield towers.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT BUCKLAND.

By kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Dunk), a special meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at the pretty little village of Buckland. Owing to a heavy downpour of rain, members were rather late in arriving, but the light bells were rung up in peal about 3.30 p.m. and a variety of methods indulged in until 5 p.m., when a short service was conducted in the church by the Rector.

In his little 'talk' the Rev. H. W. Dunk spoke of the pleasure it gave him once again to welcome the association to his parish, adding that it was three years since they had last met there. He impressed on them that the position they held as ringers was a great service to the Church in many ways, and hoped that in their various towers they would ring well and true to the glory of God.

At the conclusion of the service an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where a splendid tea was served by ladies of the parish, which was greatly appreciated.

The district secretary, Mr. G. F. Hoad, thanked, on behalf of the members, the Rector for his kind invitation and welcome to Buckland, the ladies for their kindness at tea, and the local band for the welcome always given to visitors.

Then followed change ringing on the handbells and some well-rendered tunes by the Buckland and Horley members. The tower was again visited and the bells rung in various methods up to London Surprise until nearly 9 p.m., when the ringers dispersed, all having had an enjoyable time.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Over 50 members of the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association were present at a joint meeting of the two branches, held at Bishop's Cleeve, by invitation of the Rev. T. Jesson.

Promptly at 3 o'clock the rebung peal of six were set in motion, and some fine ringing was indulged in, an interesting feature being a six-score by members of the Deveroux family.

After service, conducted by the Rector, the party were entertained to tea, and Mr. Wakeford heartily thanked Mr. Jesson and the ringers of Cleeve for their kindness. The tower was again visited and many were the tributes paid to Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s excellent work and to the Rector and inhabitants of Cleeve for their enterprise in raising the necessary funds to carry out the restoration. Among the many visitors was the Rev. E. V. Cox, who is on holiday in Cheltenham.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Lancashire's gathering round the festive board at Bolton to-morrow ought to be a big attraction for ringers in the County Palatine. All the rings of bells in Bolton will be available in the afternoon, and an enjoyable evening programme has been arranged. It is not yet too late to secure a ticket.

A peal in twelve Minor methods was rung at Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincs, on Saturday. Mr. J. E. Allan stood in at short notice, through the indisposition of one of the original band, and great credit is due to him for the able manner in which he rang, as it was his first peal in twelve methods 'inside,' and he is unable to get regular practice. Three other members of the band rang their first peal in 12 methods.

The first peal on the fine new ring of ten at Ripon Cathedral was rung on Saturday. It is interesting to note that four of the band were in the last peal on the old ring, exactly three years before. These ringers were Messrs. P. J. Johnson, J. Cotterill, R. Richardson and J. S. Goldsmith.

The York dinner attracted numerous visitors, and when the formal proceedings ended they were adjourned informally to another place.

The animated discussion on Rotherham bells and the speed of ringing very much entertained the silent members of the party.

On Sunday morning the sight of Mr. George Haigh, who is 80 next birthday, assisting to raise the 3 ton tenor, was a striking tribute to his well-preserved 'youth.' He has been a member of the Minster Society since 1876.

Another three-generations peal! Phyllis Tillett, of Ipswich, rang her first peal of Major at the first attempt on Saturday, and among those who took part were her father, her grandfather and an uncle. Phyllis is only 14 years of age.

The peal at Castle Bromwich, Warwickshire, on Saturday, was the first peal by a local band, and it included three 'first pealers' at that!

The meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association will be held at Loxton to-morrow, instead of at Axbridge as advertised last week.

The peal at Selston, Notts, on October 7th, recorded in last week's issue, was not the first on the bells as printed. This footnote related to the peal at Lychett Minster. The ringer of the 4th at Selston was F. Gerard Rawson.

JUBILEE OF A BIRMINGHAM PEAL.

SOME RECOLLECTIONS.

Sitting quietly by the fireside, one's thoughts go back 50 years. On October 18th, 1883, four members of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society (now defunct) met at the meeting house, Moland Street, Birmingham, and succeeded at the first attempt in ringing upon the handbells a peal of Grandsire Major (10,176 changes) in 4 hours 55 minutes.

Considered in those days something of a smart performance, one remembers the large number of ringers present and the great excitement when the bells ran round. Among others present were several prominent members of the St. Martin's Society and the congratulations were many. The band was T. Russam, J. Carter, T. Miller, R. Hackley; referee, A. J. Jones.

But time passes, and out of all the many ringers present that night I think I am right in saying that only two remain, T. Russam and T. Miller. All the others have passed on. But still in the eventide of a long life it is sometimes pleasant to sit and reflect. T. R.

BELL LECTURE IN PRISON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On reading of Mr. Wilfred Andrews' visit to Winchester Prison we cannot but admire his splendid work. It is also very encouraging to know he was able to keep his audience interested for so long. I am sure our friends who rang the handbells felt more than satisfied at being able to bring just a ray of sunshine into so many rather dull lives. Let us hope this is only one of many such little entertainments. 'ALWAYS INTERESTED.'

'SLIPPING WHEEL.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having seen in 'The Ringing World' reports of peal attempts and touches being lost through bells slipping wheel, I write to tell you of an experience many years ago at our home tower. One bell, the 5th in ten, if not rung with a tight rope, had a habit of what we thought was slipping wheel. As the bell was rising to balance at hand stroke, the sally would suddenly stop dead, and, whilst one was wondering what had happened, would go up again very suddenly. On investigation amongst the bells I found there was about 1/2 in. play between pulley and pulley box, which seemed a very old one, possibly having been put in at the same time as the old oak frame in 1739. A piece of plywood between pulley and box soon made matters right, and the bell has not been known to 'slip wheel' since. I write this hoping it may be of service in some of the cases above mentioned.

JOHN T. EASON,

Ex-Steeplekeeper, Wakefield Cathedral.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

INTERESTING GATHERING AT YORK.

Following the customary arrangement, York was this year the venue of the annual gathering organised by the Yorkshire Association in memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the association. Jasper Snowdon occupies a greater place in the annals of the Exercise than that of merely founder and first president of the Yorkshire Association. For that alone he would have deserved well of ringers in Yorkshire, but his place among the great figures that have adorned the art is secured for all time by the work he did in the writing and publication of text books on ringing. His work is his greatest memorial, but it is none the less fitting that opportunity should be taken to remind those who now occupy the stage something of what they owe to his labours.

A company of nearly 120 assembled at York on Saturday for the commemoration, and they included visitors from many distant places. In the morning a party went to Ripon Cathedral, where they rang the first peal on the restored bells. In the afternoon a large number took advantage of ringing on the noble peal of twelve bells at the Minster, the whole company uniting round the festive board in the evening at the Windmill Hotel under the genial chairmanship of the president of the association, Canon C. C. Marshall. The local arrangements had been very admirably carried out by a committee of York members, of which Mr. T. F. Earnshaw was president and Mr. G. Horner hon. secretary. During the evening the Dean of York contrived to spend some time at the gathering, which clashed with another engagement which he had to fulfil. Among the company were Canon Solloway, of Selby, the Rev. Kelly, of Huntington (a son of the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Devon), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mrs. Richardson (hon. secretary of the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. F. E. Dawe (London), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. C. Harrison (Loughborough), Mr. F. Skidmore (Bristol United Guilds), Mr. T. Metcalfe (hon. secretary, Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association), Mr. H. Lofthouse (hon. secretary, Leeds and District Society), Mr. J. Cotterill (hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association), Mrs. Cotterill, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Messrs. J. Thorpe, H. Thorpe, J. Holman, E. Wilson, E. Mays, W. Wolley, J. Marshall, W. Taylor, R. Harrison, R. Harrison, jun., and H. Hurst (Sheffield), Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, Messrs. H. Smith, Leslie Morris, G. Robinson (Leeds), Mr. T. Maude and Mr. W. Barton (Pudsey), Mr. W. Barber (Newcastle), Messrs. E. Jenkins, J. Hardcastle, T. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Buckley (Bradford), Misses N. L. Cawthorne, M. Higgins, L. Kelly and D. Turner, Messrs. F. Watkinson, F. Baker, F. Cordwell, J. Haywood and J. L. Gilbert (Handsworth, Sheffield), J. Coad and A. Coad (Earlswood), Mr. G. Park and party (Darlington), Mr. and Mrs. G. Lewis (Ecclesfield), Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness (Lincoln), Messrs. Pearson, A. Walker, H. C. Walters and others (Pontefract), the Rev. Moore, Mr. G. Slack and party (Burley), Mr. F. Clark (Bentley), Mr. H. Barron (Drighlington), Messrs. W. Cryer and J. W. Hall (Selby), Hudson (Ripon), S. Briggs (Rotherham), R. Bottomley (Keighley) and a full number of York Minster ringers.

SNOWDON LETTERS FOR YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
After the loyal toast had been honoured, the President read a message from Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, of London, sending fraternal greetings and good wishes and regretting his inability to be present. An apology was also received from Canon England.

A letter was read by the President from Miss Margaret Snowdon (daughter of the late Mr. William Snowdon), conveying the warm-hearted greetings of her mother and herself to the ringers assembled at the dinner and assuring them that their thoughts were with them. 'At such a meeting,' added Miss Snowdon, 'pledged to patriotism and remembrance, one is confident that an enthusiasm results capable of ensuring the further progress and usefulness of the work of the Exercise.'

Canon Marshall said he was very glad to receive that greeting from Miss Snowdon and her mother, and he was sure it would be in accordance with the wishes of the gathering if he sent a message reciprocating their greetings and good wishes.

Mr. F. E. Dawe was entrusted with the toast of 'The Memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association,' and it proved that he was the only person present who had rung a peal with the first president. At the outset he mentioned that during the afternoon he met the Archdeacon of York in the Minster, who asked him to convey his regret that he was unable to be present at that gathering, but he was booking up the event for three years hence. Continuing, Mr. Dawe said although Jasper Snowdon was his senior in years, they were very great pals. He had with him a bundle of letters from Jasper Snowdon, many of them written over 50 years ago, and others from his brother William, giving details of Jasper's illness and death, which was a very tragic affair. Jasper Snowdon was not only the founder of the Yorkshire Association, but was its first president. He was a New College, Oxford, man, with a mathematical mind, and he was able to apply his mathematical knowledge to change ringing. He was a very good ringer on eight bells, and he also rang one peal of Treble Twelve. He only rang a limited

number of methods, but what he rang he rang well. In physique Jasper Snowdon was of average height, thick set and powerfully built, with his dark hair closely cropped, a little moustache and dark, piercing eyes that took in everything at once. He was full of energy and like an electric eel in quickness of movement. He knew everything and everybody. He was not only a bob caller, but he was also a good conductor. The many letters which he (Mr. Dawe) had received from him he was going to collect together and, with other letters which he had received from other prominent members of the Yorkshire Association at that time, let their president decide into whose hands they should be placed for safe keeping after he was gone. Snowdon's letters were so good and rich and clever that they ought not to be lost sight of. Mr. Dawe went on to refer to other past stalwarts of the Yorkshire Association, including William Howard, of York, a wonderful old man with an amazing knowledge of his own city. He was also very musical and was the conductor at the Minster belfry. Another celebrated York man was George Breed, who, said Mr. Dawe, used to be the finest big bell ringer in England. Mr. Dawe also mentioned among those who had done great work for the association Mr. William Snowdon, who succeeded his brother as president, the Hattersleys, of Sheffield, William Whittaker, Bob Tuke and others.



JASPER W. SNOWDON.

In reviving the memories of these past worthies, said Mr. Dawe, he would like to link with them the coming generation. So long, he said, as they had in the Yorkshire Association such promising youngsters as John Gilbert, who at 15 years of age was the youngest ringer to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques, the association would not lose the lustre and the laurels they had won in the past. He mentioned an attempt that was made, and to which he gave all the support he could, to arrange a peal for boys under 15 years of age. There were some wonderful youngsters about, several of them of 12 or 13, who had rung peals, but as such a peal would have had to be arranged somewhere in the Midlands, at a meeting place convenient to all, it was found that bringing them together presented insuperable difficulties, because some parents, not unreasonably, were not willing to let lads travel these distances alone, and it was impossible to send anyone to travel with them. In conclusion, Mr. Dawe said he wished the members of the Yorkshire Association every blessing and hoped they would meet for many years to honour this toast under their able president, Canon Marshall (applause).

The toast was honoured in silence.

Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed 'Church and State,' and referred to the serious problems which at this time faced both. In some countries of the world there had been changes to a form of government such as he hoped none of them would ever see in this country (hear, hear). Even in this country there was a school of thought that would, if it could, bring them within the ambit of some of those political movements that were shaking almost the foundations of the civilised world, and it behoved all, leaders and rank and file alike, to keep calm and clear heads in the problems that beset us. The problems that beset the Church would, he thought, either bring about a great religious revival in this country or produce a great wave of apathy. The mechanisation of industry and the growth of mechanical transport had led to a great shifting of populations, and the difficulties which had arisen in church life in great cities like London—where the congregations had migrated to suburban districts—had set the Church a great problem to provide new facilities for church life in these new districts. If they could meet it they would stir up a great wave of enthusiasm; if they failed to keep up with the times the inevitable result would be a greater apathy than we had to-day.

RINGERS WHO RUN BEFORE THEY CAN WALK.

Mr. Dawe, continued Mr. Johnson, had touched on the fact that Jasper Snowdon, who was a leader among ringers, was a person who rang only a limited number of methods, but what he rang he rang well. We now lived in the days of diagrams and were beginning to assess a man's ability by the number of methods he rang, irrespective of whether he rang them well or badly. His personal opinion was that they found to-day that many people were allowed to ring rounds before they could ring their bell properly; that they rang changes before they could ring rounds properly, and rang peals before they could ring changes properly (hear, hear). It was important they should not forget that the outside public, who had to listen, should be considered. Those people who went in for ringing advanced methods should be able to strike their bells as well as the best of the less advanced ringers could strike the bells in less advanced methods. 15

men were wading through methods merely to put their names in print, they had no right to do it, unless the ringing was good, for they were taking honours that did not belong to them (hear, hear). He hoped ringers would realise that change ringing was their particular side of church work and should be of the best possible kind, but he was very much concerned because he felt that the young ringer of to-day had not got the standard of ringing of bygone days. In conclusion, Mr. Johnson expressed the hope that the Church would exercise a wise and beneficent influence on the character of the people, which would in turn be reflected in the leaders, to whom, in these perplexing days, we had to look to get us out of our present difficulties. He coupled with the toast the name of the Dean of York.

The Dean of York said it had been a pleasure to hear from the Minister: lower some audible evidence of the presence of many visiting ringers. It had been extremely welcome. That was no empty compliment, because he fully recognised the importance of the work upon which the ringers were engaged and the value of such a fellowship as that. As a priest who had served in several parishes during the course of his ministry, he knew enough of parish life to be certain that in keeping a parish together one of the plainest symptoms of how things were going was whether the bellringers held together well or not. When Sunday by Sunday they heard the bells going well they had splendid evidence that there, at any rate, there was a band of strong goodwill which was resolved to proclaim to the parish the message which the bells had to bring. That was a thing of real value wherever it could be secured, and where such loyalty could be maintained they might rest assured that indirectly they were doing a real good bit of spiritual work. For that reason if for no other he wished their grand old craft and mystery every success. His own experience of ringing was not extensive, but it was certainly peculiar (laughter). He was not entirely devoid of experience, but such experience as he had had of bellringing had been, on the whole, humbling to his pride (laughter). He realised that theirs was a real art, which was essentially English to the core. Did it not link Church and State in one unity in itself? When done by those who had the highest and sincerest motives it proclaimed God's message and helped the lives and soul of the community by the sense of accord with God. The loyalty of their association was a splendid means by which not only higher technical efficiency was secured, but the internal side of church loyalty, mutual friendship and cordial alliance with the parish parson in his work was fostered by the highest ideals. The times were grave both for the State and for the Church, and in such times there was nothing that they could do better to further the communal life than doing with all their heart the thing that lay nearest to hand. In the whole scope of national and church life bellringing might be a small thing, but if carried on in the right spirit it was a real contribution to the wellbeing of the Church (applause).

'MAD' RINGERS.

Canon Solloway, in a characteristically breezy speech, proposed 'The Yorkshire Association.' On one previous occasion he had spoken of all ringers as being 'mad,' and, one or two speakers having referred humorously to this, Canon Solloway first said he felt he must defend himself against the 'dreadful charge.' He thought when he gave utterance to that statement, if indeed it was made, he said he considered all people were mad in some particular, not least parsons, and, just a little bit more, bellringers (laughter). He had in front of him that evening his own captain, Mr. Cryer. He was quite certain Mr. Cryer was mad (laughter). He had many evidences of it (laughter). He had known him get up at five o'clock in the morning to see if the bells were all right. He had seen him pat and stroke the bells; do everything, in fact, except kiss the bells—he meant bells without a final 'o' (laughter). He was quite sure that at Selby they had got the very best team of ringers in Yorkshire, thanks to that madman, Mr. Cryer (laughter and applause). Having jokingly referred to the derivation of his own name, which he said he had been told was a corruption of Solomon and that he was in the direct line of descent from Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, Canon Solloway spoke of letters he had received from all parts of the world, from men and women who used to reside in Selby, in which they referred to their happy recollections of Selby Abbey and its bells. They always referred to the bells, he said, and he was very glad of that. The men engaged in this ringing business ought to be very proud to know they made such an impression on people by their ringing. He wanted the ringers to feel that their work was a happy and noble one. Bells were one of the things that always tended to keep up their spirits. An association of that kind which kept up the spirit of friendship and fellowship among ringers deserved success, and he hoped success would attend all their efforts. They were doing a great service, not only in Yorkshire, but throughout the country, in a time of stress, by keeping the people cheerful (applause).

Mr. S. F. Palmer submitted the toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Associations.' He welcomed most cordially the members of the various associations represented that night, and spoke of the good work done by the 'N.O.S.R.' and the 'N.O.P.R.' The former, the 'Noble Order of Service Ringers,' were, he said, staunch and true to the Church and the Exercise. They rang for the services of the Church every Sunday as a duty, and the Church and the associations owed them a debt of gratitude. Then there was the 'Noble Order of Peal Ringers'—they were called by another name by a writer in 'The Ringing World': the 'N.O.P.G.'—who were doing a great service for the Exercise and

associations by raising the standard of ringing, and were recognised by every ringer who was a ringer as the backbone of the associations. Proceeding, Mr. Palmer referred to the social value of such gatherings as that dinner. They enabled them to form a kind of unofficial freemasonry among ringers throughout the country; they created a better atmosphere and helped to keep the interests of the art together. They helped also to cement the bonds of friendship between ringers in different parts of the country, and but for them he thought ringing would not hold so high a place. Proceeding, Mr. Palmer referred to other visitors who were with them, including the Dean of York, Canon Solloway and the Rev. Kelly, and spoke of the indebtedness of ringers to the clergy for the use of their bells, without which they would not be able to follow their science and art as they did. Some clergy, he added, were very interested in ringing, and where a band had among them a ringing parson they were very lucky indeed. The great majority of clergy recognised the ringers as churchworkers and part and parcel of the Church organisation, but where the parson had no interest in the bells or the ringers, the belfry conditions were often very deplorable. The belfry ought to be at least as comfortable a place as the vestry. Mr. Palmer went on to say that they were pleased to see so many ladies present, and they gave them a hearty welcome. That was one of the special occasions when they could come out ringing with their husbands and masters (laughter). Ladies could not always accompany their husbands on ringing expeditions—it would, for instance, be unfair to ask them to stand outside a tower, perhaps in the rain, while the men folk rang a peal (laughter)—but they were delighted to have their pleasant faces among them that night (applause). Recently in 'The Ringing World,' said Mr. Palmer, a controversy was raised by a woman who had the effrontery to enter into print to say that her husband ought to stay at home and not go ringing. If she were there that night he would be inclined to tell her that she was not fit to be a ringer's wife or anybody else's wife (laughter). He concluded by offering a cordial welcome to all the visitors that night, and hoped they would carry away with them many happy recollections of their visit.

WONDERFUL WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY.

Mr. Albert Walker, who first responded, expressed the thanks of the visitors for the wonderful welcome and hospitality extended to them, and apologised for the fact that there were not more present from Birmingham. The Master of St. Martin's Guild, Alderman Pritchett, had just sustained a bereavement by the death of his brother, Mr. Alfred Pritchett, who in his younger days was a most accomplished ringer. Several other members of the Guild would have been present but for the inconvenient Sunday train service. Mr. Walker thanked Mr. Percy Johnson for the arrangements made for the peal at Ripon Cathedral—a very creditable peal and one of which the Yorkshire Association need not be ashamed. In conclusion, he invited members of the Yorkshire Association to the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham on March 3rd.

Mr. Colin Harrison, who also replied, said members of the kindred societies were glad to have the opportunity of attending that gathering year by year to honour and perpetuate the memory of that great exponent of ringing, Jasper Snowdon, and his fellow-officers; to make new friendships and cement old ones. If the Yorkshire Association needed any assurance of their feelings with regard to these gatherings, the attendance of so many visitors was sufficient guarantee that they were pleased to have the opportunity to come.

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw proposed 'The Chairman,' and congratulated him on having been appointed a Canon of Ripon. The Yorkshire Association and kindred associations were essentially church organisations, and the ringers were churchworkers, and it was the right thing for them to have a clergyman at the head of these organisations, with the proviso that he was also a ringer and sympathised with ringing (applause). The Yorkshire Association was fortunate in its President, Canon Marshall was enthusiastic in ringing and a good ringer, and one who thoroughly enjoyed the company of ringers (applause). He had well merited the honour he had received (applause). Mr. Earnshaw made the suggestion that a list of the past officers should be inserted in the annual report of the association each year so that the many eminent names could be kept before the members even though they did not attend the annual dinner. It would be surprising, he thought, what memories would be brought up by those names, and in years to come—he hoped it would be a long time hence—they might be able to add the Rt. Rev. Bishop Marshall and the Rt. Hon. Percy Johnson, M.P. (laughter).

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and, in responding, Canon Marshall said that while he could not claim to be a good ringer, he was behind none of them in his pride of being a ringer and in striving to do his best to serve the interests of bellringing in that great county. As head of that great association he felt he was following in the steps of two very distinguished predecessors, and he therefore had great traditions to uphold. It was only because he had the help of very efficient and loyal fellow-officers that he had been able to fulfil the duties. It was a great pleasure to preside over those gatherings, and he hoped they would go on and the numbers increase and that they would be able to welcome more and more friends from other parts of the country (applause).

On Canon Marshall's departure, Mr. F. E. Dawe took the chair to conclude the evening, and, in brief but complimentary terms, proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World.'

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SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

ALL TOWERS REPRESENTED AT ALLOA MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 7th, forty-eight members, representing all the Scottish towers, being present. The methods rung were Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob, as well as call changes. A break was made during the afternoon for the association service in the very pretty little church. It was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. S. Wilson), and the full choir and organist assisted in the service.

An excellent tea was afterwards served at Townhead Tearooms, and, as there was no business meeting to follow, handbell ringing was indulged in. The cost of the tea was generously defrayed by the St. Cuthbert's Society, Edinburgh.

Someone at the tea table facetiously asked if all this ringing was being done on the occasion of the opening of a popular store in the town that day by a certain Mr. F. W. W.—.

As the ringing room of St. John's is very small, the 'left-over' members took occasion to have a walk through the lovely estate of the Earl of Mar and Kelly, on which the church is built, and quite a lot of 'chestnuts' were gathered by the junior and not-so-junior members.

An excellent meeting was brought to a close about 8 o'clock as the various parties left for their buses and trains.

NEW ALBION TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When Mr. Snowden included Albion Treble Bob in 'Standard Methods,' he was quite enthusiastic about its wonderful qualities, and the method deserved all that he said about it. If it has never become a favourite it is because of the monotony of the work.

In the early days two methods claimed pride of place in practice: Grandsire and Treble Bob, and it is easy to see that it was the variety that every call introduced that appealed to the Exercise.

'New Albion,' by a slight alteration in places when the treble dodges in 7-8, picks up the same lead ends and bobs as Oxford and Kent, and all peals in these methods run true, the only false course end being 24365.

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May I take this opportunity of thanking those gentlemen who have shown an interest in Silchester. I have already written to them personally, but cannot publish any peals as yet, as I wish to give every opportunity to those gentlemen who hold that there is no room now for originality to show how peals can be produced in this method by rule of thumb.

E. BANKES JAMES.

THE SNOWDON DINNER—Continued from previous page.

An excellent musical programme was carried out. Courses of Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells, quartettes were admirably rendered and songs were sung by Mr. F. Horner. Mr. Shipman sang humorous songs, which greatly amused the company, and Major Pollard gave a clever monologue.

A very happy evening concluded at 11 o'clock with 'Auld Lang Syne.' Many of the visitors stayed until Sunday, when they participated in the service ringing at the Minster in the morning. Nearly forty ringers were present in the belfry.

ROTHERHAM BELLS.

'A MAGNIFICENT BUT NOT PERFECT TEN.'

Dear Sir,—In answer to dear old 'Highrease,' I must ask Mr. Baker not to talk or write of noble peals or even magnificent peals until he has heard York Minster peal of twelve.

To start with, I give praise or credit where it is due and whatever the firm, whether in practice or defunct, I have no pet firm, and I would adjure Mr. Baker not to be so one-sided as to think there is only one pebble on the beach.

To deal shortly with Thrybergh, I think Mr. Baker waxes very beautiful on the subject, but rather 'dings' too much of the competent founder about. Now here is a brief resume of what I think the same competent founder might do (experience does teach one). They simply want taking to the foundry where five out of the five might be found to be cracked and so be recast, or they might be found to be all right, with just a little polishing up, and then add (to make a nice light peal of six) a nice little tenor (of the 'magnificent' variety), weighing approximately 34½ cwt. (talk about homogeneity and amalgams!). What I have suggested should be done at Thrybergh as it was at another place not far away.

If Mr. Baker would have my last article read out to him properly he would make sure of facts. I did not ask him or anyone else to visualise the Rotherham old ten cleaned up into a magnificent peal, but made a slight hint that we should have been better off with the old 31½ cwt tenor and rest in good proportion, and hung in the same manner as at present, than we are now, by lifting the tenor to 34½ cwt. and taking metal out of the small ones. Also if he will peruse my last letter again he will find I never mentioned the old Rotherham peal as having 'barked.' The barking was related to the chapter on a well-known North Country Minster peal, and that was on account of being short of deadening of sound materials, not the bells. What would the present peal at the same North Country Minster sound like to ring if the ringing chamber was in the same place as before and nothing more done to the ceiling? No, Mr. Baker, the old Rotherham peal did not 'bark,' neither did we have the 'three blind mice.' On a recent Sunday morning, after a very tiring week, I decided to stay in bed and listen to the 'magnificent' peal, the wind blowing the sweet cadences o'er to my bedroom. Having opened the window wide, I settled down as I thought to hear some good ringing as only we in Rotherham (having got to know a little of the bells) can ring. But, sir, the only thing I heard was the old, old refrain, 'Three Blind Mice,' with variations. I would like to bring to Mr. Baker's notice a letter by C. F. J. published in October 6th's issue of 'The Ringing World.' The second paragraph I would like him to peruse slowly and carefully.

In his mentioning Chesterfield bells, I am afraid if Mr. Baker had had as much time knocked out of himself he would be feeling far worse off than they are at present. At least one can tell what they are ringing when they are rung, whether it be Stedman Caters or Cambridge Royal, a thing one cannot say of the modern 'magnificent' peals, and these bells were cast before the days of 'magnificent' tuning.

Although the present writer might have a dwarfed physique (he has a large heart and can praise good workmanship by boy or man, but is the first to condemn either bad splicing or bellfounding), he has not a dwarfed and one-sided mind. He has no pet firm and is no turn-coat from one firm to another for convenience. As for my early peals rung with Mr. Baker, there was no opportunity of getting on the back end, as these bells were spotted and all the good ringers had to be on the working bells.

But, as Mr. Baker says, away with all flippancy. Let him keep the peal as his memorial. I myself, being a little bit artistic, would sooner have a well-proportioned ringing peal and not have the base of the cross too outrageously big in proportion to the rest of the marble.

SID BRIGGS.

'CUCKOO IN THE MEARS' NEST.'

ROTHERHAM'S OLD EIGHTH BELL.

My Lords, Ladies and 'qualified Ringers,' it gives me great pleasure to comply with the request made by 'Irenæus' respecting an inscription which appeared on the old 8th bell at Rotherham All Saints' Church. It was undoubtedly, as stated on page 588 of 'The Ringing World,' 'Thomas Hilton of Wuth made me.' This had obviously been chiselled at, but enough remained to make out that with the aid of a flash lamp. The date had been thoroughly erased, though. ('Irenæus' makes no reference to the date, and he says 'the only inscription, etc.')

When this matter was mentioned to the late Mr. Sam Thomas he was very sceptical about it. He was so sure that Rotherham's old ten were 'maidens all' that, somewhat like that other Thomas of old, he wanted to see some evidence.

The writer well remembers the occasion when Mr. Thomas' doubt on this point was removed by 'Irenæus,' the writer being a lively and interested onlooker at the time. Mr. Thomas' words after the examination were: 'It's Hilton's right enough, that's a cuckoo indeed in the Mears' nest.' (I gave Sam Thomas full marks for the joke.)

I know the bell in question was slightly different in contour in proportion to the remainder; this was most marked at the top, it being not so flat there as the others.

COLIN RYDER.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. Matthew's Church on Sunday morning, October 15th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Bosworth 1, W. H. Curson (conductor) 2, L. Froeman 3, W. E. Clayfield 4, W. Brooker 5, J. W. Cotton 6, G. W. Clayfield 7, H. Southerd 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, October 15th, for matins at All Saints', 1,306 Stedman Cinques by the local band: F. Hayes 1, R. Coles 2, F. West 3, G. F. Hinton 4, G. White 5, R. G. Chappelle 6, P. Boreham 7, E. R. Coles (conductor) 8, P. D. Boreham 9, C. A. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, E. R. Croxford 12. The conductor had never previously called a bob on 12 bells.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): J. Dale 1, J. Blay 2, G. Joyce 3, J. Cross 4, J. G. Macdougall 5, A. Rolph 6, J. Cornford (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8. First quarter-peal by all except treble, 3rd and 7th ringers.

FULHAM.—At the Church of All Saints on Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,239 changes): J. W. Driver 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, R. Page 4, R. Mackrill 5, H. Cook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8, A. Harding 9, G. F. Edwards 10.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, October 8th, at St. Peter's Church for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Page (first quarter, aged 15) 1, W. Cross 2, W. Palmer 3, T. Page (conductor) 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Palmer 6, F. Lasbury 7, W. Page 8. —Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Wines 1, W. Palmer 2, W. Cross 3, J. Lovett 4, T. Hamlin 5, F. Lasbury (first quarter as conductor) 6, W. Page 7, T. Page 8. —For Monday evening service, 630 Erin Triples: W. Cross 1, J. Lovett 2, G. Wines 3, F. Lasbury 4, T. Hamlin 5, H. Davies 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, W. Page 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BRADFIELD BRANCH IMPROVEMENT.**

The Bradfield Deanery Branch held its annual meeting at Bradfield on Saturday, September 30th. Not since 1917 had a meeting been held there, and to most of the local ringers it was something new and very interesting. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock and some very fine touches were brought round. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. Nowell-Rostron), assisted by the Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D. The address was given by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild). Amongst those present were the Rev. J. Sharpe (Theale) and the Rev. J. F. Forge (Padworth). Tea was served in the village clubroom, and 40 members and visitors sat down to a most enjoyable spread. The following towers were represented: St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, Lulham, High Wycombe, Englefield, Padworth, East Ilsley, All Saints', Wokingham, Peasemore, Compton, Abingdon, St. Lawrence, Reading, Bradfield, Beenham, Theale, Aldermaston, Cholsey, Stratley, Tilehurst, Whitechurch, Caversham, Newbury and Beedon. Handbells were rung after tea, a course of Grandsire and tunes being much enjoyed by all.

The business meeting followed, the chairman of the branch (the Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D.) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. L. Whitfield (vice-chairman and treasurer), the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary).

The chairman, vice-chairman and treasurer of the branch were re-elected, and Mr. T. W. Palmer was re-elected as secretary, and the following were appointed as a committee: Mr. H. Perry, of Stratley; Mr. J. Butler, of Bradfield; Mr. A. Arlott, of Beenham, and Mr. E. Tigwell.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting during April and a ringing meeting every three months, the date and place of meeting to be decided by the committee.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert spoke of the improvement in the branch, and gave advice and encouragement to members present. He also reminded the branch of the good work that Mr. J. Abery and Mr. J. Bower had done.—Realising this, members passed a vote of thanks to these two gentlemen.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar for entertaining the branch at Bradfield.—The Vicar, responding, said he hoped the branch would meet at Bradfield again in the near future.

With everyone anxious to get among the ropes again, the meeting dispersed.

The bells at Bradfield, Englefield and Theale were kept going well in the evening, and everyone agreed that a most enjoyable afternoon and evening had been spent.

NOTICE.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch. —Half-yearly meeting at Ruskington on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6), recently restored, available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Rector, the Rev. R. L. Sanders, to all notifying him at the Rectory, Ruskington, Sleaford, before Thursday, Nov. 2nd. All ringers welcome.—H. S. Hinkins.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 31st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—Bicentenary Celebration, Saturday, October 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Magdalen (10 bells) 2 to 3 p.m., St. Giles' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Ebbe's (8), 3 to 4 p.m., Christ Church (12) 4 to 5, followed by service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Reception by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Oxford at the Town Hall 5.45 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. — V. Bennett, Hon. Sec., 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bedwellty on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available 3.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at The White Cot Dairy. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting of the Andover district on Oct. 21st at Laverstoke. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for which please notify the Rev. R. R. Pitter, Laverstoke Vicarage. Business meeting.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown Parsonage, Newbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The first winter meeting of the branch will be held at Aldbourne (8) on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. All members and ringing friends are welcome.—Arthur W. Deane, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough, Wilts.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Frequent bus service from Bedford. All welcome. — P. C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Coker on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Croscombe (bells 6), on Saturday, Oct. 21st, 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea to follow. — F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Som.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Co-operative Hall, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 21st. All the rings of bells in the town will be available until 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 3s. 6d. now ready, from Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, at which peal tablets will be unveiled and dedicated, followed by tea and business meeting at Greyhound Hotel.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Loxton on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business. Kindly note new address.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting at Hatfield on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. The ringers will be entertained to tea by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus). All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln, on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cathedral bells available 7.30 to 9 p.m.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Central Branch Joint Meeting.—By kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. C. Bond, a joint meeting will be held at Longstanton (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Black Bull 5 p.m. We are hoping for a very good attendance. No excuse, a welcome awaits all.—Miss K. Willers, Ely Branch Sec.; F. Warrington (Central), Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Chishall on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wasey, 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Billesdon (6) on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Toone's buses leave Humberstone Gate at 2.45 and 3.30. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The postponed meeting at Stoney Stanton will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Tea provided at moderate charge. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec.

H. W. WILDE MEMORIAL.

The memorial tablet to the late Mr. H. W. Wilde will be dedicated by the Rev. F. J. Okell at the Chester branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild meeting at Eccleston on

Saturday, Oct. 28th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 and service will be held at 4. It is of particular importance that I should hear from all who wish for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 25th.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The meeting at Poulton Parish Church is postponed to Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Rd., Blackpool, S.S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting (8), on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swalcliffe, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. Foreman Cox, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6), recently rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Kindly notify if requiring tea. Midland Red bus from Banbury 1.45 and 3.30.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained in the village. The district committee and local ringers will be pleased to welcome any friends who care to come and try this grand ring of bells which have recently been recast by John Taylor and Co.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. Those desirous of tea kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, 24th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The October meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Arrangements as usual. Please notify Mr. W. James, Home Yard, Cobham, for tea (meat tea 1s. 6d.).—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make this meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. For tea, at 9d. per head, please notify Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley, not later than the 25th.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

RICKMANSWORTH.—Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Bells available till 8.30. Rail and coach services direct at cheap rates from all parts.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—All ringing friends are invited to the Church of All Saints on Oct. 28th to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the five back bells of the peal of 8. Bells available all day. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: Archdeacon of Wilts (Canon Coulter). Tea will be provided at the Memorial Institute. Please send card of acceptance before the 24th to L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Calne Branch of Ringers, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Churchdown on Saturday, Oct. 28th. The bells, which have recently been augmented to six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston (Croydon), open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify by the 25th?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Haddenham (8 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than Oct. 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Those requiring tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sudborough on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (the Very Rev. R. H. Robinson, D.D.), who will also give the address. Tea will be provided (free) for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 24th, and the business meeting will follow immediately after.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Oct. 28th at St. Mary, Stratford-by-Bow (Bow-in-the-Road). Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea nearby at 5.30 p.m. Visitors are assured of a good welcome.—James G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 25th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury and Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Clare on Sat., October 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting will be held at Swan Hotel at 5 p.m. Tea 1/- each.—Harold G. Herbert, District Secretary, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Sat., Oct. 28th, at Dartington. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Totnes bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. Those who intend coming please advise me by the 24th inst. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Brodrick Hall, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify by Oct. 26th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne Division.—A meeting will be held at Blaydon on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Durham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Carlton Café, High Street, after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by Tuesday, Oct. 24th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LADIES' GUILD, ESSEX, HERTS & MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Wednesday, Nov. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (free) for those who give notice of their intention to be present.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A joint meeting is to be held at **ALDERSHOT** on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) and business meetings in Parish Hall 5 p.m. **ALL WELCOME.** Please notify for tea, if possible, by Wednesday, Nov. 1st.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Dunholme (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 4th. Names for tea to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln, by first post Wednesday previous.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, St. Michael's, Cornhill. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, 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, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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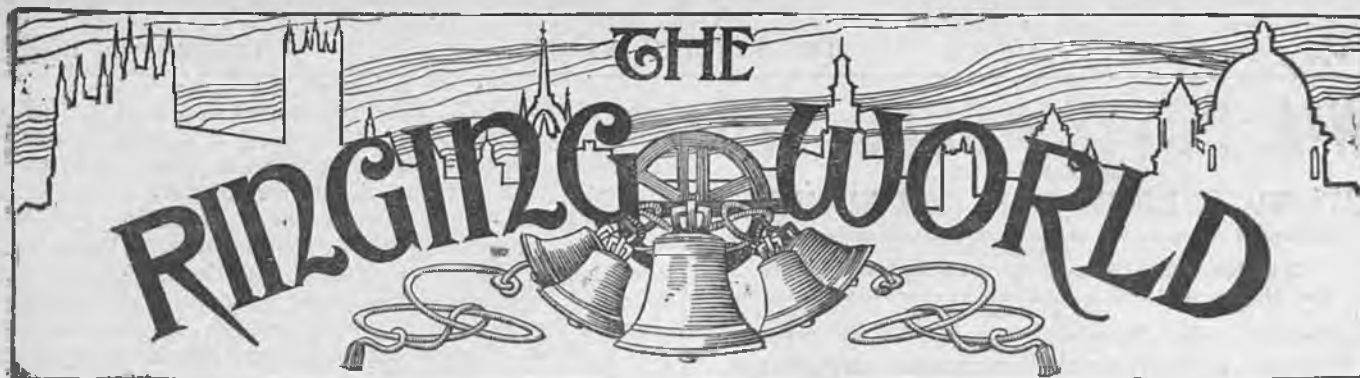
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There are few ringing societies which can go back for two hundred years in their history, and the Oxford Society's Bicentenary on Saturday was an event of rare interest to the Exercise. As we mentioned a week or two ago in this column, change ringing was practised in Oxford before the first recorded performances and we are indebted to one who was not himself a ringer, but a caustic critic, for the first authentic information of the Oxford men's doings. The pity is that the diarist died so soon after his first records of ringing. But for him, however, details of some of those early performances would have been unknown to us and 1933 would probably not have been regarded as the Society's bicentenary year.

The proceedings on Saturday were a fitting mark of the event, the principal item on the programme being the dinner in the evening, at which a number of leading members of the Exercise were present. It is a pleasure to observe that the subsequent speeches were of much greater interest than those usually heard at ringers' gatherings. This perhaps, was due to the occasion itself—it was something out of the ordinary and so the speakers found something out of the ordinary to say—and we commend them even to those of our readers who have a habit of skipping the reports of post prandial oratory.

To one speech in particular we would direct the attention of all ringers. The President of the Central Council had something to say which for long has badly wanted saying, and he said it with that directness which is characteristic of his utterances when speaking as the head of the Exercise. Mr. Lewis said, in effect, that it was high time in the belfry that the conductor for the time being should be free to criticise the ringing and tell the ringers how it should be improved, without incurring the displeasure of the individuals concerned. A good deal of bad ringing is tolerated in these days for fear of causing offence to the culprit or culprits. Because a man may resent being told of his fault, the conductor remains silent and the ringing and the public suffer. Mr. Lewis' contention is that any criticism of a ringer by the conductor during ringing should be accepted in good spirit and should not be allowed to cause ill-will on the part of the person spoken to. In this, we believe, all reasonably minded ringers will agree with him. It should be every conductor's duty to criticise. There are a few really critical conductors to be found, men who do not hesitate to speak their mind if occasion arises, whether they offend or please. What is wanted is not only more men of this type, but more ringers who will accept the criticism in the proper spirit and, realising that it is in the interest of

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better striking, will feel no resentment over it. It would be an important step to raising the level of ringing generally. Even the mildest criticism is taken objection to by some ringers. It is always difficult for a young conductor to criticise the defects of an older ringer; even young ringers sometimes resent being told by their seniors. When considered in the light of a desire for better ringing, such ill-feeling, which only arises through a mistaken sense of offended dignity, is really silly, and Mr. Lewis' advice is very sound. Ringers old and young should learn not to take offence at criticism by their conductors—yet how often does a conductor have to act warily for fear of offending and losing one of his band?

PEAL REPORTS.

A HINT TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We would again call the attention of correspondents to the desirability, when sending in peal reports, of adhering to the style in which they are printed in 'The Ringing World.' Many reports reach us in which the information is 'pitchforked' together or defective in some material particular. We would ask those who send peal reports for publication, if they are not fully familiar with the style adopted in our columns, to check the details with those which are given week by week in 'The Ringing World.' It will prevent many errors and the necessity for making corrections which might often be avoided and in addition save a good deal of trouble to the Peals Analysis Committee of the Central Council.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

PHYLLIS E. TILLET 7	JOHN F. TILLET 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	WILLIAM MADGWICK 8
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 9
HOBART E. SMITH 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET 11
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 6	ERNEST FITCH 12

Composed by J. CARTER (No. 11). Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS
Miss Tillett is the youngest ringer to accomplish a peal of Stedman Cinques. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Smith. Rung on the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM J. CLOVER 7	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7
*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 2	GEORGE MAYERS 8
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	ARTHUR G. KING 9
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 10
CHARLES F. SAYER 5	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 11
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 6	GEORGE BAILEY 12

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Twelve.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

KENNETH W. MAYER ... ..	...Treble	LEWIS SNELL	7
C. BERT CHESTER	2	HERBERT LOWMAN	8
JOHN WALDEN	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	9
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	4	FREDERICK W. STOKES	10
ARTHUR BONN	5	RUPERT RICHARDSON	11
HAROLD MARCON	6	GEORGE FLINTHAM	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Canon George Jaudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln, and president of the Guild, who was interred earlier in the day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S ODD-BOB TWENTY-PART, No. 2. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES DRAPER	5
JOSEPH BAILEY	2	WALTER WALLACE	6
JOHN H. SWINFELD	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	JOHN CURTIS	Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE FOUR-PART, No. 12.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES DRAPER	5
MAURICE SWINFELD	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	JOSEPH BAILEY	Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, in which Mr. J. O. Dicken took part as his first peal. This composition is now rung for the first time and is the first peal of Stedman Triples in four equal parts. This completes peals of Stedman Triples in equal parts from one to twenty inclusive by the 'Wednesday' afternoon band, which is the first band to do so.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE ... ..	...Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	ERNEST BRETT	6
JOSEPH MARKS	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, on the tenth anniversary of their wedding.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 17, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER RUFFLES ... ..	...Treble	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	5
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	2	JOHN J. CREASEY	6
WILLIAM J. GROOM	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	4	WILLIAM LAST	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF WINDSOR SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM WELLING	53
MISS K. M. BRADFORD	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
GEORGE GILBERT	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
EDWARD S. T. FARR	4	ALAN R. PINK	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

A peal in this method is now rung for the first time. Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Vicar of Old Windsor (the Rev. A. E. McCaig) with Miss F. A. Cornick.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BEER ... ..	...Treble	JOHN BORLES	5
EDWARD J. BEER	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
STUART SANDFORD	3	FRED M. MITCHELL	7
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS	4	GEORGE H. CROSS	Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES ROBINSON ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES W. COOK	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS	2	ROBERT HOWARD	6
MANSFIELD GINN	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
ROBERT SMITH	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,

A PEAL OF SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Being 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, 736 Cambridge and 736 Superlative.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal in four Surprise methods on the bells and by the ringers of 2, 5 and 6.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, HALLIWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CHARLES ARNOLD MOSS ... ..	...Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN.	5
*JOHN F. WOOD	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
ROBERT HOLDEN	3	JOHN POTTER	7
JOHN E. MARKLAND	4	WILLIAM R. MOSLEY	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to William Pennington, who was interred here on the 16th inst. Mr. Potter has now conducted a peal in every tower in the Bolton Branch.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the 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, London,	Born	Mar. 17th, 1858	...Treble
WILLIAM T. PATES, Cheltenham,	"	Feb. 28th, 1853	... 2
ERNEST BISHOP, Swindon,	"	Feb. 2nd, 1863	... 3
HARRY W. SMITH, Reading,	"	July 4th, 1861	... 4
ROBT. H. BRUNDLE, Ipswich,	"	Sept. 18th, 1851	... 5
FRANCIS E. DAWK, Woking,	"	Mar. 16th, 1862	... 6
JAMES GEORGE, Birmingham,	"	Nov. 27th, 1853	... 7
WALTER PRIME, London,	"	Dec. 27th, 1854	...Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary on the previous day of Ernest Bishop's first peal, at Great Marlow. The united ages of the above ringers total approximately 612 years, or an average of 76½ years each. They are the oldest band to accomplish a peal.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.			
*GEOFFREY M. FREESTONE Treble	REGINALD DORE ...	...	5
WALTER GREENAWAY ... 2	GEORGE GRAY ...	...	6
R. THOMAS NEWMAN... 3	FREDERICK J. SPICER ...	...	7
†CYRIL A. HOUSE ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	...Tenor	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM
* First peal. † First peal and first attempt for Major. Contains full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 without 2nd ever in 5-6 or 3rd in 6th's place.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.			
CHARLES H. SONE ... Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN ...	...	5
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ...	...	6
GEORGE KENWARD ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ...	...	7
*THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	PHILIP HODGKIN ...	...Tenor	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 50th peal of Kent Major. Rung to commemorate the 51st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hodgkin. It was also a birthday peal for the conductor's daughter, Audrey. The composition, No. 386, is rung for the first time.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.			
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... Treble	*WILLIAM COPPIN ...	...	5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD ...	...	6
FRANK CLAYDON ... 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ...	...	7
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 4	†CHARLES H. SMITH ...	...Tenor	

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The monthly peal for the division; also rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss D. M. Coppin, youngest daughter of the ringer of the 5th, and Mr. S. Brazier, which took place earlier in the day at Holy Trinity Church, Halstead.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.			
EDWARD JENNINS ... Treble	*FRED DUNKERLEY ...	...	5
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES ...	...	6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	...	7
GEORGE ROBINSON ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	...Tenor	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS
* First 'touch' in the method. Specially arranged and rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, also as a birthday compliment to Annie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, of Bradford, and to the conductor.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.			
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	...	5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ...	...	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	...	7
JAMES TOPP ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	...Tenor	

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

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.			
WILLIAM SEELEY ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	...	5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	...	6
MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 3	FRANCIS KIRK ...	...	7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 4	WALTER AYRE ...	...Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal in the method and was rung without previous practice. F. W. Brinklow's 200th peal.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.			
JAMES E. DAVIS ... Treble	ALFRED J. HOOPER ...	...	5
MISS MARGARET PACK ... 2	CHARLES T. COLES ...	...	6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ...	...	7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ...	...Tenor	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.			
EDWARD J. BEER ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESEMAM ...	...	5
GEORGE J. BEICHER ... 2	MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ...	...	6
STUART SANDFORD ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ...	...	7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ...	...Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.			
ROBERT J. DAWK ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ...	...	5
*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 2	ERNEST J. LADD ...	...	6
HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... 3	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ...	...	7
PHILLIP THOMPSON ... 4	ALEC RICHARDSON ...	...Tenor	

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method with an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. S. Hobden.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.			
*WILLIAM GAYES ... Treble	*JAMES A. MILNER ...	...	5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	...	6
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3	JOHN WORTH ...	...	7
*ALBERT V. REES ... 4	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ...	...Tenor	

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH

* First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. DETHERIDGE ... Treble	GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, SEN. 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	HORACE DOWELL ... 6
EZRA HOMER ... 3	GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, JUN. 7
ALBERT TAYLOR ... 4	SAMUEL DETHERIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. H. DETHERIDGE, JUN.

Quarterly peal for the branch. The band are all Sunday service ringers at the above church.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
HENRY H. FEARN ... 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	HECTOR G. BIRD ... 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT (No. 30). Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT

First peal of London on the bells. The band were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Johnson after the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE TAYLOR ... Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN ... 4
*TOM WORRALL ... 2	WILLIAM JONES ... 5
ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 3	HARRY NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

* First peal and only 16 years of age.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*RICHARD J. ROLE ... Treble	MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN 4
†EDWARD SANDERS ... 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 5
WILLIAM H. SLEBMAN ... 3	*FREDERICK J. MILLS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from tenor. First peal on the bells, cast and hung in 1931 by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Ring with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. E. J. Bennett, a prominent Freemason and benefactor to this church, who passed away the previous day.

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On Monday, October 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN TARGETT ... Treble	RONALD G. BECK ... 4
HARRY SANGER ... 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... 5
FREDERICK TARGETT ... 3	JOSÉPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 360 and one 480 of Lindoff's, and 35 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

THOMAS HILL ... Treble	GILBERT HARDING ... 4
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 2	*JAMES G. EASTWOOD ... 5
JOHN C. ADAMS ... 3	†ALFRED BUCKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First attempt for a peal of Doubles. † First peal. 50th peal by the conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... Treble	*DAVID WARR ... 4
LLOYD CHAPMAN ... 2	*FREDERICK LAWES ... 5
CHARLES HIGH ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal at first attempt. Treble and tenor ringers from Norwich, the remainder are local.

BROADWAY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EADBURGH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E natural.

*HARRY FINCH ... Treble	*GEORGE ELLIS ... 4
*JOSEPH HALL ... 2	J. WILLIAM HEATH ... 5
JAMES HEMMING ... 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

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

SYDLING, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 19 cwt.

*R. GEORGE THOMAS ... Treble	*MISS E. MAY RIDOUT ... 3
WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 2	*KENNETH J. BOWDITCH ... 4
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... Tenor	

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. Ring to celebrate the golden wedding of the Rector (the Rev. J. Wynn Werinick) and Mrs. Wynn Werinick.

STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(STROUD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST POOLE ... Treble	THOMAS BAILEY ... 4
THOMAS PRICE ... 2	†ARTHUR STOPFORD ... 5
*WILLIAM OVERBERRY ... 3	FREDERICK BLOWING ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WALTER D. JOLLEY ... 1 reble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4
†MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 2	J. ARMIGER TOLLOPE ... 5
†WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal in seven methods. ‡ 300th peal. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At ARCHFIELD, 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 1-2	FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	EDWIN BARNETT ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

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BARNEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At 9, BEVERLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 1-2	EDWARD J. BEER ... 7-8
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3-4	STUART STANFORD ... 9-10
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5-6	HARRY HOVERD ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpire—Mrs. George H. Cross.

First peal of Maximus 'in hand' by all the band and first peal on twelve by the ringer of 9-10. Thought to be the first peal of Maximus rung on handbells in the county.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ILLNESS PREVENTS RINGING AT LEWISHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of Lewisham District was held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, October 14th. A case of serious illness immediately adjoining the church prevented the use of the bells. The proceedings consisted, therefore, of the service, tea, business meeting and some handbell ringing.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Hassard-Short), who gave a very interesting address on the origin and evolution of musical instruments in general and of bells in particular.

Tea was served in St. Luke's Hall, 30 members participating, after which the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar. One member of West Wickham band was elected into the association.

The secretary read a report of the year's working, which was adopted. The meeting expressed a wish that these reports should be entered (as separate entries) in the minute book.

The next business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. This led to the unopposed re-election of the retiring holders, viz., Messrs. A. G. Hill, E. Barnett, W. Smith and T. Groombridge, sen., hon. district secretary, representatives on General Committee (two) and Ringing Master respectively. The reappointment was made with thanks for previous service.

The next meeting is to be held, by invitation, at St. Mary's, Lewisham, in January.

The Vicar took the item, 'Any other business,' as the appropriate time to express his regret that the bells had been idle, owing to unavoidable circumstances, and thanked the ringers for their touch on handbells immediately after tea.

Mr. T. Groombridge proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his permission to hold the meeting at St. Luke's, for conducting the service and giving his address, and for presiding at the business meeting; to the curate and churchwardens for their support, and to the organist for his services.—This was carried with applause.

At this time a message was delivered from the invalid mentioned above that, in consideration of the special occasion, she had no wish to prevent ringing, but asked that the bells be rung only to short touches. On the suggestion of Mr. W. J. Jeffries, it was decided to forego ringing under the circumstances, and to thank the lady for her kindly intentions.

This concluded the proceedings.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S DINNER

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT BOLTON.

Judging by the gathering which attended the second annual dinner of the Lancashire Association at Bolton on Saturday, the event is one which has evidently come to stay among the social gatherings of the Exercise. Last year Canon Romney, of Liverpool, suggested that a meeting of ringers with a pilgrimage to the Cathedral in that city would be interesting. So it proved, and the warm support which the project received led to the organisation of last Saturday's gathering at Bolton.

Bolton cannot offer a pilgrimage to a cathedral, but it can offer bells. In the town itself there are seven rings of eight and one of six, all in first-class going order. All these were placed at the disposal of visitors, and good use was made of them. Following this there was a short service in St. George's Church before the company proceeded to the Co-operative Hall, where over 160 sat down to a right good dinner. The president of the association (Canon Elsee) occupied the chair, and among the company were the Lord Bishop of Manchester, His Worship the Mayor of Bolton (Alderman Lomax) and the Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor (Alderman G. Sykes) and Mrs. Sykes, Canon Child (St. Helen's), the Rev. Marie (Tadmorden), the Rev. H. A. Norton (Holy Trinity, Bolton), the Rev. R. C. Worsley (St. Mary's, Deane), the Rev. P. Marr Davies (St. Peter's, Halliwell), Mr. Ernest B. Worsley (deputy treasurer of the borough) and Mr. Percy J. Johnson, of Yorkshire fame. Letters apologising for their absence were received from the Archdeacon of Liverpool, Archdeacon Sale and the Archdeacon of Warrington, also from the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who was attending the Oxford Society's bicentenary celebration.

The President welcomed the distinguished guests, and said it was a special pleasure to see the Bishop of Manchester amongst them, especially when he had already attended two meetings that day in London. To him all must feel very grateful. They were also delighted to have with them the Mayor and Mayoress and the late secretary of the Yorkshire Association (Mr. Johnson, of Leeds).

THE BISHOP AND THE BELLS.

'Prosperity to the Lancashire Association' was proposed by the Bishop. He said he had been a Rector in two parishes where there was a peal of bells. At the first there was a very keen set of ringers, and in the winter time they practised every Tuesday and Thursday. He lived right under the church tower and was always out on Tuesdays and Thursdays (laughter). At the end of a summer he was offered the living of another parish—he took it (laughter). The Rectory there was also near a tower, and they only practised once a week, but he was always out on that particular night. At the end of another summer he was offered his present post—he took it (laughter), and now resided over two miles away from the tower and still retained his post. The ringers, he went on to say, were an acting incumbent, because if there were no ringers, the incumbent would have to ring the bells himself. It was a part of his duty to ring them or find a substitute, and he (the Bishop) found that the ringing associations had provided some really good substitutes. He was also pleased to know that the present-day ringer was a devoted worshipper. He did not want to introduce a sermon into his toast, but he felt this was an opportunity to bring before the company the need for co-operation in their church work and devotion to Christ. He said he knew their leader, Canon Elsee, well. In him they had a true friend, and one who had their interest at heart. If he visited a church where the Canon was also visiting, and there were bells in the tower, he usually sought him there. It was the same in his church work. Canon Elsee as Rural Dean was a real help to him in his work. The secretary was also a real part of the backbone of the association's prosperity, and he coupled his name with that of the president in his toast.

In reply, Canon Elsee said the association had now been formed over 50 years, and there had been many improvements in the towers during that time. Several towers which contained only six bells now had rings of eight, others had been recast and were now beautiful bells, while most of them were put in first-class ringing order. With regard to ringing, in the earlier days Lancashire had for its popular methods Graundsire and Bob Major, whilst Yorkshire enjoyed its Treble Bob. Now, however, most methods were rung, but he thought sometimes that the same attention was not paid to the striking as it was to the learning of the methods. Good striking, he said, ought to be the special aim of all ringers.

The vice-president (Mr. Thomas B. Worsley) also replied, and gave a brief statistical report of the work done by the association.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

The toast of 'Our Guests' was in the hands of Mr. George R. Newton, who said he found it a rather difficult job to toast such a party of distinguished guests. He knew the Bishop was always interested in the affairs of the association. Then the company was graced by his Worship the Mayor and the Mayoress. It was a pleasure to find the civic heads taking an interest in the association's affairs. They also had with them the Deputy Mayor (Alderman Sykes) and his wife. Alderman Sykes was at one time a ringer, and

last year during his term of office a peal was rung in his honour with some striking features. Alderman Sykes' Christian name was George. The peal was rung on St. George's Day at St. George's Church, and he, another George, had the honour of conducting the peal. There was yet another visitor he would like to mention, Mr. Ernest B. Worsley, the deputy treasurer of the borough, another one-time member of the association. Mr. Newton added that he was sure all would join him in the toast to the welcome of the visitors.

The Mayor, in reply, said that was the first occasion he had been in the company of ringers, and he was having a really pleasant time in their midst. Although he did not attend a place of worship where there were any bells, he always liked to sit at home and listen to the bells on the wireless on Sunday evenings. He thanked them for their toast and welcomed them to the borough of Bolton.

Alderman Sykes said that he was very pleased to be amongst ringers again, although he had only been learning for five years. On behalf of his wife and himself, he thanked them for the invitation.

'The Press' was proposed by Mr. Percy J. Johnson, who gave a very interesting history of the publications issued at different times for the benefit of the ringing fraternity, and said the reason they had lapsed into obscurity was the lack of support. He pleaded for better support for 'The Ringing World.' Without it, he said, interest in the art would wane considerably. The Editor was a personal friend of his and was doing all he could to benefit the ringing community. He suggested that if members who could not afford to buy a copy for themselves subscribed, say, a penny each per week in their towers, several copies of the paper would be at their disposal. This would help to create more interest and also improve the circulation.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood responded to the toast, and supported the appeal. He said that, as a man who was connected with the Press, he knew its value. Without the Press interest in ringing matters would simply fade away. In conclusion he said, 'Do help to help yourselves.'

The Rev. R. C. Worsley moved that the best thanks of all be offered to the president for his work. A bright and breezy speech was followed by three cheers for Canon Elsee.

Musical items were provided between the toasts. On handbells Mr. Charles Sharples, of Blackpool, 'tapped' a course of Bob Major; Manchester City Police Ringers rang a touch of Grandsire Triples; a mixed band a course of Grandsire Caters, and Holy Trinity Church handbell ringers gave selections on their four octave set. The Rev. R. C. Worsley and Mr. Hubert Clay sang songs.

At the conclusion a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Peter Crook and his helpers for having made the event such a success, and the artistes were thanked for their musical items.

CORNWALL'S THIRTY-FIRST OCTAVE.

TWO NEW BELLS AT ST. ANTHONY-IN-MENEAGE.

The little Church of St. Anthony at St. Anthony-in-Meneage, Cornwall, protected from the southern gales of the English Channel by Dennis Head, and standing at the very water's edge of the Gillan Creek, which forms the mouth of the Durra, now possesses a beautiful ring of eight bells, tenor 12 cwt—bringing the number of octaves in Cornwall to 31. In 1924 a ring of six was cast and hung, and a frame for eight provided by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and now a perfect splice has been made by the addition of two trebles by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. One of the bells is to commemorate the long and faithful ministry of the Rev. E. Ormerod, who has lately retired from the livings of Monaccan and St. Anthony (held in plurality), and given by the parishioners, and the other has been provided by a gentleman who has a summer residence at St. Anthony.

The dedication took place on Saturday, October 14th, and, although of a private nature, a good number of ringers were present, and included the local band, the Gulval band, Messrs. E. W. Marsh, W. Hiscott and W. Lavers, of Plymouth, and a certain 'Shepherd,' who, fresh from his roving around the hills of the Lake District, arrived by train, bicycle and ferry in search of new fields (bells) and pastures (Cornish cream!) in the Cornish Riviera as winter approaches.

On Saturday, October 21st, a party from Truro visited St. Anthony to try the new bells, and were joined by Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Master of Truro Guild) and Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth). The party were most kindly entertained to tea at Pengwedhen by Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Jerram, about 1½ miles from St. Anthony's Church, and in the evening a visit was paid to Manaccan Church for evensong and further ringing on the handy ring of six. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Doubles and Bob Minor.

LINCOLN GUILD'S PRESIDENT.

DEATH OF CANON JEUDWINE.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has lost its president by the death of Canon George Wynne Jeudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln Cathedral, who died on Wednesday week, aged 84 years. He was a patriarchal figure.

Canon Jeudwine took an interest in the affairs of the Guild, nearly always being present at the annual meetings. Last February he dedicated at Surfleet the memorial to the late Rev. H. Law James. Canon Jeudwine was ordained in 1872 and became Sub-Dean in 1925, after holding Archdeaconsries at Stow and Lincoln. With Dean Fry he led the movement for the restoration of Lincoln Cathedral, and when the Dean died he continued with the task.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In connection with the effort to raise funds to clear off the deficit on the Bell Restoration Fund at Selly Oak (Birmingham) Parish Church, a short history of Selly Oak has been published by the Church Council, price 2s. Copies can be had from Mr. F. W. Leonard, the treasurer of the fund, 1, Lodge Hill Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, or from Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham.

There are a number of ringers about the country who have had some connection with Selly Oak in the past, and who will, we feel sure, be interested and glad of the opportunity of thus helping the fund.

An interesting peal board recording three peals of Minor was unveiled at Folkingham, Lincs, on Saturday. Of the peals one was the first in which a mother and daughter took part, another was rung half-muffled for the master of the Lincoln Guild, and the third the first Surprise peal on the bells.

Letters on the subject of 'Ringing in Rutland' are unavoidably held over until next week.

DEATH OF A BOLTON RINGER.

A GRAVESIDE INCIDENT.

On Wednesday, October 11th, there passed away suddenly at the age of 65 years one of Bolton's prominent ringers, Mr. William Pennington. For the past few months he had not done any regular ringing owing to ill-health, but attended a local branch meeting on the Saturday previous to his death.

In his younger days Mr. Pennington was a big, powerful man and turned many an awkward bell through a peal. He rang at St. Peter's, Halliwell, until the bells were unringable; then he went to Bolton Parish Church (which necessitated a walk of three miles each way) until Halliwell bells were restored in 1928, when he returned and took command, getting a band together. The bells had been silent for over 20 years. He most reluctantly gave up service ringing.

He was interred at St. Peter's on October 16th, the service being conducted by the Vicar, and assisted by the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association. A large number of ringers attended. The bells were rung muffled to the 'whole pull and stand,' and handbells were rung over the grave. When the handbells were being rung the clapper of the treble dropped out and fell into the grave, an incident which gave rise to many comments among the superstitious.

Mr. Pennington had rung over 100 peals for the Lancashire Association and had been a member since 1897.

MORE RINGING IN PRISON.

LECTURE AT MANCHESTER.

On Tuesday, October 17th, Manchester Prison was visited by ringers. Mr. F. Frankland Rigby, of Westhoughton, gave a very interesting lecture on change ringing to His Majesty's guests. He began with two bells and went through to twelve, and, with the assistance of Messrs. Robert Walmsley, Peter Crook, his son Peter and daughter Annie, demonstrated with handbells.

Two bells and three bells were given without method, then Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Triples to show how a method could be adapted to get the full extent of changes.

There was a large and interested 'audience' of men of almost all ages.

The Chaplain, on behalf of the authorities, thanked the party for their visit. He said his father, now 86 years of age, was an old ringer, and had been a Rector at a church in the South, and this visit brought back many happy memories.

The Governor, who had interested himself in the subject, said in a private conversation afterwards that whilst at another prison he had introduced a small peal of bells, and had them rung for each divine service. It had, he said, a very quieting effect on the prisoners.

DOUBLE NORWICH IN DORSET.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the note in your issue of the 13th inst. about Double Norwich ringing at Poole, while I fully acknowledge the amount of good and hard work which Mr. Townsend has done as ringing instructor in our branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, I am asked by our ringers to point out that a touch of 400 Double Norwich was rung in Swanage tower for morning service on December 2nd, 1923, by the local band. While they could not be called a young band, every member learnt to handle a rope in our tower.

J. B. M. RIDOUT, Correspondent.

Swanage.

NEW ALBION TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. E. B. James will find that the above method was published as No. 67 in 'The Ringing World' on May 15th, 1931, by
Brighton.

GEORGE BAKER.

OXFORD SOCIETY'S BICENTENARY.

CELEBRATION IN THE UNIVERSITY CITY. INTERESTING SPEECHES AT SATURDAY'S COMMEMORATION.

The bicentenary of the Oxford Society was fittingly celebrated on Saturday, when during the day a considerable number of ringers joined in the varied proceedings.

In 1733 Thomas Hearne, a local diarist, first recorded the doings of Oxford ringers, and, although he died two years later and thus robbed posterity of further interesting comments on the ringing of that period, there are records extant which show that the society has had a continuous active existence, and during the last 60 years has proved a valuable training ground, in conjunction with the University Society, for educating undergraduates in the art of ringing. Many men who have since occupied eminent positions in the Exercise graduated in the Oxford Society. Some of them were present on Saturday, when nearly all the many peals of bells in the city were rung in turn.

At St. Giles' Church, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards unveiled and dedicated a peal board erected to commemorate the first peal of Cambridge Surprise rung in Oxford by a local company for 40 years.

The ringers attended the customary evensong at Christ Church Cathedral, special prayers being introduced, and the hymn, 'The sacred bells of England,' sung at the close.

MAYORAL RECEPTION AND DINNER.

Afterwards the Mayor of Oxford (Alderman Charles Brown), who is an old ringer and president of the society, held a reception at the Town Hall, before the party went on to Stewart's Restaurant to dine. At this gathering the Mayor occupied the chair, and among those present were the Mayoress, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Shaw, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis, Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. E. A. Young (Senior Steward of the Ancient Society of College Youths), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. Clayton Pilmore, the Sheriff of Oxford (Councillor W. Clark), the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. P. G. Latham (Sandford-on-Thames), the Rev. C. Ellis Roberts (Procurator of Christ Church), Mr. and Mrs. F. Perrens (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. T. R. Dennis (representing the Cambridge Youths), Miss Blencowe (Reading), Mr. R. White (Appleton), Mr. J. P. Pelloe (Master of Oxford University Society), Mr. H. Miles, Mr. W. G. E. Collett (Ringing Master, Oxford Society), Mr. V. J. F. Bennett (hon. secretary), Mr. W. Simmonds (steward), etc., the company numbering altogether nearly 70.

Decorating the walls of the room were portraits of some of the former members of the society, and framed records of many of the performances, going back to 1773, and executed with wonderful penmanship. One embraced the record of ten peals rung between 1815 and 1834, which had been in possession of Mr. Pilmore, and which he recently presented to the society. It was the work of Arthur Tyrer, head porter of Pembroke College, whose portrait, in oils, was among the exhibits. The peal books of the society were also a source of much interest.

After dinner the loyal toast was honoured at the call of the Mayor.

'FAULTS ON BOTH SIDES.'

Mr. W. Simmonds, in proposing 'The Church,' said in the days when the Oxford Society was founded the atmosphere of the society was mainly secular; its object was to provide a competent band of ringers to ring for the University and the City as and when required. To-day the Oxford Society was grateful for the interest of the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church which made it possible for them to give service to the Church by ringing Christ Church bells for Sunday service in term time. It was said that there were three classes of ringers. There were some who rang for the money they received, some who rang for occasional pleasure and others who rang to do service to the Church in the way they were most fitted to render it. If they put the latter as their first objective, he thought they could safely combine all three and feel that they were doing the right thing; that was assuming they answered the call which they gave (hear, hear). That was a sore point between many of the clergy and their ringers. There were faults on both sides. If they as ringers laid themselves open to the charges, they must expect the sermons they so often got. On the other hand, the interest of some of the clergy in the bells and tower and ringers stopped at the bottom step of the belfry stairs—the ringers and the bells were out of sight and out of mind. They should all try and find a remedy for these things (hear, hear). One way, he thought, would be to recruit the ringers from inside the church—from Sunday School boys and boys leaving the choir; from the young men and young women in the congregation, instead of, as at present, searching the highways and drawing on the man in the street and their personal acquaintances. In the sincere hope that the Church and ringers might come in closer contact with each other, he asked them to honour the toast of 'The Church' (applause).

This having been done, Bishop Shaw replied. He said he could call to mind the time when bellringers were in a very different position

with regard to the Church and clergy to what they were now. The old-fashioned type of ringer used to like to have his beer in the belfry while he was carrying on with his ringing (laughter). That had now entirely disappeared—a change almost entirely due to the formation of ringers' guilds and associations, which had set before ringers a high ideal and had made them recognise that they were not just indulging in a hobby or a little exercise, but giving a very definite and useful service to the Church. The dear old Church of England was composed of such a great variety of membership—they had the tenor bell and the treble bell and in between a whole lot of other bells—that they did not always harmonise in ringing a peal, but when they did he ventured to say there were few things which were a greater power for good in this land (applause). The Oxford Society was celebrating that day its bicentenary; the Mayor of Oxford—they were most grateful to him for the way he had received and entertained them—was the 811th Mayor of the City; but the Church in England went back a good deal further even than that, to St. Augustine, the first Archbishop of Canterbury. That was a fairly respectable history (hear, hear). The Church to-day most heartily appreciated the work done by the bellringers. He had always been interested in ringing and ringers himself, and very heartily appreciated the help which was given by ringers to the Church (applause).

CANON COLERIDGE'S RECOLLECTIONS.

'The Oxford Society' was proposed by Canon Coleridge, who said he thought he was the oldest member of the society in the room. He joined it in his undergraduate days, and he believed everyone else who was a member at that time had since passed away with one exception, and that was a very old friend of his of years ago, Mr. W. J. Smith, who was prevented from being present that night by his infirmities. In his undergraduate days, said Canon Coleridge, he rang his first peal at Kirtlington; there were six undergraduates, Mr. Robinson, who was a graduate, and W. J. Smith, who rang the tenor. He was very proud of that peal, and he was very proud, a few months afterwards, to receive a letter, which he still prized, which read: 'Dear Sir,—I have to inform you that at our last meeting you were unanimously elected a member of the Oxford Society. Yours truly, J. Field. Subscription 2s. 6d.' (laughter). He was very pleased to pay up his 2s. 6d. He rang four or five peals in his undergraduate days as a member of the Oxford Society. Joseph Field was an old friend of his, who did a lot to teach him. He was an absolutely unselfish man, a man who, if he composed anything, did not keep it to himself. Next to him was Charles Hounslow, whom everyone revered. The fund of stories he had to tell was innumerable. Canon Coleridge went on to refer to other Oxford worthies of his young days—Robert Annis, Ted Harrison and others. He once asked Charles Hounslow how he called Holt's Original, and he told him he whistled the bobs. He was a most musical man and could whistle anything, even oratorios and operas. He got the bobs in Holt's Original in proper order, put them to a tune and whistled them to himself. He (Canon Coleridge) couldn't do that, for he did not know one note from another (laughter).

Continuing, the speaker said he was elected a member of the Oxford Society on December 4th, 1879—that was 54 years ago. He knew what the work of the Oxford Society had been in the past; it had had a long, long history. Those who read 'The Ringing World' would have read recently the story of the early ringing in Oxford and of the occasion when a party of London ringers walked down to Oxford and rang for a week, more or less—not all the time, for they had refreshment in between (laughter). In those days London, Oxford, Bristol and Norwich, and, he believed, Cambridge were considered to be the centres of ringing. There was no Press in those days—nothing to convey news of what was done, but certainly change ringing flourished in those five towns. They were very grateful indeed to those who had investigated the history of these old societies and were able to tell them a great deal about them. When the Oxford Society's history came to be written there would be a great deal of interest in it. There was a man named Scarsbrook, and Mr. Young had told him that through him it might be possible to form a link which would lead them to discover more about Fabian Stedman. If that were possible, it would be a great feather in the cap of Oxford. There was a time, perhaps, when the ringing done by the members of the society was more concerned with money making, but to-day they did not look upon it in that light. They counted it a privilege and rang for the honour and glory of God. It was God's work—whether it was municipal, university or service ringing it was done for the same ideals, and they ought to try to put their best into it. That, he was certain, the Oxford Society would continue to do. He congratulated them on reaching their bicentenary and upon seeing so many young members coming on to take the place of the older ones. He trusted they would continue to try to do their duty as long as they lived (applause).

A LONG HISTORY.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured and was acknowledged by Mr. V. J. F. Bennett. Although they might not be so well known as others of their contemporaries in the Exercise, he said, they had a long history behind them. There was undoubtedly a good company of ringers in Oxford in the 18th century, and they were visited by

the College Youths, who seemed to have given a stimulus to Oxford ringing and thereby commenced that long historical record of peals and performances which they were celebrating that day. No doubt all present had read the early history of those pioneers in 'The Ringing World,' to which publication they owed their best thanks. Thomas Hearne, the diarist, to whom they owed their knowledge of the early history of the society, was very interested in them, and had he lived longer they would have undoubtedly had an even greater historical record, but he died in 1735, only a few days after his last entry, recording a visit of Oxford ringers to Warwick. After that time they had to content themselves with the information contained in the peal books. The peal of 6,786 Grandsire Caters at New College was followed by a seven thousand at Magdalen. Oxford ringing was carried on under the conductorship of J. Baker, and the ringers included the name of J. Scarsbrook, who rang several peals between 1820 and 1847. There was also a family named Paviour, who for over 70 years did their part in Oxford ringing.

Mr. Bennett, continuing, said he saw Mr. W. J. Smith on the previous night, and he expressed deep regret that he was not able to be present that evening. He sent his kind regards to the Mayor and a special message to Canon Coleridge. Mr. Bennett called attention to the painting of Arthur Tyrer, a former porter of Pembroke College, which had been lent to them for the evening by Mr. Clayton Pilmore. He was a great ringer. Mr. Bennett also recalled the names of J. E. Troyt, H. D. Troyt, G. H. Phillot, C. D. P. Davies and others which appeared in the society's peal book in the '70's. One of the peals in which they took part was at Magdalen in 1875, and there was not another peal rung there until 1919. In the 1890's they had J. W. Washbrook and the Rev. F. E. Robinson among their members, and Oxford was a centre of great activity. There were peals of Double Norwich and Surprise, and many peals were rung at St. Peter's Church in the East, as a result of which, he was sorry to say, the tower was closed. After the war, which treated their society as it did most other societies, they got down to a very small company, but they had been steadily working up since 1919, until to-day they had a company capable of ringing Stedman Cinques for Sunday morning service (hear, hear). They were fortunate in possessing an able conductor in the person of Mr. W. F. Judd, to whom most of the progress they had made lately was due (applause). They were also very fortunate in their relationship with the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, who had so often shown their appreciation of the Sunday morning ringing. They took a real interest in the society's work. Canon Coleridge had referred to paid ringing. They were always willing to accept payment when money was due, but their motive to-day was not what they could get out of it, but what they could give (applause). He believed the future held great things for them. They had good material under good conductorship and they ought to go forward. They had permission to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques on January 1st next, the 200th anniversary of the first peal ever rung in the city (hear, hear). He hoped the members would stick together and do all they could to keep up the traditions of their ancient society (applause).

SOCIETY'S PRESIDENT AS MAYOR.

Mr. W. G. E. Collett, in a facetious speech, proposed the toast of 'The Mayor and Corporation.' He said the Mayor had been a member of their society for many years, and attended their meetings whenever he could. It was he who suggested, on one occasion, that they should invite the Mayor and members of the City Council to one of their meetings in the belfry. He (Mr. Collett) remembered the consternation with which the suggestion was received. It was said, 'They won't come.' 'We should not dare to ask them.' 'Well,' said Councillor Brown, as he then was, 'do you want them? If you want them, I'll make them come' (laughter). And so it was that shortly afterwards the society had the honour of entertaining in the belfry of Christ Church the Mayor of Oxford and several members of the City Council, and soon afterwards the Mayor of Oxford attended one of their annual dinners. After that time the society never looked back, and eventually the City Council, realising that Alderman Brown was a bellringer, and realising also that this was the bicentenary of the society, very properly and wisely elected him Mayor of Oxford (laughter and applause), and the society, very properly and wisely, also, saw to it that he was their president (applause). So, by sheer merit, Alderman Brown had risen to the position of highest honour, not only in the City of Oxford, but in the Oxford Society of Change Ringers (applause). There were very few ringing associations which had the advantage, as they had in Oxford, of the close co-operation of the civic authorities, although there was a notable exception in the case of Birmingham, and they were delighted to have Alderman Pritchett with them that night (applause). He earnestly commended the idea to other societies, because a close contact with the Mayor and Corporation would tend to raise the status of the whole Exercise (applause). The society was there that night at the invitation of the Mayor and Mayoress. They who lived in Oxford knew well what a source of inspiration Mrs. Brown was to her worshipful husband, and in asking them to drink to the toast of the Mayor and Corporation of Oxford he coupled with it the names of Alderman and Mrs. Brown (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

CIVIC HAND OF FELLOWSHIP.

The Mayor, in reply, expressed his pride at being Mayor of the City of Oxford, a city of no mean reputation and known the world

over. Speaking for the citizens of Oxford, he said how much they appreciated the cheerful ringing of the bells and in the city that afternoon. He was very pleased to be present and was grateful if in any way through his influence that day's proceedings had been brought about. He emphasised the point made by Mr. Collett with regard to contact with the city fathers, and said if they got the right side of them he was sure they would not be slow to hold out the right hand of fellowship. Oxford, continued the Mayor, could compare with any other city in the kingdom in its amenities and public services. In health it stood high among other towns of like size, and its rates were the second lowest in the kingdom. They were a peaceable, law-abiding people, which meant that they promoted harmony, goodwill and good fellowship. He did not know whether there was any other city which, for its size, had more peals of bells than Oxford. If there was he would like to know it. There was nothing more cheerful than well-rung bells; they gave them music in a way that nothing else could. That was the first occasion, concluded the Mayor, that they had had an assembly in Oxford under those pleasant conditions, and he hoped it would not be the last (applause).

Mr. R. A. Post proposed 'The Visitors,' mentioning that among them were Mr. E. A. Young, Senior Steward of the College Youths, some of whose members 200 years ago walked from London to ring in Oxford. As representing that society he thought they could look on Mr. Young as their 'godfather.' They had also with them the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, a gentleman who had probably done more than any other living person to bring the history and art of ringing to the notice of the general public, through his fine work in connection with broadcasting. They might describe Mr. Edwards as the 'publicity agent' of the Exercise (laughter). Another distinguished guest was Mr. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, whom they might call the Prime Minister of ringing (laughter). The visitors, said Mr. Post, had that day naturally seen the Oxford ringers on their best behaviour. They had tried to behave, but when visitors were not there, certain things did sometimes happen (laughter).

MORE CANDID CRITICS NEEDED.

Mr. Lewis, who first responded, said that in his position as president of the Central Council he desired to bring the congratulations of the whole Exercise to the Oxford Society (hear, hear). He felt he could also bring the congratulations of two societies of which he was a member, which were older than the Oxford Society, one was the College Youths and the other the Cambridge Youths (applause), the latter being senior to the Oxford Society by nine years. He had not rung very much with the Cambridge Youths. He was elected a member 31 or 32 years ago, but he did not get off with half-a-crown (laughter).

We have been very much interested, continued Mr. Lewis, in the articles on the history of your society which have appeared in 'The Ringing World.' I think the Oxford Society in its early years had one tremendous advantage, in that it had a really candid critic. I cannot believe that Mr. Hearne, when he wrote those things in his diary, confined his thoughts to writing only. I think he must have told the ringers what he thought about their ringing. You will notice that one day, I think it was March 12th, 1735, he was unable to listen all the time to a peal because he was not very well. Some of us in some parts of the country have sometimes to listen to ringing which makes us feel very unwell (laughter). We only wish we could go home and stay at home out of the sound of the bells, just as Mr. Hearne wished he could go out that day. Unfortunately, in some parts of the country—I am not referring to this part of the country, because I do not know very much about ringing in this neighbourhood—ringing is not as good as it should be. I think it is a very great pity we have not more candid critics to tell us when we ring very badly.

There are so many bands where the conductor seems frightened to tell ringers if they are not striking their bells properly. In my early days in the North of England I once said something rather caustic to a ringer about his striking and he was mortally offended. I do not think he intended to speak to me again, but I told him exactly what I thought about it and that I did not bear him any ill-will; afterwards we became very good friends.

Once before when speaking to ringers I drew some analogies between rowing and ringing, and pointed out that if you look at some of the crews—as you have the opportunity of doing here—and see the wonderful rhythm with which the better rowing men propel their boat, you realise that it is only acquired after years of most careful attention to every little detail concerning rowing. Ringing requires just as much attention to detail, yet ringers are just taught anyhow. They get hold of a rope and pull it, and very little attention is paid to the exact way to hold the rope. Many ringers never will strike their bells because they have not been taught how to hold the rope properly.

On the question of criticism I would again draw an analogy between rowing and ringing. Go on to a towpath and you will hear the coaches on the bank saying all sorts of rude things to the crews (laughter)—possibly some of you may have listened to it. I think it should be possible for the conductor in the tower—he could not use the language of the towpath because that would not be suitable in church (laughter)—to 'tick-off' those who strike badly, without any resentment on their part. It happens on the river. A crew may have as coach a man who is much their inferior as an oarsman, but

while he is coach he is allowed to say exactly what he likes about the men in the boat, and they never answer back or hear the slightest ill-will because he has referred to parts of their figure or the way they move their body in a most uncomplimentary way.

I do not think we need go to that length, but I think it would be a great advantage to us as ringers if we could get that custom established, that once you have selected your conductor, he be your permanent conductor or he be somebody just asked to conduct a particular touch—while it is being rung he should be allowed to say exactly what he thinks about the way every bell is being struck, without any ill-will being felt. It is only in such a way that we shall get back to the old standard of good striking, which, unfortunately, has been largely lost by the craze which some people have got of trying to ring too advanced methods before they are really able to handle their bells (hear, hear).

LINK BETWEEN OXFORD AND LONDON.

Mr. E. A. Young also replied to the toast, and remarked that the College Youths and the Oxford Society seem to have been closely in sympathy one with the other. It was remarkable how those dear old boys 200 years ago trudged from London to Oxford and had their week's ringing. It must have been a great stimulant to the Oxford ringers, and no doubt had left a tradition. It was a source of great pleasure to him to represent the College Youths, to bring their greetings, and, on their behalf, congratulate the Oxford Society on its 200th birthday. Another reason why he was personally interested in the Oxford Society was this: While he was not much of a ringer, he loved ringing and bell music, and the historical, archaeological and musical sides of it. When they rewrote the rules of the Ancient Society of College Youths a few years ago his brother members relied on him to recast the historical section. In the course of his search among the documents he came across one which, strangely enough, came from Oxford. It gave a history of ringing, not only as affecting the College Youths, but mentioned Fabian Stedman, and concluded: 'The foregoing was contributed by Mr. George Scarsbrook and taken from the Oxford Ringers' Register.' He had hoped that there might, by good fortune, be such a register extant to-day, but they could not find it, despite inquiries which had been made in Oxford by Mr. Collett and others. They could only presume the document which they had voiced the knowledge of the time and that what it said of the early days of ringing was probably near enough to be correct; that the extract was properly taken without desire to colour it in any way. They had it to-day, and he thought it bore evidence of being written about 1735 or 1736. He was exceedingly interested to see the name of Scarsbrook ringing in the third quarter of the 18th century. The Scarsbrook who was ringing with the College Youths in the 1790's may have been a son or other relation of the Oxford man, and he could understand one man writing to the other and getting access to the Ringers' Register. They had here, he thought, a link with the misty past which many of them were trying to fathom. One of the first of them was Oshorn, who left such a valuable lot of manuscripts to the British Museum, and the work had been continued in later years by men like Mr. Nichols and Mr. Morris in their books, and by Mr. J. A. Trollope, whose fine articles continued to appear from time to time in 'The Ringing World.' All that was very much to the good, because the more they felt they were the heirs of the past, the better legacy they would leave to the future (applause). The Oxford Society must feel very proud that day, on joining the ranks of those very few ringing societies which had had an existence of two centuries (applause).

THANKS OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

Mr. J. P. Pellae, in proposing 'The Press,' took the opportunity, as Master this year of the Oxford University Society, of thanking the Oxford Society for all the help they had given to the members of the University Society for the last 60 years. They were in Oxford, most of them, for only three years; most of them knew nothing about ringing when they arrived, and the Oxford Society took them under their wing, taught them the rudiments of ringing, and, having turned them into something like ringers, they went away and, perhaps, never came to Oxford again. The Oxford Society then had to start afresh, with entirely new people, and they had been doing that for 60 years (applause). He hoped they felt repaid by some of the ringers they had produced; some like Alderman Pritchett, Canon Coleridge and Mr. Edwards, who had come back to join them that evening, and others like Mr. Barratt, Mr. Mills and Mr. Wigg, who were also with them. He hoped the Oxford Society, although it did not reap direct benefit in many cases from the people it had trained to ring, did feel that the indirect benefit which accrued to the whole Exercise was worth the trouble they had taken (applause).

Proceeding, Mr. Pellae proposed 'The Press,' and made some kindly references to 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Goldsmith, he said, rendered a service to the Exercise which many of them at times were liable to forget. The work which he did year after year was something for which the Exercise ought to be very grateful (applause).

The toast was acknowledged by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and the very enjoyable proceedings terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

A feature of the programme was the recitations of Mr. Clayton Filmore, whose elocutionary efforts were a great feat of memory. Mr. Jack George entertained the company with humorous items, the Rev. C. E. Wigg sang, and Mr. L. Betteridge, who was the accompanist, contributed a pianoforte solo. Members of the Oxford Society also rang Stedman Triples on handbells.

MIDDLESEX AND OXFORD GUILDS FRATERNISE.

SOCIAL EVENING FOLLOWS RINGING AT HILLINGDON.

A slight idea of the vast area represented at the joint meeting of the Middlesex and Oxford Guilds at Hillingdon on Saturday week may be obtained by drawing a line connecting up the following places: Brixton, Twickenham, Staines, Cookham, High Wycombe, Beaconsfield, Ruislip and Ealing, the major portion of this slice of England being represented. Of course, there were a few people unable to be present; for instance, Dick Turpin had gone to York; the learned judge to Hants, and there was no Lock up. Touches in various methods were rung, including some weird and wonderful rounds, so that everyone should have a pull before tea.

A shortened form of evensong was held, with three clerics sharing the conducting. The sermon was a well-worn subject, from an entirely new viewpoint and made particularly interesting—even if the ringers did get a wiggin'.

Tea was a pleasant affair altogether, some sixty odd persons keeping the 'nippies' busy. The two secretaries were both roaming about looking for something (subs?), one of them being quite concerned about the disappearance of a plate of bread and butter.

After tea Mr. J. A. Trollope announced that there was neither business nor speeches, thus leaving the other speakers very little to say. Then back to the tower, where more Grandire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were rung, also a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal with eight Berks and Bucks members taking part (the 'first' for three of them).

The concert was the affair of the day though—the quality of the entertainment throughout making one wonder why those artistes are not heard more frequently. Commencing with a course of Grandire Caters on handbells by the St. John's Guild, the company was then led in the community singing by Mr. J. Herbert, who later in the evening was persuaded to let them hear his voice in a couple of good old stagers, so that they could imagine themselves in Glorious Devon, and being chased by the Admiral's Broom. Mr. T. J. Fowler rendered 'Friend o' mine' and 'Stonecracker John' in excellent style, and Mr. W. H. Fletcher gave 'My Old Dutch,' everyone (including Mrs. W. H. F.) joining in the chorus. Perhaps the ladies ought to have been mentioned first, but the excellence of their respective performances needed only to be heard to make one wish for more. Miss Feltham, who was at the organ for the service (what would a meeting at Hillingdon be like without her!), gave a couple of meticulously played items on the piano. The Misses Bradford (there are two) got all sorts and kinds out of the piano, duets, accompaniments to songs and a 'spliced' cello and pianoforte item, the Rev. C. E. Wigg charming the 'cello. Messrs. Coles and Goodfellow sang a duet, 'So, when are you going to 'alt' er at the altar, Walter?' and Mr. T. Collins sang of his wife's troubles in 'I'll never make a gentleman of you, Tom.' A course of Stedman Caters on handbells was rung by a mixed band, and a few tunes were also tried, but one member of this band was missing. The 'homing course' was 'Love's old sweet song,' sung by Miss K. M. Bradford, with Miss Joan at the piano, which brought up rounds (of applause).

The outstanding success of the very enjoyable gathering was entirely due to the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, assisted by a few kindred spirits, who must be congratulated by all those present.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT ASKS FOR PEAL SECRETARY.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting of the Western District was held at King's Langley on Saturday, October 14th, over 40 members attending from the towers of the district and from outside. The bells, available from 3 p.m., were made full use of from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise, everyone being catered for.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an excellent address on 'Whatsoever ye do, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus.' In the course of his address he referred to the "great congregation" of those who have heard the sound of our work, even in these days of speed, when worship is apparently neglected.

Each one of his listeners went away with a personal message of encouragement.

Following the service came the usual fine tea, provided by the Vicar, and admirably served by the wives of the local ringers.

After a 'slight alteration' in the appearance of the tables, the business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar.

Mr. W. Matchett, Berkhamsted, was elected an honorary member, and Apsley was chosen for the place of next meeting.

After much discussion and explanation, the necessity for a peal secretary was agreed to, and resolutions were passed for the appearance of this matter on the agenda of the annual meeting.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for all his kindness, the organist for his services, the ladies for their attendance and care, and the local company for preparations.—This completed the business meeting.

A little handbell ringing was done, then more tower bell ringing until 8.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered. Thus ended another good meeting, and the secretary thanks all who helped to make it so.

VETERANS' RECORD.**WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE BY 'OLD MEN.'**

A party of eight veterans put up a remarkable record in London on Saturday. Totalling between them almost 612 years, they rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, and, make no mistake, it was a good peal, too. The 'baby' of the party was Mr. Ernest Bishop, of Swindon, who, although not quite 71 years old, arranged the peal to celebrate the first which he rang, just 50 years before. That was at Great Marlow, and it was there that he would have liked to ring the jubilee peal, but the bells were not available, so Mr. Challis Winney fixed up the business at Hart Street, where last December the previous record for an 'old men's' peal was made, when the total ages amounted to 594 years. Four of the same band rang on Saturday, but the introduction of young blood in the persons of William T. Pates, of Cheltenham, nearly 81, and Bob Brundle, of Ipswich, now turned 82, helped to raise the average age of the band by a couple of years. Two others are not far off the four-score mark—Jim George, who will be 80 next month, and Walter Prime, who has probably done more ringing on St. Paul's Cathedral tenor than any other man, who will become an octogenarian next year. The other members of the party were Harry Smith, of Reading, now 72, and Francis Dawe, of Woking, nearer 72 than 71; while the incomparable Challis, who called the peal in his wonderfully precise way, won't see 75 again.

Despite their remarkable ages, don't run away with the idea that there is anything of the 'old man' about any of these Ancient Youtils—they are all members of London's premier society, under whose auspices the peal was rung. There is nothing doddering or feeble about their old age. Why, they were even gamier than many youngsters.

They started for the peal about 3 p.m., and after ringing an hour and 21 minutes the fourth rope broke! Consternation and disappointment spread over their faces. The steeplekeeper appeared on the scene. The rope was mended; there was no objection to their starting again, and the peal was rung. Eight men, all over 70, six of them over 75, and two over 80, rang approximately 7,500 changes in 4 hours and 20 minutes! Hats off to the veterans; may they live to meet again and so excel their own record!

As the ringing room is part of the church, a short prayer was recited by the conductor before the bells went off into changes. An onlooker would certainly have been impressed by the simple solemnity of the scene—the bowed heads of the earnest and aged ringers leaning on their ropes, mindful of the fact that bells are rung for a purpose other than mere worldly pleasure. The scene was repeated at the finish of the peal—and it was not out of place that they should be thankful for the health and strength given to them to achieve such a performance.

The band desire to thank the Rector for permission to attempt the peal, and also Mr. H. Willson, whose birthday it was.

We hope to publish a photograph of this remarkable band in our next issue.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, October 1st, at Christ Church, Armley, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major: A. G. Gaunt 1, J. Hey 2, J. Thackray 3, Miss O. Renton 4, H. Greenwood 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, H. Lofthouse (conductor) 7, J. W. Benton 8.

UPWEY, DORSET.—For evening service at the Church of St. Lawrence on October 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: E. Carpenter 1, W. C. Shute (Kington Magna, conductor) 2, S. Foot 3, C. Smart 4, F. Virgin 5, Mr. Thomas (London) 6. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, October 1st, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Robinson 1, H. Ludkin (conductor) 2, G. Hesketh 3, J. Robinson 4, C. Lomax 5, W. Robinson 6, J. W. Gardner 7, G. Young 8. This is the first time a quarter-peal has been rung for divine service by a local band at this church.

CANTERBURY.—At St. Alphege Church on Sunday, October 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, E. H. Spice 2, W. J. Unwin 3, W. Spice 4, F. R. Weller 5, F. G. Brett (conductor) 6. Rung for 11 a.m. matins, also as a birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Chambers, T.S., and Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., the latter having reached 'three score and ten years.'

NOTICES.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lois Weedon on Saturday, November 4th. Service 3 p.m. Send number for tea to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Terrington St. John on Sat., Nov. 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

BELLS DEDICATED BY PRIMATE.**MEMORIAL TO THE LATE LORD HARRIS.**

At the village church of Throley, in Kent, the six bells have been restored and two new treble added as a memorial to the late George Robert Canning, fourth Baron Harris, a great gentleman, a celebrated cricketer and one of the foundation members of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers, on the committee of which he served for some years. The ceremony was performed on Sunday week by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, other clergy taking part in the service being the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. B. Somerville), the Rev. Hugh McCalman (chaplain to the Duke of Portland) and the Rev. W. A. R. Ball (Vicar of Ramsgate).

The Primate was accompanied by his chaplain, the Rev. A. C. Don. The lessons were read by the Archdeacon of Canterbury and Lord Harris.

The family of the late Lord Harris were represented by Lord and Lady Harris (son and daughter-in-law), the Earl and Countess of Guilford, Sir Joseph and Lady Nall, Lady De la Rue, Mrs. Keen, Mr. and Mrs. Marriott, Mrs. Kenyon and Mr. Temple Harris.

Among the congregation were Mr. Adam Maitland, M.P., Earl Sondes and the Hon. Mrs. Milles-Lade, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council and vice-president of the Kent County Association) and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. A. A. Hughes (representing the bellfounders) and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary of the Kent Association) and the principal officers. Altogether some 40 ringers were present.

A FITTING MEMORIAL.

The Archbishop, in his address, said he had come most gladly in order to give testimony to the affectionate esteem which all they in that great company of friends and neighbours had for the late Lord Harris, in whose thoughts and memories he was that morning. They would remember that he had dedicated a window in that church as a memorial to his life-long companion, whose spontaneous kindness of heart was given to men, women and children, and not the least those fellow-creatures they were apt sometimes to forget—the animals. It seemed but a short time ago, and now her husband had passed, like her, beyond their sight. Lovely and pleasant in their lives, in death they had not long been divided, and that church had raised there memorials to those two dear servants of God and friends of His people. They had chosen to make their memorial of Lord Harris the gift of two new bells, and the recasting and rehanging of the others. As they all knew, he had another memorial of Lord Harris—a very striking one—in the precincts of the great Cathedral Church at Canterbury—but it was only right that there should be some special memorial there in the place he loved, and in the church in which he worshipped.

The Archbishop said he thought there was something fitting in the choice of the bells as a memorial to Lord Harris, so he would take as his text the words from the 10th verse of the 14th chapter of the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, 'There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.' His Grace went on to speak of the signification of the voice of the bells, and reminded his hearers how fitting it was that the memorial to Lord Harris should have taken the form of bells. He reminded them how characteristically English they were and how Lord Harris was above all things an English gentleman, gentle and kindly, yet always frank and straightforward in word and act. He loved these islands, the old England, in which Kent was his home, its trees, its orchards and its people. He identified himself with all its life, its sports, its agriculture and its religion, for they did not forget how he worshipped there regularly with characteristic English reverence. All the beauty of his nature found its silent expression here in the remembrance of his God, and so those bells would always speak of him.

A REPRESENTATIVE BAND.

The Archbishop, clergy and churchwardens then proceeded to the space under the tower, where Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing the bellfounders (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), handed the rope to the churchwardens, who asked his Grace to dedicate the bells.

The Primate, having complied, handed the rope to the Vicar, asking him to receive the bells as a sacred trust.

After prayers by the Archbishop, the bells were rung by a representative band of the association.

The service concluded with the hymn, 'For all the saints,' and the Blessing pronounced by the Archbishop.

On a tablet in the space beneath the tower is the following inscription: 'To the glory of God and in memory of George Robert Canning, fourth Baron Harris, the bells of this church were rehung, the tenor and third recast, and two new bells added by the parishioners of Throley, his many friends and relatives, 1933.'

As the local band were not sufficiently advanced in ringing for the dedication service, it is interesting to record that every branch of the association's officers was represented at the opening ringing as follows: T. Groombridge (Central Council representative) 1, F. Brett (district representative) 2, G. H. Cross (hon. auditor) 3, F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary) 4, E. H. Lewis (vice-president) 5, S. J. T. Shellock (district secretary) 6, S. H. Green (committee) 7, W. J. Jeffries (trustee) 8.

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NOTICES.

H. W. WILDE MEMORIAL.

The memorial tablet to the late Mr. H. W. Wilde will be dedicated by the Rev. F. J. Okell at the Chester branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild meeting at Eccleston on Saturday, Oct. 28th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 and service will be held at 4.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The meeting at Poulton Parish Church is postponed to Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Rd., Blackpool, S.S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting (8), on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Swalcliffe, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. Foreman Cox, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6), recently rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Kindly notify if requiring tea. Midland Red bus from Banbury 1.45 and 3.30.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barusole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—The October meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Arrangements as usual. Please notify Mr. W. James, Home Yard, Cobham, for tea (meat tea 1s. 6d.).—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make this meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Haddenham (8 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 28th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

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After the service the whole of the visiting ringers, who came from all parts of Kent, were kindly entertained to lunch by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Somervill) at the Vicarage, and, before dispersing, he was heartily thanked by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the hon. secretary, on behalf of the visitors.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, to whom the work was entrusted, have carried out the restoration with their customary ability, and a nice ring of eight such as Throley now possesses is a fitting memorial to one of 'Nature's perfect gentlemen.'

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (the Very Rev. R. H. Robinson, D.D.), who will also give the address.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Oct. 28th at St. Mary, Stratford-by-Bow (Bow-in-the-Road). Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea nearby at 5.30 p.m. Visitors are assured of a good welcome.—James G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury and Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Clare on Sat., October 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting will be held at Swan Hotel at 5 p.m. Tea 1/- each.—Harold G. Herbert, District Secretary, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Sat., Oct. 28th, at Dartington. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Totnes bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Brodric Hall, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg St., Portsmouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne Division.—A meeting will be held at Blaydon on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Durham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Carlton Café, High Street, 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 Rd., Tunbridge Wells.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, on October 21st (Nomination night), St. Magnus on November 2nd, 16th and 30th., St. Andrew's on the 9th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th (Election night), Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD, ESSEX, HERTS & MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Wednesday, Nov. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (free) for those who give notice of their intention to be present.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Ryde, All Saints. Peal of 8 bells recently restored and rebung by Messrs. Taylor & Co. will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth at 8 p.m., November 1st, during Patronal Festival Evensong. On the Saturday following, Nov. 4th, a Special Ringing Meeting will be held. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers invited. Tea will be provided at The Welby Institute for those only who notify me on or before Wednesday, Nov. 1st.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dallington (6) on Saturday, November 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who will require tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, November 1st.—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lilbourne (5 bells), on Saturday, November 4th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The jubilee dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will take the chair at 6 o'clock prompt. Tickets, 3s. 6d., may be obtained from H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton, but not later than Tuesday, Oct. 31st. Bells: St. Peter's (12), and St. Luke's (8), Wolverhampton, Penn (8) and Tettenhall (8) available from 3 p.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Ruskington on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6), recently restored, available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Rector, the Rev. R. L. Sanders, to all notifying him at the Rectory, Ruskington, Sleaford, before Thursday, Nov. 2nd. All ringers welcome.—H. S. Hinkins.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the Lancaster Branch will be held at Melling on Saturday, November 4th. Bells at 2 p.m.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BIRSTWITH, YORKS.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Knaresborough will dedicate the restored bells (recast and augmented to eight) on Saturday, November 4th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1/- per head. All ringers welcome. Bells open for ringing after 5 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A joint meeting is to be held at ALDERSHOT on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) and business meetings in Parish Hall 5 p.m. **ALL WELCOME.** Please notify for tea, if possible, by Wednesday, Nov. 1st.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough (6 bells), on Saturday, November 4th. For tea please notify Mr. R. Reece, Park Street, Barlborough, without fail. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting following.—A. Jones, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Hitchin on November 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Short service and dedication of 'Local' peal board. Good train service (main L.N.E.R.) and bus service from all parts. Please make an effort to attend, and a card if you require tea would be much appreciated.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. All who intend being present are kindly requested to advise me not later than first post Wednesday, November 1st.—J. Phillips, Hon. Sec., Butterwick, nr. Boston, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, November 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, November 4th. Christ Church bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m., and St. Peter's (6) may be. Please advise Mr. H. Hall, 90, Shakespeare Avenue, Hebburn, for tea, which will be held in Northern Cafe. As Jarrow bells have been neglected of late we hope that all ringers possible will be present to ensure this meeting being a success.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Durham Street, West Hartlepool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Longstone on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Dis. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tarrington on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) available. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than November 1st.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Dunholme (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 4th. Names for tea to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln, by first post Wednesday previous.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Crewkerne on Saturday, November 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. As this tower has been a stronghold of 'Churchyard Bob' for many years, it is extremely desirable to have good ringing at this meeting, with a view to impressing the new local ringers and residents, and getting the tower affiliated to the association. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, October 31st.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. —A meeting will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge, at Pott's Cafe, High Street. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. T. E. Warr, 35, Ravendale Street, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous. The last meeting of the year; make it a good one!—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The first meeting and election of officers will be held at Empingham (6 bells) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will all those who require tea please notify Rev. Canon Law, H.C.R., Empingham Rectory, Oakham, by Wednesday, Nov. 8th? Give the new branch a hearty send off! —R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea (6d.) and meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. E. L. Humphries, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre, Liverpool. It will be worth making an effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Dunmow, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided for those sending in their names to H. W. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, not later than Wednesday, November 8th, or to me.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.30 to 3.30; Bow, Cheapside 3.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, 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, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Nominations for district officers, 1934, must be made at this meeting. The district officers hope that this meeting will be more representative than recent meetings have been. Please send numbers for tea to me by November 13th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Condo- ver on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. All requiring tea should notify me by November 9th.—R. R. Pole, Asst. Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. H. Kippin (Hon. Sec. of the Surrey Association) has removed to Ebbisham, Woodmere Avenue, Shirley, Croydon.

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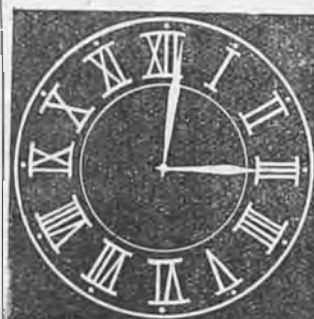
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before another four years are added to the record. A peal by a band of the average age of 80 would be a wonderful achievement—we think it would not be impossible even now. But sufficient unto the day is the record thereof, and the Exercise will congratulate the 'Youths' who last Saturday week wrote another page in the fascinating history of the art of ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

FREDERICK J. FLOWERS ... Treble	JOHN G. AMES 7
GEORGE LADD 2	JOSEPH W. FLOWERS ... 8
MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3	HAROLD BARSLEY 9
RUPERT RICHARDSON 4	† C. JAMES SUMMERFIELD ... 10
ALBERT A. BUSLEY 5	JOHN CURRY 11
* JOHN W. CARTER 6	SYDNEY G. FLOWERS ... Tenor

Arranged by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on twelve bells by all except the ringers of 3 and 4. First peal of Bob Maximus by all the band and first peal of Maximus as conductor. First peal of Bob Maximus on tower bells by the Guild.

TEN BELL PEAL.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	FREDERICK J. TILLET 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 9
LESLIE C. BRETT 5	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER FARLEY ... Treble	HOWARD YEATES 5
NORMAN COOMES 2	* THOMAS BRICE 6
WILLIAM NIPPER 3	HERBERT W. KNIGHT 7
ALEX. H. PARKER 4	† ERNEST R. NORTON ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

BIDEFORD, DEVON

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JOHN W. SANGWIN ... Treble	A. WILLIAM MYERS 5
CHARLES SANGWIN 2	* WILLIAM MARTIN 6
WILLIAM SHEARS 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
FREDERICK SANGWIN 4	FREDERICK PROUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. The first peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Sangwin. The conductor's 60th peal. The band tender their thanks to the Rev. W. W. Manning for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Shunan (verger) for his services.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	HARRY KILBY 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
JOHN H. BOTHAM 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 384). Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE Treble	HARRY A. HOVERD 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	EDWIN F. PIRE 6
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

OWEN GILES Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	KEITH HART 6
STANLEY H. ARMSTRONG 3	FRED W. CRIPPS 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN DEARLOVE

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble	WILFRED HALLIWELL 5
NORMAN HEAPS 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
WILFRED J. MOSS 3	JOHN WORTH 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method and is a ringer at Pendleton. The band wish to thank him for standing in at the very last minute. C. Gudgeon has now completed the circle at this tower.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	*GEORGE GILBERT 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 6
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
MISS K. M. BRADFORD 4	LEONARD STILWELL Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDR. Conducted by L. STILWELL.

* 100th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method by all the band, except A. R. Pink, and the first by the Guild.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY SMALE Treble	LEWIS CORDELL 5
FREDERICK WHITBY 2	ISAAC CAVILL 6
STANLEY CLARK 3	EDWARD ROCHESTER 7
*WILLIAM WEDLOCK 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cavill.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.
HUGH J. BALCOMBE Treble	JOHN NOBES 5
MARGARET E. KEYNOLDS 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
WALTER V. WEBB 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	HARRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by HUGH J. BALCOMBE.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.	
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
*F. CHRISTOPHER L. GIBBS 2	VICTOR G. H. HEMUS 6
*HARRY W. HASLAM 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 7
C. HOWARD STANLEY 4	SAMUEL GROVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung on the festival of SS. Simon and Jude.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
OWEN GILES 2	KEITH HART 6
ALBERT W. BOND 3	FRED W. CRIPPS 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	ROYDON DAVIES 5
*KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 3	TONY PRICE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN

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

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ERNEST W. TIPLER Treble	†R. FREDERICK ROE 5
†A. HARRISON CARTER 2	JOSEPH S. CARTER 6
*EDWIN LLOYD 3	†WILLIAM I. ROOT 7
†KENNETH A. ROE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ First peal in any method. The first peal of Bristol by all except conductor. Rung on the occasion of the Diocesan Festival, and as a birthday compliment to Jill, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	JESSE HARRISON 6
WILFRED EDWARDS 3	FRANK CORKE 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by E. PYE.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first by all the band except ringers of treble and fourth.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*E. BROWN Treble	A. RIGGALL 4
W. DUFFY 2	C. PERKINS 5
H. GIBBARD 3	F. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by F. TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and ringer of the 3rd. First peal as conductor.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Southwell, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham and Ipswich. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church, which was consecrated by the Bishop of London (Dr. O. J. Bloomfield), in whose district it then was, in October, 1833.

LONGSTONE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(PEAK DISTRICT)

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

BERNARD ALLSOP Treble	†HENRY JUPP 4
*JOHN H. MCGREGOR 2	HARRIET E. TAYLOR 5
JOHN C. SAUNDERS 3	GEORGE H. PAULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. H. PAULSON.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. First peal of Minor by all. First peal on the bells. Ringers of 1, 5 and 6 are from Darley Dale, 2 and 3 from Bakewell, 4 from Longstone.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

ROBIN G. LONG Treble	GEORGE A. BUTTON 4
*HARRY E. FINCH 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 3	*LESLIE P. WILSON Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells for 28 years.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

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.

* 100th peal. The band were kindly entertained by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Partridge) after the peal.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and April Day, and ten 120's each of Grandsire, St. Dunstan's and Stedman.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

JOHN BRASSINGTON Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 3
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4
ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor	

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

First peal of Doubles in six methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk, Chester, Northumberland, Beverley, Wells, Durham and Ipswich. Tenor 16 cwt.

LUTHER T. H. BRADLEY Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD SMITH Treble	JOHN RODWELL 4
RICHARD PAINE 2	WILFRED ANDREWS 5
*WILLIAM MARKS 3	HERBERT ALEXANDER Tenor

Conducted by HERRERT ALEXANDER.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor. Ringers of treble and 3rd are local men.

CHEDDLETON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, London, York, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST TWIGG Treble	JOHN E. WHEELDON 4
HENRY CARNWELL 2	THOMAS HURD 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

First peal as conductor in seven methods. J. E. Wheelton's 100th peal.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*HARVEY E. BURRELL ... Treble	*CYRIL B. BURRELL ... 4
ARTHUR GROUND ... 2	HARRY NICHOLLS ... 5
*HAROLD BARSLEY ... 3	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY NICHOLLS.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor in seven methods. Rung as a birthday peal for A. Ground.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

With seven different callings.

HARRY WHYMARK ... Treble	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 4
ARTHUR KEEBLE ... 2	LAWRENCE POULSON ... 5
KEITH WHITTLE ... 3	LEONARD HEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung to celebrate the 72nd birthday of Arthur Keeble. The 3rd ringer hails from Bildeston, 4th from Lavenham and 5th from Little Walsingham. The rest are local men.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 240's by Pitman, Morris and Lindoff, each called differently. Tenor $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

ARTHUR MILES ... Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE ... 4
*FREDERICK SMITH ... 2	JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... 5
JAMES P. HYETT ... 3	† FRANK THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Rung on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude.

HANDBELL PEALS.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At 8, Essex Hall Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5-6
WILLIAM CHALK ... 3-4	WILLIAM DENT ... 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At THE VESTRY HALL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

WINDSOR SURPRISE MAJOR.

FIRST PEAL IN ANOTHER METHOD BY ARTHUR CRAVEN.

A peal of Windsor Surprise Major was rung for the first time on Wednesday, October 18th. It is a method by the late Arthur Craven and has only one false course end with tenors together, viz., 24365. The Bob Major lead ends enabled the peal at Old Windsor to be rung to the first half of a peal of Plain Bob by J. Reeves:—

23456 W M H

42635 — — *
34625 — 3
23645 — 3

Twice repeated with 3 H added at * in the last part.

THE METHOD.

12345678
21435768
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24531786
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31624678
13254768

13527486

12357486 Bob

ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY H. G. CASHMORE.

12345678
21436587
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21648375
26143857
62418375
26148735
62417853
26471835
62748153
26741835
62478153
26487513
62845731
68254713
86527431
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86527413
85672431
58764213
85746123
58471632
85476123
58741632
85714623
58176432
85716342
58173624
51876342
15783624
51738264
15372846

5,088 CHANGES.

23456 B W H

35264 x
63254 —
25634 —
62534 —
53624 —
65324 —
36524 —
23564 —

Twice repeated.

False course

head: 24365.

The first peal in the method was rung at Aldenham on Oct. 21st, 1933, conducted by the composer.

15738264

13578264 Bob

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RUTLAND.

VIEWS ON FORMATION OF PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD BRANCH.

The decision of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild to form a branch to embrace the county of Rutland is to be followed up by a meeting to-morrow week at Empingham, when the district officers will be elected.

The formation of the branch and our comments on it in 'The Ringing World' of October 20th have called forth the following letters to the Editor.

'A DOG IN A MANGER.'

Dear Sir,—Your leading article, headed 'A piece of virgin soil,' is of special interest to me from the fact that a few months ago two or three ringers, including myself, got together and discussed the possibilities of reviving the old association which operated in Rutland up to the outbreak of war.

Noticing how the county was neglected, we decided to communicate with every incumbent on this matter, which we did, and met with favourable results. Rutland has in the past, as your article states, led a lone existence, and I might say would have continued to do so as far as the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was concerned but for one or two of the latter's 'all or nothing' type of members who got to hear of the above proposal.

The P.D.G.'s move has not been done out of any sympathy for Rutland; it is simply another case of 'Old Green Eye.' We have heard the phrase, 'dog in a manger,' a lot of late; to my mind, this P.D.G. and Rutland is a case in point. The P.D.G. has now been formed 10 years, and during that time not one single member has ever bothered his head about Rutland; but the minute they hear of someone about to form an association there, they begin to move and come forward with a claim, saying it is theirs.

If the P.D.G. are so much concerned about Rutland, the wonder is, as you say, why have they not moved before? The very fact that they have waited until they heard of another scheme on foot (and by someone against whom there is a personal grievance) proves my words. IT IS A CASE OF 'A DOG IN A MANGER'!

Whether Rutland comes in the Peterborough Diocese (as I know it will be argued) or not, has little or nothing at all to do with my point. If, rather than see a local association, a link was thought necessary, surely the Midland Counties Association would have been the better one to have connected Rutland with? After all, more has been done for Rutland by that body than any other; and it is easier to get to the county from Leicestershire and the North. From Northants (with the exception of Peterborough), it is practically an impossibility to get there before 3 p.m., there being only a train about every 3½ hours and no buses, and one has to leave for the last train at 6 p.m. Under these conditions, who is there in the Peterborough Diocese who will be able to support its meetings?

One other point. Evidently you have been wrongly informed about the number of towers in Rutland. Altogether there are 49 parishes, and 22 of these have five or more bells, two with eight, six with six, and 14 with five. There is also one other tower (Ketton) with a stationary hung peal of six. All of these I have visited at some time or other either for peals, touches or to ascend the tower and take particulars of the bells. Out of the 22 peals, there are four of the five-bell towers where it is impossible to ring the bells at all. I am now compiling a book on Rutland towers which I hope to put into publication in due course.

In conclusion, I might say if any ringer wishes to abuse me with reference to my remarks, he can save space in 'The Ringing World' by writing to me at my address given below. P. AMOS.

Knox Road, Wellingborough.

A PROTEST.

Dear Sir,—Your article, 'A piece of virgin soil,' has caused something of a protest from at least one tower in Rutland. Upon reading it one is led to believe that little or no ringing is done in the county, also that there are no ringers interested in the art, and until a branch is formed all the towers will remain silent.

One can often hear two or three towers ringing on the same night. These towers have rung now for several years without the assistance of a guild. I think it is about 20 years since the local association fell through for lack of support, and only the most optimistic ringer can see success being attained from this present venture.

One is bound to admit there are a few silent towers where there is work for the spade, but in this county it is going to be a difficult proposition to find men with time to spare to work it.

From the towers that ring regularly many members have peals to their credit. They do not ring these for any Guild or association, and seldom is a report sent even to the local Press. May I quote one case in particular. On January 2nd, 1933, five ringers from three different towers in the county met at Glaston and rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles. This was the first peal on the bells. A fortnight later a peal was rung there by members of the Midland Counties (Continued in next column.)

WEDDING BELLS AT LYTCHETT MATRAVERS.

BUT NO PEAL.

On Saturday, October 21st, a happy band of pilgrims set out from Poole for Lytchett Matravers with the object of ringing a peal of Stedman Doubles as a compliment to Mr. E. Head, the captain of the local band of ringers, who on that day was married to Miss Wareham, who is also a ringer.

Too late to witness the actual ceremony, the visiting ringers alighted from the bus at Lytchett as the guests were returning from St. Mary's Church and about to enter the Schoolroom, where the reception took place. However, when they reached the church, which is about half a mile away, the last guest had departed, and so they commenced.

As they took hold of the ropes, it was decided to change the method to Bob Minor, but after about two leads it was apparent that the ringers were wrong in changing their mind, so they started for Stedman Doubles. After five six-scores, however, they were of the opinion that the bells would not ring Stedman, and so once more back to Bob Minor. Half-way through the first 720 came a 'single,' which to a few meant 'stand.' One more attempt at this method, but this time only for a 720, which, however, produced about 750 changes without coming round or without anybody changing course—really a remarkable achievement.

In view of this it was considered advisable to adjourn for a while in order to visit the scene of the wedding reception, officially just to view the wedding presents, but unofficially to see if there was anything left over from the wedding breakfast. The attendants, however, had anticipated this, and the ringers were given such a cordial welcome that within a very short time they were 'too full for words,' and any suggestion of again attempting a peal that evening was naturally ruled out.

Having made the journey, however, it was thought only fit and proper to do something to justify it, so one more 720 of Bob Minor was attempted and brought round in excellent style. By this time, of course, the happy couple (and their thoughts) were far away from the centre of activities. With plenty of time to spare, about half an hour was filled up with a little 'surprise,' not Cambridge, London or Bristol, but 'Lytchett Surprise,' in other words Grandsire Doubles.

Even now the fun was not all over. The immediate vicinity of the church not being flood-lit, the party groped their way back to the bus by the aid of a cycle lamp through half a mile of pitch darkness. Altogether a very pleasant day. The ringers reached home not exactly disappointed at not having scored a peal. They extend their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Head. A. G. R.

FORMER BRIDGEND RINGER MARRIED.

On Saturday, October 7th, the wedding took place at the Church of St. John the Divine, Balham, of Mr. David Winston James and Miss Gertrude Lillian Townsend. The bridegroom is the only son of Mr. D. R. James, a much respected member of St. Iltyd's band, Bridgend. He was also one the Bridgend ringers before going to London.

In honour of the event, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday evening at St. Iltyd's Church by the following: J. Phillips 1, N. H. Evans 2, E. T. Bailey 3, B. J. Toby 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, E. M. Smith 8. The band wish the bride and bridegroom much happiness in their future life.

RINGER BECOMES MISSIONARY.

On Saturday afternoon, October 7th, the ringers of St. Giles' Parish Church, Newcastle, Staffs, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples as a farewell to one of their colleagues, Mr. A. Griffiths, who was departing for Nigeria, where he is to take up duties as a missionary: A. Moore 1, H. Houson 2, A. Barker 3, A. Vaughan 4, A. Thompson 5, J. Steele 6, C. Page (conductor) 7, J. Weatherhill 8.

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Association and published in 'The Ringing World' as the first peal on the bells.

At one of the towers of eight a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples is often rung, and the ringers hope to get their first quarter of Stedman Triples in the near future. Both methods they have learnt unaided. They have had to put something into it and hope to get something out of it, as your article concludes.

'DOUBTFUL.'

PETERBOROUGH GUILD NOT WANTED.

Sir,—The action of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild in entering Rutland and forming a branch is unwarranted, whether each branch is eligible to conduct its own business, as is laid down in their rules, or not. We prefer independence and claim full freedom rather than being apportioned part of another guild and having to agree to every rule and decision that they think fit to impose upon us. I am not airing these views simply for myself.

We have already both seen and heard something of the peal and meeting 'cliques' that go about Northamptonshire trying to rule everything and everybody. If these people succeed in having their own way there, they won't get it here. We in Rutland are quite capable of looking after ourselves, and, if we desire an association, to form one of our own. 'RUTLAND RINGER.'

NEW ALBION TREBLE BOB.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was not aware that Mr. Baker had published these figures already. In publishing them I made no claim to authorship, but only wanted to bring them to the notice of the Exercise, as I thought that this slight variation might bring a method into favour which is well worthy of notice.

E. BANKES JAMES.

UNVEILING OF PEAL TABLETS.**CEREMONY AT FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.**

A quarterly meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern Branch) was held at Folkingham on Saturday, October 21st, ringers being present from London, Grantham, Bourne, Bolsover, Surfleet, Market Deeping, Morton, Hough-on-the-Hill and the local band. Through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. F. V. Heath), the good going peal of six were available during the afternoon and evening, and a good variety of methods, including Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise, were successfully brought round.

Before the service a short ceremony took place in the belfry, to unveil and dedicate three peal tablets, to record three interesting peals rung in this tower. The unveiling was performed by Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Guild) and the dedication by the Rev. G. H. Clark, Vicar of Surfleet, and president of the Elloe Deanery Branch. The service was continued in the church, the lesson being read by the Rev. F. V. Heath and a helpful address given by the Rev. G. H. Clark.

The first tablet records the first peal ever rung in which a mother and daughter had taken part. The second was rung half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild from 1899-1932. The third records the first Surprise peal on the bells, which was in seven methods. The tablets are of slate with silver lettering designed and executed by Mr. C. M. Webb, of Croft, near Leicester, to whom great credit is due for the way in which he has carried out the work.

An excellent tea was served at the Greyhound Hotel, after which the business meeting followed, at which the Rev. G. H. Clark presided.

Mr. Rupert Richardson was unanimously elected a vice-president of the Southern Branch.

Grantham was selected as the place for the annual meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and the service, and particularly to the Rev. G. H. Clark and Mr. R. Richardson for their services. The tower was again visited and further ringing continued until 9 p.m.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
IN THE WELSH HILLS.**

A splendidly attended meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association took place at Bedwellty on Saturday week. The church, standing on top of one of the Welsh hills, one thousand feet above sea level, commands a magnificent view for miles. The bells, a beautiful ring of eight by Taylor, were made good use of during the afternoon and until later in the evening, a variety of methods being rung. The Rector (the Rev. James Davies) officiated at the service, and in his address gave a cordial welcome to the association to his parish, expressing the wish that it would not be long before another visit was paid.

Following the service, a sumptuous tea was served, which had been most generously provided.

At the business meeting the usual routine affairs were dealt with, including instructors' reports, together with proposed augmentations and restorations, election of new members and the usual votes of thanks to all concerned who had made all the arrangements.

The local ringers, although not very advanced in method ringing, did all that was possible for the visitors, and those who did not attend missed a real treat. The meeting was one of the best the association has ever held.

The next meeting, which is the annual, will be held at St. Woolos', Newport, on Boxing Day.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DIVISION MEETING AT ST. LEONARDS.**

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association was held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, October 14th, when about 20 members attended from Eastbourne (St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Battle and Rye, with Mr. Piper (Eastbourne), Mr. Haigh, of Etchingham, and members of the local band.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the Rector (the Rev. G. R. Vernon) occupied the chair, and the following new members were elected: Messrs. A. Deeprose and C. Holland, of Battle, and Mr. C. Pugh, Christ Church, St. Leonards.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for presiding at the tea.

The church being under repair, the service was held in the chapel, when the Rector gave a most interesting address.

The ringers then returned to the tower, and kept the bells going until 7.45. Owing to illness, the bells of All Saints', Hastings, were not available.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal at Lutterworth last Saturday is worthy of note. Six of the ringers are members of the band at All Saints' Church, Wigston Magna, who during the last 13 months have jumped to the Surprise ringing class. At this church a visiting ringer can get, either for service or practice, a touch in at least five Surprise Major methods. The peal of Bristol last Saturday was the first in any method for two of the company, and the first in the method for all the band except the conductor. Bravo, Wigston!

Three veterans at St. James' Church, Whitfield, Glossop, are still 'doing their bit,' after 47 years' service. They are Mr. Eli Garside, Mr. Joseph Marsden and Mr. Tom Jackson. They joined the band in 1886, two years after the bells were first installed.

Whitfield Church was one of the towers which formed the Glossop Ringers' Association, which, we learn, is still in existence, and there is a desire to infuse new life into it.

October 23rd was the 49th anniversary of the ringing of Holt's Original non-conducted at St. Giles-in-the-Field, London, to commemorate the ringing of the same peal at the same church in 1791, when it was called by J. Bartlett—for the first time in London without the aid of manuscript.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, who met with an accident last August, is, we are glad to say, improving very well. On Wednesday evening last week he took part in ringing practice at Thorington. He wishes through 'The Ringing World' to thank all ringing friends for their good wishes for his speedy recovery. Many called personally on the Essex veteran and others wrote.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Stoke-on-Trent, rang his 100th peal on Saturday at Cheddleton, Staffs, and received the hearty congratulations of the rest of the band. His peals include Minor, Triples, Major and Royal.

Mr. R. T. Holding, of Crewe, is now one of the ringers who have rung peals from Doubles to Maximus. He rang in a peal in six methods of Doubles on Saturday at Wistaston. It was also J. Brassington's and A. Crawley's 50th peal together.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cavill have just celebrated their golden wedding, and a peal in their honour was rung at Harlow Common on Thursday of last week. Mr. Cavill is a very old member of the Essex Association, and has been ringing regularly for over 60 years.

The peal of Double Norwich rung at Chatham on September 30th should be credited to the Kent County Association.

Miss Phyllis Tillet, of Ipswich, who is not yet 15 years of age, rang the treble to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Stonham Aspal on Saturday, and thus completed three peals—on eight, twelve and ten bells—on successive Saturdays.

NEW BELLS FOR MOULTON CHURCH.

MEMORIAL TO PIONEER OF MISSIONS.

The centenary of the death (June 9th, 1834) of William Carey, the pioneer of modern missions, who thought out his great schemes of world evangelisation while living in the village of Moulton, Northants, is to be commemorated by the addition of two bells to make a ring of eight at the Parish Church.

One bell is being provided by Dr. Sydney Madge (London), an old Moulton boy, and the cost of the other is being raised locally. A further sum of £27 10s. is needed, and subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Maurice Turner).

The bells have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The inscription on the treble bell was inspired by Dr. Madge reading the Rev. Pearce Carey's 'Life of William Carey.' It is composed by the Latin librarian of the British Museum. The translation is as follows:—

'To the greater glory of God and in memory of the illustrious William Carey, whose soul was often stirred by the sweet sound of the old bells of Moulton, this bell has been given by S. J. Madge, 1933.'

Carey's motto:—

'Expect great things from God,
Attempt great things for God.'

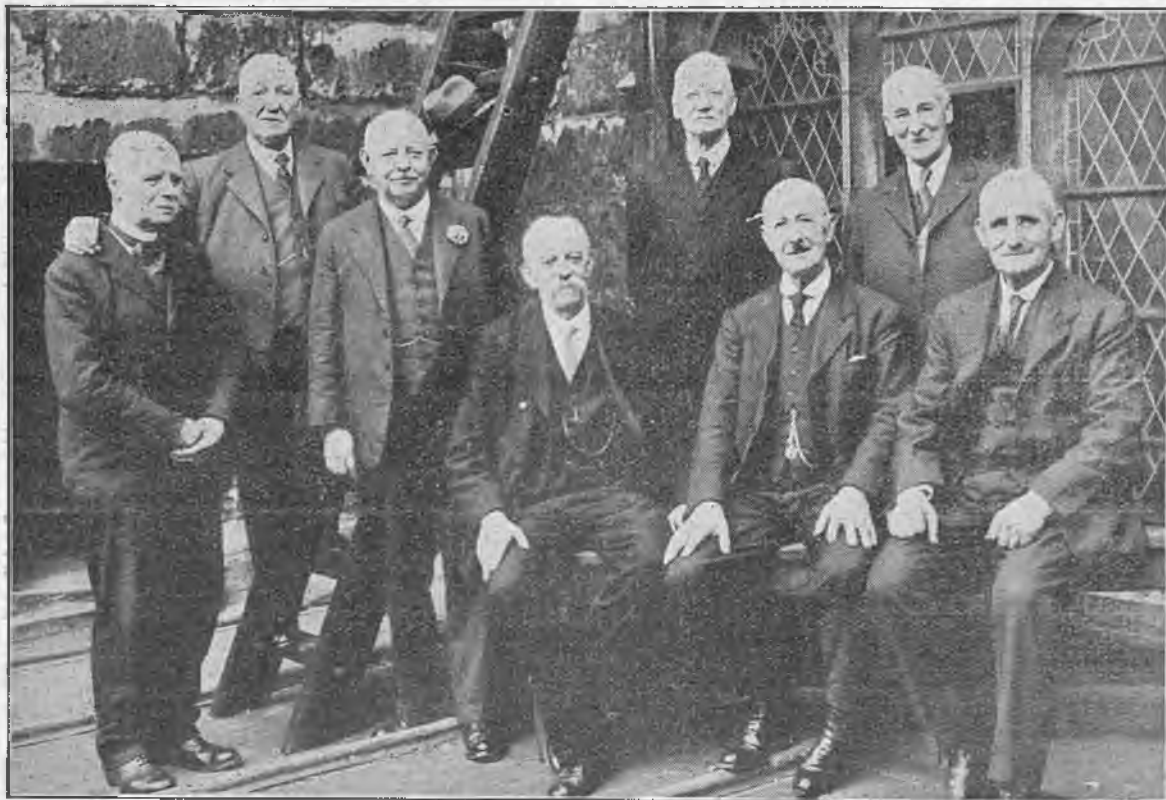
is inscribed on the second bell.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, on October 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss G. Burchall 1, J. F. Milner (conductor) 2, A. J. Chamberlain 3, N. Moxon (first) 4, Miss K. Burchall 5, G. E. Foster 6, L. Pierrepont (first 'inside') 7, E. Midwinter (first) 8.

Rung, after an attempt for a peal, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the Rev. G. P. Proctor, Vicar of Long Eaton, and formerly of Sutton-on-Trent (1912-18). Also to the memory of Mr. L. N. Hodgson Wilson, of The Limes, Farnfield. Deceased was thrown from his horse. He served as a lieutenant in the Royal Artillery during the war. He was a representative for Carlton-on-Trent on the Southwell Rural District Council, a member of the Parochial Church Council and a sidesman at the Parish Church.

THE VETERANS' PEAL.



W. T. PATES. W. PRIME. R. BRUNDLE.
C. F. WINNEY. E. BISHOP. F. E. DAWE. J. GEORGE. H. W. SMITH.

This photograph of the band of veterans who established a new record 'peal age' at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, London, is reproduced by the courtesy of Mr. F. E. Dawe.

The total age of the band was 612 years, exceeding by 16 years the previous highest aggregate of 594 years of a band—including four of the above—who rang a peal at the same church last December. Those who were in the previous peal were Messrs. Winney, Dawe, George and Prime.

All the ringers have long been well known in the Exercise. Their connection with it forms a link with bygone generations of ringers in

many parts of England, links with men who knew Thurstons and Shipway and other giants of the past. Now they have united among themselves to create a record which is a monument to their pluck, their stamina and their skill.

In 1793 at Leeds, Kent, a peal of Bob Major was rung in which the united age of the band was 582 years, and, more wonderful still, the ringer of the tenor, James Freeland, was 86 years old.

A band who were all over 70 years of age—and they included Mr. Robert Brundle—rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Pulham Market in October, 1922. Their ages totalled approximately 580 years.

HALESOWEN RINGER'S DEATH.

LOSS TO WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Worcestershire Association has lost a valued member by the death, at the age of 49 years, of Mr. Alfred Hackett, of Halesowen, after an illness of several months duration. A son of the late Mr. Matthew Hackett, who was a ringer at the Parish Church, Halesowen, for over 50 years, Mr. Alfred Hackett had served in a similar capacity for 32 years, being well known and highly respected among Worcestershire ringers. Deceased leaves a widow, but no children.

There were many manifestations of sympathy at the funeral, which took place at the Parish Church. Before the service half-muffled touches of Stedman Triples and London Surprise were rung, and all the ringers present met the cortege at the entrance to the churchyard. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon H. O. A. Colville), assisted by the curate (the Rev. P. J. Martin). Twelve members of the local band acted as bearers, six bearing the coffin into church and six to the graveside. These were Messrs. W. H. Webb (Ringing Master), W. Coloy, W. Brown, E. Forrest, A. Harris, T. Greenhall, J. Cox, W. Lloyd, R. Matthews, W. Cooper, J. Bass and H. Bird. At the close of the service at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by four members of the Worcestershire Association—Messrs. R. Matthews, J. Bass, W. Short and H. Bird. All the ringers then went into the tower, and ringing was continued.

The mourners were Mrs. Hackett (widow), Mrs. Tildesley (sister), Mrs. James (sister), Messrs. W. Brettle, W. Smith and W. Tildesley (brothers-in-law), Mrs. Smith and Mary Roberts (sisters-in-law). Deceased's employers and Halesowen Conservative Club were represented.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church on October 1st for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. H. Hollier 1, A. Cutmore 2, F. Skivington 3, H. Cook 4, W. E. Judd 5, A. Harding 6, E. R. Mackrill 8. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving.

PUTNEY.—For evening service on September 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Cassell, jun., 1, E. Cassell, sen., 2, C. Collis 3, F. A. Leeson 4, C. Moody 5, A. C. Williams 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, C. Gorham 8. Arranged especially for the ringers of the 4th and tenor, who hail from Maidstone.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Vesey 1, R. Fenn 2, W. Beard 3, Churchwarden H. E. Parker (conductor) 4, C. Fenn 5, S. J. Holgate 6, E. G. Moore 7, E. H. Lucas 8.

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while Mr. F. L. Rose attended on behalf of the churchwardens, and Messrs. A. Homfray and W. D. Abbiss represented the Church Council. The ringers present were Messrs. R. Matthews (Stourbridge), J. Bass (Wollaston), W. Short (Clent), J. Smith and K. Salter (Kidderminster), W. G. Carter (Clent), H. Cooper (Stourbridge), J. Lloyd and C. Skidmore (Brierley Hill), S. Grove (Selly Oak), A. Chance (Wordsley), W. Cartwright (Birmingham), and Nicholls and Bushell (Stourbridge).

On Saturday week a half-muffled peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Halesowen, and on the following morning the Rector held a ringers' memorial service, before and after which special ringing was done.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY'S JUBILEE. CELEBRATION TO-MORROW.

On June 2nd, 1883, the Society of Church Bellringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was launched, and to-morrow the society will celebrate its jubilee by a dinner to be held at Wolverhampton.

The inaugural meeting was held at Lichfield, in the belfry of the Cathedral, the Ven. Archdeacon Iles presiding. There were representatives present from the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's, Lichfield; Brierley Hill, Wombourne, Wolverhampton, Darlaston, West Bromwich Parish Church and Christ Church, Walsall, Willenhall, Tamworth, Burton-on-Trent and Stafford.

The Rev. J. R. Keble, chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, was appointed hon. secretary and Mr. A. Wood hon. treasurer.

In the first year 65 members joined and one life member.

Mr. Wood (now Mayor of Lichfield) afterwards became the first lay secretary—the society has both a clerical and a lay secretary—and held office until 1885, when he was succeeded by that well-known ringer Mr. Samuel Reeves, of West Bromwich, who put in 23 years' service. He was followed by Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolverhampton, who has carried on the good work from 1908 to the present time—half the lifetime of the society! The present clerical secretary is the Rev. C. H. Barker.

There were 280 ringing members in the society last year, with 210 life members and seven hon. members.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS. ROCHESTER AND LEWISHAM DISTRICTS' MUTUAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was held on Saturday, October 28th, at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock and continued until 4 p.m., when evensong was attended by all present, then numbering approximately sixty.

At the close of the service, a truly representative company, comprising district members from Tunstall, Queenborough, Upchurch, Rainham, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester, Frindsbury, Milton-next-Gravesend, Northfleet, Gravesend and Halstow, together with visitors from Canterbury, Maidstone, Crayford and Erith, altogether about 70 in number, assembled at the City Cafe, and were entertained to tea by the association.

The business meeting, preceded by a splendidly struck course of Grandsire Cinques on handbells, was presided over by the Dean (Dr. Underhill), supported by the Vicar of Frindsbury, the general secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell), the district representatives and hon. secretary, the Lewisham district secretary (Mr. A. G. Hill) and the auditor (Mr. G. H. Cross). Dr. Underhill said how pleased he was to see such a large company and how he would like to tell them of a recent experience, when at Frindsbury he had such a lovely view of the city and heard the sound of the bells coming across the water. He extended to all a very earnest welcome to Rochester and thanked them for their work.

One new member, Mr. Leslie Finch, of Northfleet, was elected, and the retiring district representatives (Messrs. Spice and Belsey) and the district secretary (Mr. S. J. T. Shellock) were re-elected.

Rainham, Gravesend and Frindsbury were each proposed as the venue for the next meeting, the voting ultimately choosing Gravesend.

A motion was carried, on the proposition of the general secretary, that the district secretary should write to the late Dean, Dr. Talbot, expressing the ringers' sympathy with him in his continued ill-health and hopes for his recovery.

The secretary, in the opening remarks of his report (prepared several days before), dwelt on the same subject as the Editor's article in the current issue of 'The Ringing World.'

The balance sheet, which showed a sum of over £15 to be handed over to the General Fund, was adopted.

Mr. Hill, who was invited to say a few words with regard to the mutual arrangement of dates of his and the Rochester district meetings, said how pleased he was to bring this matter to a successful termination and so save the clashing of dates.

Mr. Hill also expressed his delight in seeing Rochester district in such a flourishing condition, and incidentally remarked that in Rochester they did not appear to be suffering from such a 'disease' as they in Lewisham district, where, if one particular group attended a meeting, another group absented themselves.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean for permission to use the bells and for presiding, and the meeting terminated with more handbell ringing, which included a course of Double Norwich Major.

The Cathedral tower and St. Margaret's were available till 9 p.m., many of the ringers taking advantage of the opportunity to have their first ring on ten bells.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church on Wednesday evening, October 4th, for the Four Choirs Festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, this being the conductor's first successful attempt at calling: M. Stephens 1, Mrs. Evans 2, W. Hayward 3, Dr. Joyce 4, J. Swain 5, J. Taylor (conductor) 6, E. Humphrey 7, H. Smith 8. First quarter-peal by treble and third ringers.

THE LATE MR. H. W. WILDE.

MEMORIAL DEDICATED AT ECCLESTON CHURCH.

The memory of Henry W. Wilde was perpetuated when a memorial tablet was dedicated in the presence of a large congregation of ringers and parishioners at Eccleston Church on Saturday. It is just a year since the unexpected news of his passing was received with such profound regret by his fellow-members of the Exercise and his many other friends in the Chester district.

The tablet is placed on the south wall of the baptistry, near the door to the belfry which 'Harry' served so faithfully for a quarter of a century.

Previous to the service at four o'clock the fine toned eight were rung with clappers half-muffled in touches of Stedman, Cambridge and Bob Major, and then lowered in peal.

The officiating clergy at the service, which was fully choral, were the Rev. F. J. Okell, Rector of Eccleston, and the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Rector of Middlewich, and hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, while Mr. A. H. Robinson, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., organist to the Duke of Westminster, was at the organ. The prayers were said and the responses intoned by the Rev. W. R. Ingham. The psalm was 150th, and the Rev. F. J. Okell read the lesson from St. Matthew 25, v. 14-29—the parable of the talents.



THE LATE MR. H. W. WILDE.

During the singing of the first hymn, 'Swing them gently in our towers,' the clergy and choir, together with Mrs. Wilde, Mr. Walter Wilde, Mr. Francis Wilde, Mr. A. H. Heywood, the Memorial Committee and Mr. S. Jones (towerkeeper), proceeded to the baptistry for the dedication. The Rector read aloud the inscription and offered the dedicatory prayer. The remaining verses of the hymn were sung as the procession returned.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. J. Okell, who took as his text a verso of the lesson previously read, 'His lord said unto him, well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.' He had, he said, without hesitation thought of the parable of the talents as the most suitable lesson for this service. There was one word among those of his text which stood out prominently—the word FAITHFUL, and this word came to one's mind instantly when thinking of Henry Walter Wilde. He had without doubt set a fine example of faithfulness. He had been faithful to his church, his employment and his ringing art. He had served his church not only as a ringer, for when he came from the belfry it was only to exchange one act of service for another, and to put to use yet another gift. He had served in the choir as well as the belfry. The Rector also spoke of his service to the Exercise, of his ability as a ringer and composer, and of his devotion to the Chester Guild. Truly it could be said, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

The service was concluded with Hymn 221, 'Let saints on earth,' followed by the Blessing.

The memorial tablet, which was designed by Mr. J. W. Clarke, the hon. secretary of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, is of bell metal, and was cast at the Loughborough Foundry. It is simple in character, the only ornament with the raised lettering being a small bell and headstock in relief as a heading, and the whole surrounded by a plain moulding. The inscription reads:—

1869 A 1932

In memoriam

HENRY WALTER WILDE,

who conducted the ringing in this tower from the opening of the bells in 1907 until he was called to rest on October 25th, 1932. This tablet is erected by his fellow ringers and friends in remembrance of his work for his church and his ringing craft.

R.I.P.

After the service a laurel wreath was placed on the grave in the churchyard.

Some fifty ringers from Chester and North Wales sat down to tea in the Institute, and afterwards the tower was again visited and the bells were rung in various methods with open clappers during the evening.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.—At All Saints' Parish Church on Tuesday, September 19th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. Rowe 1, George B. Lucas 2, Alfred Pye 3, W. A. Pye, jun., 4, Tyson Hogarth 5, John Casson 6, Fred Tickle 7, Wm. T. Holmes (conductor) 8. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th hail from London, 5th from Keswick, the rest local.

SOMETHING NEW IN DOUBLES.

A FRESH METHOD FOR FIVE-BELL RINGERS.
BY QUICK SIX.

Here is something which may interest those who ring Doubles. It is not strictly orthodox, but (with the exception of the two necessary singles) the whole extent can be got by pure Doubles, and an added interest is given by the introduction of 'splicing.'

For the sake of a better name I call the foundation of the method 'Whole-turn Doubles,' from the similarity of the main work, both in front and behind, to the work of a Stedman whole-turn. It is produced in two ways:—

A	B
1 2 3 4 5	4 5 2 3 1
2 1 4 3 5	5 4 3 2 1
2 4 1 5 3	5 3 4 1 2
4 2 1 3 5	3 5 1 4 2
2 4 3 1 5	5 3 1 2 4
2 3 4 5 1	5 1 3 4 2

The work, it will be seen, covers five rows, one the reverse of the other. The extent of each course is 25 changes, which, if both forward and reverse courses are used, leaves ten changes still to be introduced to complete the whole of the 60 in-course rows. The missing rows, it is interesting to observe, are got by plain hunting, and the following is one way in which they can be employed to link up the two courses of the Whole-turn Doubles, the link being formed in each case by a bob, which is 3rd's place instead of 5th's in the first change:—

A		
1 2 3 4 5		4 5 3 1 2
2 1 4 3 5		
2 4 1 5 3	C	5 4 3 2 1 Bob
4 2 1 3 5		5 3 4 1 2
2 4 3 1 5		3 5 1 4 2
2 3 4 5 1		5 5 1 2 4
		5 1 3 4 2
A 3 4 5 1 2	B	1 2 4 5 3
A 4 5 1 2 3	B	2 3 5 1 4
H 5 4 1 3 2 Bob	B	3 4 1 2 5
5 1 4 2 3		
1 5 2 4 3	B	4 5 2 3 1
1 2 5 3 4		
2 1 3 5 4	D	5 4 2 1 3 Bob
		5 2 4 3 1
2 3 1 4 5		2 5 4 1 3
3 2 4 1 5		5 2 1 4 3
3 4 2 5 1		5 1 2 3 4
4 3 5 2 1		
4 5 3 1 2	A	1 2 3 4 5

A is produced by the forward work as shown in the first five changes; B is produced by the reverse work; H is the hunting section; C is the beginning of the reverse 'Whole-turn Doubles,' with the bob link, and D is the return to the forward Doubles by means of the bob link.

It may seem at first to be rather complicated, but it is in reality quite simple and should prove an interesting change for Doubles ringers. Just try it!

The singles, to complete the extent, can be made anywhere, as long as they are made in the same way and are 60 changes apart.

The hunting section can be introduced after either of the first four sections of the forward course, as long as it is followed by the whole of the reverse course before completing the forward course.

There are other variations of the plan which ringers may like to work out for themselves.

If you choose, you can ring the whole of either A or B or C first, but in that case you must begin with a bob, thus:—

12345

Bob 21354

You can ring the complete courses in the order B, A, C, or A, C, B, or C, B, A, each course being linked to the preceding one by a bob.

It will be noticed that C always follows A in what we may term the circuit.

If the single is made half-way and end, the arrangement of the courses need not be the same in the second half as in the first. Similarly, if the singles are called elsewhere, the arrangement of the portion between the singles need not be the same as the arrangement outside the singles. Thus 42 different six-scores can be obtained.

ARLECDON.—At St. Michael's Church on Wednesday, September 13th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: S. Huddart 1, J. S. Huddart 2, P. Bragg 3, C. Bragg 4, J. E. Brown 5, S. Richardson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6. Longest length by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung as a farewell touch to the conductor.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday last Leeds and District Society visited Birstall, which is very near the home of Charlotte Brontë, the great English novelist of bygone days. In making this visit to Birstall, members were reminded of the great snowstorm of last February, which lasted for four days, and made travelling well nigh impossible. On that occasion Birstall accommodated the society, which was unable to visit the listed tower of Liversedge, where the February meeting was to have been held.

The bells were rung up at 3.15 p.m., and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's), Holbeck, Liversedge, Earlsheaton, Ossett, Pudsey, Sowerby Bridge and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president being in the chair.

One new member (Mr. W. Walker, of Ossett) was elected.

Mr. C. E. Lawson, with well-chosen words, proposed that the best thanks of the society be accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens and also to the local company.—This was seconded by Mr. R. C. Squires, and Mr. H. Peel replied in characteristic Yorkshire manner on behalf of the local company.

AMONG THE LAKES.

THREE WEEKS' HOLIDAY TOUR.

During September a party of four (Mr. G. H. Lucas, Mr. A. Pye, Mr. W. A. Pye and Miss S. Pye) left Essex by car for the Lake District. The first night they stopped at Doncaster, where Mr. E. Cooper had kindly arranged a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, which was accomplished with the help of five of the local band. Next day a halt was made at Ambleside, where there is a grand peal of eight (tenor 35½ cwt.). They rang there for service on Sunday morning, and in the evening rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for service at Sedburgh, Yorks, which Mr. E. Jennings had kindly arranged with the local band. On the evening of the 13th a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Ambleside with the help of the local band, after which a pleasant evening was spent.

After visiting Lakes Windermere, Coniston, Ulswater, Thirlmere and Grasmere, also Dove Cottage, the home of Wordsworth, and the memorial of him in the church at Grasmere, the party moved on to Keswick on the 14th. Having seen an advertisement in 'The Ringing World,' they called upon Mr. Tyson Hogarth, and were very fortunate in finding there admirable apartments. After the tour in the day, Mr. Tyson Hogarth, who is teaching a young band of ringers, saw that the visitors had plenty of ringing in the evenings, and they spent a very happy time. Mr. Hogarth also accompanied Mr. W. A. Pye in mountain climbing for the day on three occasions, on one of which they tackled Great Gable. The other poor mortals had to be content with climbing the smaller ones. On September 17th the visitors rang for morning service at Cockermouth, and on the 19th, with the help of Mr. Tyson Hogarth and the local band, they rang a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. They also rang at Crosthwaite on several occasions with the local band. The party were able to visit all the lakes and passes, including Lakes Derwentwater, Bassenthwaite, Buttermere, Loweswater, Wastwater, where some grand views are obtained, and Haweswater, which Manchester Corporation are going to turn into a reservoir to supply Manchester City with water. When this takes place, the entire village, including a small church, will be submerged.

After visiting Seascale, St. Bees, Whitehaven, Mary Port and Silloth, they made a raid into Scotland as far as Dumfries, where a statue of Robert Burns is erected. Passing en route through Gretna Green, they called at the Smithy, and were given a demonstration of how the marriage ceremony is performed, to the amusement of all the visitors.

On the 27th the homeward journey was begun. A stop was made at Sutton-on-Trent for the night, and here (through the courtesy of Mr. W. Stockdale) they spent a very pleasant evening with the All Saints' band. Touches of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, etc., were rung. The tour was completed on the 28th after a very happy time. The party wish to thank their numerous ringing friends for the kind welcome given to them.

A. P.

SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5,056 ILKESTON VARIATION, BY E. F. GOBEY.

23456 M W H

56342		
26435		2
46325	2	2
36245	2	2
36452	1	2
64523	1	1
54263	2	2
32465	2	
43265	2	2
24365	2	2

Oxford is rung at 3, when the tenor is going in slow. First rung at Ilkeston on Thursday, September 14th, 1933.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

VISIT TO SOLIHULL.

Members of the Warwickshire Guild who journeyed to Solihull on Saturday, October 21st, had a very enjoyable time. The bells, since their return from the foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Co., have been hung on ball bearings, and the visitors were loud in their praises of the improvement both of the tone and 'go' of the bells. Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung during the afternoon.

Then at 5 o'clock the ringers wended their way to a local cafe, where Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Martineau welcomed each ringer in turn as he or she entered the tea room. Mr. Martineau has for many years past been an enthusiastic member of the Solihull band, and he it was who was instrumental in getting the bells included in the £20,000 restoration scheme of the church. Illness prevents him from ascending the belfry, where improvements have already taken place, but he takes a lively interest in all that goes on there.

After tea, Mr. Martineau was voted to the chair for the business meeting. He expressed his delight at being able to be amongst the ringers.

Apologies were read from Mr. J. H. W. White (Master of the Guild), Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. L. J. Hinde and Mr. A. J. Hinde.

Wolvey was decided upon for the November meeting, which is to be a joint one with the Hinckley District of the M.C.A. if they were agreeable. The December meeting was again dispensed with owing to its proximity to Christmas. The January quarterly meeting was fixed for Chilvers Coton.

One former member of the Guild was re-elected, Mr. G. H. Williams, a member of the Coleshill band, who has recently scored a peal after a lapse of 38 years.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar, which Mr. Martineau said he would convey, and to Mr. R. Bragg, of the local band, who had made all the arrangements for the tea and the meeting.

A return being made to the belfry, ringing was continued until about 8.30. The methods rung during the afternoon were repeated, together with Cambridge Major and Royal. Percy Stone, aged 12, of the Chilvers Coton band, rang his first course of Grandsire Caters very creditably.

The following towers were represented: Castle Bromwich, Chilvers Coton, Coleshill, Erdington, Lillington, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke, Warwick and Wolvey, together with the local band. D. E. B.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The autumn quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was held at the Parish Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham. The church is situated in the 'upper ten' residential quarter of the city, and contains many valuable and interesting memorials. A rather curious one relates to a former Mayor of Birmingham, Sir John Ratcliffe, Kt. After extolling his many virtues for which he received his knighthood, it ends with the text, 'And there shall be no night there.' The local wag inserts a K before the word night, and asserts that evidently Sir John must have gone below.

The Guild's special form of service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Stuart Blofeld, who also gave an interesting and helpful address, pointing out how careful all churchworkers ought to be in their daily lives and so by their example help forward the work of Christ.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., presided. He expressed the sympathy of the Guild with Mr. J. Johnson, whose wife was seriously ill in hospital, and hoped she would have a speedy recovery and be restored to her husband again.

Mr. A. Walker proposed, Mr. A. Morris seconded and it was unanimously agreed to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner as usual on March 3rd, 1934, and that the arrangements be left to the officers of the Guild.

The following new members were duly elected: Mr. J. C. Bailey (Birmingham), Mr. G. Talbot (Yardley), Mr. F. L. C. Gibbs (Selly Park, Birmingham), Mr. H. G. Atkins (Selly Oak, Birmingham).

The following tower elections were also ratified: Mr. A. H. Beamish and Mrs. D. E. Beamish, of Nuneaton, and Mr. H. Boswell, of Wolverhampton.

The next meeting being the annual meeting, it was decided to hold it at headquarters as usual.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address in church, to the churchwardens and Church Council for generously providing an excellent tea, and to those who served it, was proposed by Mr. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. Albert Walker and carried with acclamation.

Before returning to the tower, some excellent ringing on handbells was much appreciated.

THE PEAL AT DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS.

The ringers in the peal in twelve methods at Deeping St. Nicholas on October 14th stood in the following order, and not in the order printed in the last issue of 'The Ringing World': James H. Musson treble, John E. Allan 2, Wm. H. Waldron 3, Thomas A. Cooper 4, Outhbert T. H. Bradley 5, Horace M. Day tenor.

ROTHERHAM BELLS.

IRENAUS' REPLY TO MR. BRIGGS.

On page 667 of 'The Ringing World' will be found further vapourings of Mr. Sid Briggs. I commend them to the 'Exercise.' 'Point blank,' I have been 'asked' not to talk or write of noble peals until I've heard York Minster twelve. Well, reader, it's very obvious that at long last! Mr. Briggs has heard a peal of twelve! The only comment I make on them is to say I have heard the twelve, with a 'monarchical bass' accompaniment!

Mr. Briggs—I would have my reader note—has not 'wax-ed' very eulogistic! on the 'Minster bells.' Obviously there's 'none due' to them, from Mr. Briggs, who ridicules the idea of doing the very first thing a person with brains would do—namely, call in a competent founder, to do a bell restoration! We can picture what Rotherham bells would have been like had Mr. Briggs gone about the job.

I have had his letter re-read by those who have mentalities and educational attainments on a far higher plane than those of the second standard, and I am fully convinced that Mr. Briggs did ask me! and everybody else! to picture the old bells 'cleaned'! If he did not 'ask' us to visualise the old bells cleaned, what on earth was he writing about?

Mr. Briggs fails to grasp this significant fact: When he, I, or anyone else! puts a pen (or pencil) to paper, he, I, or anyone else draws a pen picture of thought! mentality! and personality! Shakespeare wrote four words: 'Bell, book and candle'—incidentally Mr. Briggs writes on the former, without either of the latter. Shakespeare did not 'ask' us to visualise a bell, a book and a candle, did he? No! he left it to us—who had the intelligence—to visualise the last dread anathema of Rome!

Longfellow didn't 'ask us' to visualise the village blacksmith going on Sunday to the church to blow his daughter's nose! with a hard rough hand. Not likely! Longfellow gave us a pen picture of the thoughts of the 'Village Blacksmith' by the wiping away of a tear.

Further, Mr. Briggs, who is suffering from 'Redistributionitis,' fails miserably in 'literary cricket!' He asks questions, and gets them answered, with brevity, in 'plain English'! Alas! of too high a standard for a 'nursery rhyme' to understand. He turned to an association report for church 'history!' He turned with presumption to a 'medicinal well,' and he pictured a municipal ward, bath or lavatory! and coupled with one or the other a possible source of origin of the dedication of his—very own—Parish Church.

Ho presumed that the old ten were maidens, but his presumption has bust! He championed (?) Mr. Dawe at the onset of this discussion, but he could not agree with Mr. Dawe's mode of expression. No, Mr. Dawe could have improved what he said—before the 'C.C.'—by using the idioms of a limited vocabulary!

Who could agree with Mr. Briggs? I don't know, nor do I think anyone else knows, or who could bring to a logical and successful end any discussion with such a debater as Mr. Briggs? who, in his former letter, said a thing was black, and when I agreed with him in my rejoinder he immediately turns round and says that which he had dubbed 'black' was white!

What he wrote about 'barking' is here verbatim: 'Certainly we get now a more musical "three blind mice," and not the bark that used to obtain in the ringing chamber.' Neither I or anyone else can couple that 'barking' with a 'chapter'—or even a 'dean!'—of a north country minster! Another thing I would remind Mr. Briggs of, and that is, much as he detests 'the noble ten,' I can visualise him—he didn't ask me, or any of our lady ringers to do so—jumping out of bed on a recent Sunday morning in what might be termed ecstatic rapture to catch more and more ethereal music by flinging wider and wider still the window! Who knows how the ladies of the 'Exercise' pictured the scene? One might picture the expression on the face of Mr. Briggs as he stands at the open window listening to the rhythmic beat of that majestic tenor booming out, adding to and 'mellowing' every sound of the remaining 'nine'! which got into a beat to suit the requirements of the speed of the remaining one! which governs and sets the speed!

Or, on the other hand, one of our 'fair' enthusiasts of the 'art and science' may have visualised the humorous side of the pen picture Mr. Briggs drew of himself jumping out of bed in a frenzy, attired in a little short shirt, throwing wide the window, and popping back into bed. 'Tamed!'

Or again another might have seen the indolent side of the picture, and, in her rage, fling for a bucketful of cold water to 'excito lentos' to a sense of duty!

Aye, and turning from that picture to another, my dear reader, I've had 'C. F. J.'s' second paragraph re-read, solemnly, mournfully, slowly and carefully, and I should assume Mr. Briggs wishes to draw my attention to the sentence, 'There is a mellowness about a ring of good old bells that one seldom hears in a new one.'

Yes, Mr. Briggs, I understand; there is. Chesterfield ten are a typical example. There's a mellowness about them! but the mellowness 'about' them is found in the edifice wherein the good old bells hang!

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TRING.—On Sunday evening, October 8th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Badrick 1, F. O. Reeve 2, H. Brackley 3, H. Bishop 4, W. F. Leach 5, H. Bull 6, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. The ringer of the 5th from Berkhamsted, the rest are of the local band.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—For evensong on Sunday, October 8th (harvest thanksgiving), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Smerdon 1, H. Good 2, F. Randall 3, G. Rayner 4, G. Chiverton 5, W. C. Smith 6, K. G. Woodiss (conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. W. Webb 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, F. J. Cattermoul 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. C. Chandler 5, A. Jones 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, D. F. May 8. First quarter-peal away from tenor by treble ringer, and first quarter by tenor ringer.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Jones 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, F. J. Cattermoul 3, H. C. Chandler 4, W. Lewis 5, E. R. Gladman 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, W. W. Webb 8. Rung for the first civic visit of the Mayor and Corporation of Heston-Isleworth to Heston Parish Church, the ancient tower being flood-lit for the occasion.

EXETER.—At St. Thomas' Church for morning service on October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Hosgood 1, R. Rundle (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. Hosgood 3, F. Wills 4, E. Hill 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, W. Wills 7, A. H. Goad 8.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—On Sunday, October 1st, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples by the local band, an achievement not previously known at this church. The ringers before matins were L. Osborn 1, L. S. Lampard 2, S. J. Sanders 3, S. Mansell 4, H. Mansell 5, W. Young 6, H. J. Wilkinson (conductor) 7, G. Allen 8. Before evensong: L. Osborn 1, H. Mansell 2, S. J. Sanders 3, S. Mansell 4, L. S. Lampard (conductor) 5, W. Young 6, H. J. Wilkinson 7, G. Allen 8.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—At St. Michael's Church on Sunday, October 1st, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Doubles in four methods, 360 Antelope, 360 Grandsire, 240 St. Simon's and 300 Bob Doubles: S. Bates 1, V. Matthews 2, Miss Grant-Ives 3, H. Richardson 4, A. Garlick (conductor) 5.

TILGHURST, BERKS.—On Sunday, October 1st, at St. Michael's Church for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hunt 1, H. Goodger 2, J. H. Barnes 3, E. Chapman 4, A. Haines 5, R. N. Runham (conductor) 6, R. Chapman 7, A. Barnes 8.

HASTINGS.—At All Saints' Church for evensong on Sunday, September 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: G. Piper 1, W. Franks 2, J. D. White 3, J. Downing 4, A. Levett 5, F. E. Collins 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. Clift 8. Ringers of 1, 3, 5 and tenor are local ringers, No. 2 from Battle, No. 4 Blacklands, No. 6 South Croydon and No. 7 Deptford.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, September 17th, 1,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal for evening service at Christ Church: J. E. Scott 1, A. Tully 2, T. Burn 3, G. Dix 4, E. A. Hern (conductor) 5, J. Scott, jun., 6, R. M. Gray 7, W. Robson 8, M. Livesly 9, E. Gosden 10. All the above are local ringers except W. Robson, who comes from South Shields. This was the first touch in this method for the ringers of 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

(Continued from previous column.)

The mellowing tone shade of the bad old ten—which formerly permeated All Saints' steeple, Rotherham—has been 'fused and frozen' into mellowness! While the good old ten at Chesterfield remain, as they ever were, in a beauty of mellowing putrid mellowness! (Awfully sorry, Arthur, one can't help telling the truth!)

Mr. Briggs tells us all about his large heart, without our 'asking.' But one begs of him to 'open his heart' and tell us in a manly fashion who could have done the job (at Rotherham) better? and who could have given greater satisfaction? And why? I would ask Mr. Briggs to play the game, answer those questions and remember that on the side of this 'noble ten' there is the full weight of public opinion!—a 'public opinion' with a sense of proportion!

In conclusion, Mr. Briggs tells us that 'experience does teach one.' I agree, but it is useless and futile for 'experience' to try to teach 'one' if 'one' is 'inexperienced' and won't learn!

There was no necessity for Mr. Briggs to confess that he was a 'little bit artistic'; we are aware of the fact. And we realise when we picture our friend's aesthetics that he would place the base of the Nelson Column on our 'Darling Herd's' head, for a 'cocked hat'!

'O wad some power the giftie gie us,
To see ourselves as ithers see us'!

(The correspondence on this subject is now closed.—Ed., 'R.W.')

NOTICE.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—November meetings at St. Clement Danes', W.C.: Sunday morning, Nov. 5th, 10 a.m. Service ringing, Mondays, 13th and 27th. Practices at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. General Sec., 7, Station Road, S.E.5.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.30 to 3.30; Bow, Cheapside 3.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, 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, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on November 16th and 30th, St. Andrew's on the 9th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th (Election night), Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The jubilee dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will take the chair at 6 o'clock prompt. Bells: St. Peter's (12) and St. Luke's (8), Wolverhampton, Penn (8) and Tettenhall (8) available from 3 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North-eastern District.—Meeting at Hitchin on November 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Short service and dedication of 'Local' peal board. Good train service (main L.N.E.R.) and bus service from all parts. Please make an effort to attend, and a card if you require tea would be much appreciated.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the Lancaster Branch will be held at Melling on Saturday, November 4th. Bells at 2 p.m.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BIRSTWITH, YORKS.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Knaresborough will dedicate the restored bells (recast and augmented to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough) on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. per head. All ringers welcome. Bells open for ringing after 6 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough (6 bells), on Saturday, November 4th. For tea please notify Mr. R. Reece, Park Street, Barlborough, without fail. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A joint meeting is to be held at **ALDERSHOT** on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) and business meetings in Parish Hall 5 p.m. — H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Ruskington on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6), recently restored, available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. S. Hinkins.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by usual business meeting.—J. Phillips, Hon. Sec., Butterwick, nr. Boston, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, November 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Terrington St. John on Sat., Nov. 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lois Weedon on Saturday, November 4th. Service 3 p.m. Send number for tea to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Longstone on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Dis. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tarrington on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) available. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Dunholme (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 4th. Names for tea to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, November 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. For tea, at a small charge, please notify Mr. J. E. Sherrett, 3, Moss Road, Orrell, near Wigan. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good company is requested.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Crewkerne on Saturday, November 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. As this tower has been a stronghold of 'Churchyard Bob' for many years, it is extremely desirable to have good ringing at this meeting, with a view to impressing the new local ringers and residents, and getting the tower affiliated to the association.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Tea 5 o'clock. Short evensong at 7 p.m. Ringing may continue after service. — H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.40. Tea 5.15. Meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The first meeting and election of officers will be held at Empingham (6 bells) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will all those who require tea please notify Rev. Canon Law, H.C.F., Empingham Rectory, Oakham, by Wednesday, Nov. 8th? Give the new branch a hearty send off! —R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea (6d.) and meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. E. L. Humphries, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre, Liverpool. It will be worth making an effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Dunmow, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided for those sending in their names to H. W. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, not later than Wednesday, November 8th, or to me.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—The postponed meeting will be held at St. Peter at Gowts on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea immediately after. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 8th. Cathedral bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea 1s. each. Please notify Mr. H. Pickles, 8, Manor Road, Horbury, near Wakefield, before Nov. 9th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Higher Walton, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available 2.30

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea may be obtained at Mr. Hutchinson's Café, Market Place.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Nominations for district officers, 1934, must be made at this meeting. The district officers hope that this meeting will be more representative than recent meetings have been. Please send numbers for tea to me by November 13th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Condo-ver on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. All requiring tea should notify me by November 9th.—R. R. Pole, Asst. Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Earlswood, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly notify for tea, Tuesday, Nov. 14th, to G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Shaw bells (6) available after tea. Intending visitors please reply by Wednesday, Nov. 15th, to H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) 3.30 to 5 and 7 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, in Parish Hall, Rectory Road, at the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. P. Gough). If you require tea please inform me by Nov. 14th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room, 1s. each. Please inform Mr. H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Cambs, numbers. This is the last meeting for 1933. Please attend and make the meeting a success.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.45, to those who advise me by Nov. 15th. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. H. E. Audsley's address is now 90, High Street, Crayford, Kent.—Mr. P. Laffin, hon. librarian of the Chester Diocesan Guild, has removed to 25, Hallam Street, Stockport.

HATHERN, near Loughborough. — The Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor and Co., on Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 4.30, to those who notify the Rev. D. Hoole, Hathern Rectory, Loughborough, by Wednesday, Nov. 15th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Giles, Ashted, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at the Brewery Inn. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 22nd. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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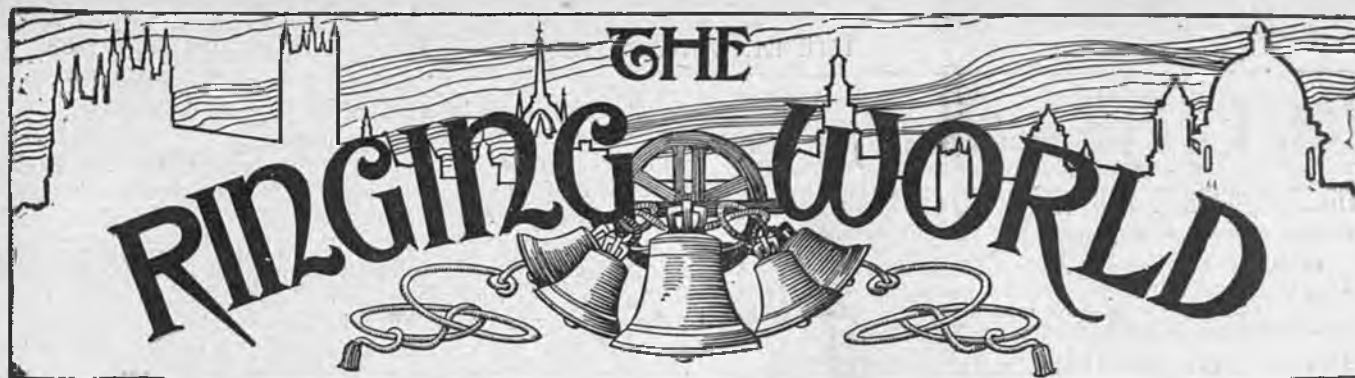
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The rapidity with which the modern ringing societies spread over the country about fifty years ago is again brought to mind by the fact that yet another has just celebrated its jubilee, so that in the last seven years the best part of a score of these organisations have completed half a century of useful work. Last Saturday the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford officially commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation, an event which was naturally the occasion for many congratulations, and one upon which the Exercise at large will felicitate the members. The number of original members now surviving is, of course, a very small one, but it is rather remarkable that there have been only three lay secretaries in all the length of the Society's life, and forty-eight years is covered by the services of two men. This is rather a wonderful record upon which the Society may well pride itself. It has throughout this time been faithfully and loyally served, and Mr. Herbert Knight, the present occupant of the office, has earned the deepest gratitude of the members by giving them no less than twenty-five years' ungrudging service. Such men as Mr. Knight, who unostentatiously labour, year after year, for the benefit of their fellows, who in face of the disappointments and not infrequent discouragements which fall to the lot of a secretary, still stick to their task, are the salt of the Exercise. Twenty-five years is a long period for one man to give to an honorary office, and the Stafford Archdeaconry Society has had the unusual experience of two men who have thus served them for practically a quarter of a century each.

It is not generally realised that no fewer than four ringing organisations at present exist to cover the diocese of Lichfield, which embraces the counties of Staffordshire and Shropshire—they comprise the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the North Staffs Association, the Shropshire Association and the Midland Counties Association, which partly overlaps Staffordshire. In these days when the tendency is towards Diocesan Guilds, it may be wondered why some effort is not made to unite the area under one organisation. This would, on the surface, appear to be the ideal arrangement, but there are local difficulties, largely geographical, which make it far from easy of practical achievement. There have been instances in the past where the amalgamation of a number of small societies into a Diocesan Guild, as was the case, for example, in the dioceses of Lincoln and Peterborough, has been advantageous and has given the united association an added dignity, prestige and influence. In the diocese of Lichfield, however, there seems to be some

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doubt whether the interests of ringing would be as effectually served by a united organisation, on account of the widespread area which it would have to serve. Now that two of the Staffordshire societies have celebrated their jubilee, and the Shropshire Association is a well established entity, to say nothing of the fact that the Midland Counties Association claims the diocese of Lichfield as part of its area, it is perhaps too late in the day to expect any radical change in the manner in which these two counties are organised for ringing purposes, and it may be doubtful if any substantial advantage would accrue. Nevertheless, it might be well if those chiefly concerned were to review the situation and examine the possibilities of a more powerful and influential Guild if the three principal societies could combine their forces. In any case, no harm would be done by an investigation, if those responsible in the various parts of the diocese could be got into one mind on the subject. A Guild for the whole diocese of Lichfield would, it seems to us, be no mean force to stand by the interests of ringing in that important area.

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Conducted by Det.-Sgt. HAROLD J. POOLE, Leicester City Police.

First peal of Stedman Caters for the Guild, and first by a band of police officers. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Robert Woodward and Miss Constance Elizabeth Wickes, friends of the ringer of the 6th, on the occasion of their marriage at Uppingham Parish Church on this day.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

JAMES H. JUDD ...	...	Treble	HUGH R. THORPE ...	...	6
WALTER CLAYDON ...	...	2	GEORGE F. HOAD ...	...	7
FRANK JEAL ...	...	3	ARTHUR G. WILLETT ...	...	8
H. BERNARD WELLS ...	...	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...	9
RICHARD V. FULLER ...	...	5	HENRY A. HOAD ...	...	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. F. HOAD.
Rung for the conductor's silver wedding.

NEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

ALBERT E. LOCK ...	...	Treble	† WILLIAM H. Y. ADKINS ...	...	6
MRS. A. E. LOCK ...	...	2	* HENRY W. CURTIS ...	...	7
* ERNEST W. SMITH ...	...	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ...	...	8
MISS STELLA DAVIS ...	...	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	...	9
* REGINALD W. REX ...	...	5	* EDWARD CROCKER ...	...	Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.
* First peal of Caters. † 50th peal. First peal on the ten bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN G. NASH Treble	JAMES BENNETT 6
JOHN H. WILKINS 2	GEORGE B. COLLINS 7
HENRY RUMENS 3	JAMES E. DAVIES 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 3 cwt. 18 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	* ERNEST J. LADD 6
FRANK N. SMERSON 2	ALEC RICHARDSON 7
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 8
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 4	ERNEST J. OLIVER 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by STAFFORD GREEN

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

* FRANK BOORMAN Treble	GEORGE H. SPICE 5
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 2	JOHN W. UNWIN 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
† MRS. GEORGE H. SPICE 4	GEORGE KENWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 30, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HORACE FOX Treble	VICTOR APPELGATE 5
HARRY C. WALTERS 2	CHARLES BROWN 6
FRED NEWTON 3	HARRY BROWN 7
JOHN H. LENTON 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ALFRED PYE 2	JOHN W. CORNFORD 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOSEPH MARKS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

This is the 100th peal that Mr. J. E. Davis has rung in this tower.

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STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 6
GEORGE GILBERT 3	RONALD H. BULLEN 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK

The first peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band excepting the ringer of the 7th.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	* JOHN FOSKETT 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	† WALTER D. JOLLEY 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	EDMUND MOUNTIER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 377). Conducted by JAMES BENNETT

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM FLATT Treble	HERBERT FULCHER 5
CHARLES LOOME 2	GEORGE GOWER 6
WILLIAM C. BUNN 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	ALFRED G. HILL 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	GEORGE H. RANDLES 5
* OSWALD CLAYBROOK 2	* BERTRAM RUTTER 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	* THOMAS LIGHTFOOT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. BIBBY.

* First peal in the method. First local peal of Grandsire on the bells.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

FREDERICK J. STEELE ... Treble	THOMAS JONES 5
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 2	* NORMAN HEAPS 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	WILFRED J. MOSS Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOL.

Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

* 50th peal. First peal of Major on the bells. A birthday peal for the grandson of the treble ringer.

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

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK Treble	FRANK TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	STANLEY HARRISON 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	*HARRY GILL 7
*CYRIL RYDER 4	*JOSEPH LITTLER Tenor

Composition 115 C.C.C.

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the patronal festival, also in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. Victor and Mrs. Dams, Vicar of the parish.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt.

W. H. ANDREWS Treble	F. G. BRETT 5
MRS. E. H. SPICE 2	F. R. WELLER 6
G. G. JENKINS 3	E. E. TRENDLELL 7
J. W. UNWIN 4	B. J. LUCK Tenor

Conducted by E. E. TRENDLELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Henry Gosden Fairbrass, a foundation member of the Kent County Association, and for many years an active member of the Christ Church Cathedral band, Canterbury.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*HARRY SMERDON Treble	*GEORGE CHIVERTON 5
GEORGE RAYNER 2	†EDWARD ENTICKNAP 6
HARRY E. GOOD 3	†W. CYRIL SMITH 7
†GEORGE REED 4	*RAYMOND FOREMAN Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal on eight. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the patronal festival and as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 2nd. All the ringers are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
TOWER R. TAYLOR 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
JAMES TOPP 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by A. T. GREENWOOD

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. SEABRIGHT ... Treble	JOHN BURLS 5
GUY R. AMBROSE 2	GEORGE MORRAD 6
HARRY ARGENT 3	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 7
RICHARD A. CONSTANT 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt at Major. Rung for the 296th anniversary of the society and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. All the above are Sunday service ringers in Gravesend, the conductor being Master of the Ancient Society.

DENHAM, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	HARRY KILBY 5
GEORGE H. GUTTBIDGE 2	WILLIAM H. COLES 6
EDGAR HANCOX 3	FRANK CORKE 7
PERCY E. JONES 4	WILFRED S. CHILDS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells for 30 years.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM DYE Treble	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	FREDERICK J. TILLET 6
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 3	*FREDERICK CRAPNELL 7
HERBERT SHERMING 4	GEORGE E. SIMONDS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM GARRARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM DYE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Messrs. Brundle and Dye rang this same peal 53 years ago.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	FRED HAWKES 6
DENIS R. MORRIS 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the association. The quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	*RICHARD W. STANNARD ... 6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
WILLIAM CHALK 4	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association; also on the 48th anniversary of R. W. Stannard's first peal.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, 3½

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST W. PVE Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK 5
*RONALD D. WARD 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 6
ERNEST J. RUNTER 3	†ERNEST E. HOLMAN 7
ERNEST J. BOTLER 4	ERNEST BRIT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

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GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS Treble	HORACE BELCHER 5
GEORGE J. BOTCHER 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to H. Hoskins.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
*GEORGE IVES 2	REGINALD MARTIN 6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First Surprise peal. The 50th peal together of ringers 4 and 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association. The band thank him for his hospitality after the peal.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

HARRY RABBITT Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
*MRS. H. BAKER 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
*CHARLES H. SONE 3	TOM SAUNDERS 7
ERNEST H. EVEREST 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 100th peal together. Birthday peal for C. H. Sone and a silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Everest. Rung after meeting short for Major, Mr. Rabbitt kindly taking a rope.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. LAKE Treble	*ARTHUR H. PALMER 5
*WILLIAM A. HOLMES 2	*AMOS V. S. NEALE 6
JAMES OSBORN 3	*ARTHUR E. HOLMES 7
ARTHUR I. HOLMES 4	*JOHN T. MACHIN Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of 2nd and 4th have now 'completed the circle' to a peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

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WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
THOMAS LINCOLN 2	HENRY WARN 6
PERCY GREEN 3	HERBERT DEVONISH 7
HENRY W. KIRTON 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

Rung for the dedication festival.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES Treble	DAVID CRACKNELL 5
GEORGE TILBY 2	JAMES RICHES 6
ALBERT RICHES 3	WALTER RICHES 7
ROBERT RAYNER 4	ROBERT RICHES Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ROBERT RICHES.

A birthday peal for the daughter of the ringer of the 3rd.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 1, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS BUSH Treble	ERIC SHINKINS 4
LEWIS BUSH 2	ARTHUR LAWSON 5
JOHN RICHARDSON 3	FRED WIGMORE Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

First peal by all the band, except the conductor, and first attempt by ringer of the treble.

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED H. MARTIN Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
AMOS SMART 2	WALTER PERKINS 5
FRANCIS BALL 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells. Miss Steel kindly provided a tea after the peal.

OLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: Two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and Two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

HERBERT G. CLAY Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
WILLIAM WEATHERBY 2	JOHN WORTH 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Minor on these beautiful bells, which are the heaviest ring of six in the county.

ACCIDENT TO RINGER.

Mr. F. C. Mogford, of Pensford, near Bristol, met with a cycle accident on November 2nd, and broke his collar-bone. We wish him a speedy recovery. On the previous day he had called a quarter-peal for the first time.

BATLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Killamars, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise and Oxford.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HARRY MARSDEN Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY ... 4
*WILLIAM H. SENIOR 2	JOSEPH THACKRAY 5
FRANK ELLIS 3	GEORGE WM. STEEL Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal in seven methods.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: (1) Northumberland and Carlisle; (2) Norfolk and Primrose; (3) London and Wells; (4) Beverley and Surfleet; (5) Chester and Munden; (6) York and Durham; (7) Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOSEPH O. LANDAN Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in 14 Surprise methods by all except tenor and 2nd ringers. First in 14 Surprise methods as conductor and on the bells.

MEAVY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH-WEST BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt, 1 qr. 5 lb.

*WILLIAM LAVERS Treble	*WILLIAM WONNACOTT ... 4
†WILLIAM F. OATWAY ... 2	WILLIAM HAMLYN 5
THOMAS G. MYERS 3	A. WILLIAM MYERS Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to William F. Oatway. The first peal of Minor on the bells, which have been recently tuned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The band tender their thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells; and to Mr. Harry Stephens for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At 48, King's Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

*HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 1-2	FRANCIS KIRK 5-6
WALTER AYRE 3-4	CHARLES JEFFS 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witness—Mrs. F. KIRK.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

At HESTERCOMB GARDENS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM H. LLOYD 1-2	H. PERCY SPARKS 3-4
*HARRY CHURCHILL 5-6	

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.

Umpire—W. Williams.

* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. T. Ward, for many years a member of the Staplegrave band of ringers, who was interred at Staplegrave on the Saturday previous.

RUTLAND.

THE EFFORTS OF THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I had no intention of entering into correspondence through 'The Ringing World,' but the statements in your last issue call for some comment. Mr. Amos says, 'Dog in the manger.' I agree, but the dog is in his kennel, not ours. He says 'a few months ago' he and others noticed how the county was neglected and decided to act. What has he done? He accuses the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of copying his ideas, the boot is on the other leg, and he, apparently, was copying us.

As long ago as 1925 or 1926 I had the pleasure of arranging a day's tour to several towers in Rutland, and took the opportunity then of talking over with some of the Rutland ringers we met the possibility of forming a branch of our Guild in the county. At the time there was not much enthusiasm for the idea. It has not been forgotten, however, and has more than once been discussed by our Central Committee.

Just over a year ago I wrote to several Rutland ringers on the same subject, and this year we have gone a step further and are hoping to get a start with the new branch in this, our jubilee year.

As the county of Rutland is in the Peterborough Diocese and we are a Diocesan Guild, one of whose objects is 'The cultivation of the art of scientific change ringing,' we are quite justified in trying to form a branch there without asking permission from Mr. Amos or anyone else.

His next point is that it is an impossibility to get from Northants to Rutland for meetings. If this is correct, how was he intending to make the journey to form and to run his new association?

My answer to this is in the report in 'The Ringing World' of the recent meeting at Oakham, when five branches of the Guild were represented and over 70 ringers were present. There are over a dozen rings of bells in the county in good ringing order, and that should be enough to get a start with, in spite of the cold water that is being poured on our efforts.

Mr. Amos says you have been wrongly informed that 13 rings in the county are in good ringing order. Perhaps he will give us a list of the others (above 13) that are in good ringing order, as I would like to get in touch with the ringers there.

'Doubtful' is certainly not an optimist, and states what has been done, but adds that there is still work for the spade. Here then is the proof that there is work for a branch of a Diocesan Guild, which will need the help of the local ringers to make it a success. I hope the ringers in Rutland will fall in and work together for the good of the cause.

I will reply to 'Rutland Ringer' if he comes out over his name and address. Anonymous sarcasm is cheap.

ROBERT G. BLACK,

General Hon. Secretary, Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

THE FIRST PEAL AT GLASTON.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the correspondence 'Rutland' in this week's issue, and in particular to 'Doubtful's' letter and his reference to a peal at Glaston (which, by the way, was for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, not the M.C.A.), I was the person responsible for sending this particular 'peal report' to 'The Ringing World,' and can quite definitely state that it was reported by me as the 'first MULTI-METHOD' peal on the bells, as I was told of the earlier peal (of Grandsire Doubles) at that time. The omission of these two words leads 'Doubtful' quite naturally to believe that we were claiming the first peal on the bells, whereas such was not intended.

Incidentally, the peal of Grandsire was only heard of in a casual manner. As a native and resident of Stamford, which has 'one foot in Rutland,' so to speak, I am interested in the towers of the county, and have, in company with Mr. Amos and others, visited a number. We have always received a most cordial reception, and I look back to my various visits with very pleasant memories. If 'Doubtful' (with whom I am possibly already acquainted) cares to write to me at my address I shall be very pleased.

J. R. NICHOLS.

47, King's Road, Stamford.

MR. AMOS' GRIEVANCE.

Dear Sir,—I think the time has come when the grievance between certain members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and Mr. P. Amos should be made public. Being a member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, I, like many others, am getting 'fed up' with the letters of P. Amos, which always cast a slur on certain other members of this Guild. We would like to see what has caused this bitterness, and then, if Mr. P. Amos is at fault, his letters should be barred.

If Rutland has a branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, they will manage it themselves, and, according to 'Doubtful,' have some capable ringer to do it. That the first meeting is to be held at Empingham on November 11th is unfortunate, as far as the number of visitors are concerned, it being Armistice Day anniversary, when most ringers will be ringing muffled or half-muffled at their own towers. Mr. P. Amos, 'Doubtful' and 'Rutland Ringer' are only individuals, and it is the results from the rank and file of Rutland ringers which matter.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP.**

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 28th, and was attended by nearly 50 members from Brasted, Haver, Crawley Down, Penshurst, Shipbourne, Lamberhurst, Plaxtol, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, East Peckham, Leigh, Tunbridge Wells, Mayfield and the local tower. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock. The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon S. H. Clark), an hon. member of the association, and the local organist presided at the organ. The Vicar gave an excellent address, and a collection, taken for the association benevolent fund, realised 15s. Ten was partaken of at the Carlton Cafe, followed by the business meeting, Mr. E. H. Lewis (vice-president) presiding.

The district secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read his annual report, in which he said that in some respects the district was in a flourishing condition. Six meetings had been held and most of them had been well attended. The number of practising members had slightly increased. This was accounted for by the Brasted hand joining and the transfer of the Sandhurst band from the Ashford District. He called attention to the fact that only 13 new members were elected during the year, a fact that did not augur well for the future.

Mr. W. Latter and Messrs. G. Edwards and H. Markwell were re-elected to the offices of district secretary and representatives respectively, with the thanks of the members for past services.

Reference was made to the bereavement sustained by Mr. W. H. Lambert, of Beenden, in the death of his wife. The deceased was interred the previous day, and the members stood in silence in sympathy, the district secretary being asked to write to Mr. Lambert and family expressing the members' sympathy.

It was decided that meetings for the ensuing year should be held at Marden, East Peckham, Sandhurst and Speldhurst on the first Saturdays in February, May, July and October respectively.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, organist and local secretary for the parts they had respectively taken in organising and carrying out the arrangements for the meeting, and to Mr. E. H. Lewis for presiding, and the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

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To conclude, Mr. Amos says, 'It is practically impossible to get to Rutland from Northants before 3 p.m.'; but that is quite early enough for most meetings, also, according to his postal address, he is eight miles or more further off Rutland towers than the Kettering ringers of this diocese.

A. BIGLEY.

30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Yet another successful meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held on October 28th at St. Mary's, Stratford, Bow. This ancient and historic church is the 'Stratford-atte-Bow' mentioned in Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales,' and dates back to 1311.

In spite of a stormy afternoon, a large company assembled and a variety of method was rung until 5 p.m., when a bright service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. F. J. Ansell).

After tea, which was served in the Church Hall, the usual business meeting was held, at which one new member was elected, and St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, was chosen for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ansell for the splendid welcome he had given the members was proposed by the District Master and seconded by the secretary and carried with applause.—In responding, the Rector assured the members of a hearty welcome as long as he was at Bow.

In the gymnasium attached to the Church Hall, one of the older members, inspired, no doubt, by the achievement of the grand old (?) men at Hart Street, surprised the youngsters by agilely climbing to the top of a 20ft. rope.

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., and the methods rung ranged from call changes to London Surprise Major.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT ALVERSTOKE.**

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Alverstoke on Saturday, October 28th, when members attended from Alverstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Bramshott, Catherington, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Swanmore and visitors from Epsom and Beaconsfield. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and at 4.30 p.m. the Guild's service was held, at which the Rector of Alverstoke (Canon G. Landon) officiated, and Mr. W. Linter (Fareham) addressed those present.

Tea was partaken of at the Bodrick Hall, after which the business meeting was held, the Rector being voted to the chair.

St. Mary's was selected for the annual district meeting, the date being January 20th, 1934.

The Rev. E. B. James proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, also to the organist and choirboys.—The Rector suitably replied, and said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to Alverstoke. The members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing, which consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Exercise will extend congratulations and good wishes to Canon G. F. Coleridge, who is 76 to-day, and to Mr. Harry Chapman, of Koyston, and formerly of Manchester, who will be 70 on Sunday.

'Many happy returns' also to the hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher), who also celebrates her birthday on Sunday.

By the way, a birthday celebration due this month, which will doubtless be the occasion of many congratulations, is that of Mr. James George, Birmingham's youthful veteran, who attains the age of 80 years on the 27th.

The Kent County Association has lost one of its foundation members by the death of Mr. Henry Gosden Fairbrass, of Canterbury. He was a member of the Cathedral company. The Kent Association was started in 1880.

A privileged few who were present at the jubilee of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society on Saturday were let into the secret of old age combined with virility for peal ringing. We hope it is not high treason to reveal it; so here it is—a drop of whisky in the tea in the morning. It is the elixir which makes a celebrated Birmingham veteran—who shall be nameless—the wonderful man he is. We have his own word for it.

The peal rung at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday last to commemorate the 296th anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths also records the completion of 25 years' continuous service at that tower by two of the band, Messrs. G. R. Ambrose and F. M. Mitchell. The last named is the reigning Master of the Ancient Society.

THE VETERANS' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns offer to the veterans who rang the peal of Stedman at Hart Street recently the hearty congratulations and sincere admiration of the younger generation.

It was a truly great performance, and may the ringers live to break their own record. Old 'youths,' we youngsters raise our hats to you.

'TWENTY-ONE.'

ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The above method was composed or arranged many years ago by the late Arthur Craven, principally as an illustration of splicing more than one method into one lead. The first eight changes are Yorkshire, the next four are Ipswich and the next four are Pudsey, making the half-lead; the second half-lead being the reverse, viz., Pudsey, Ipswich and Yorkshire. It was also recently published in 'The Ringing World' as an improved variation of Cambridge extended to ten and twelve.

E. JENKINS.

THE COMPOSITION.

Dear Sir,—I have been informed that the composition rung to Aldenham Surprise, and published in your last issue, was produced by Mr. Arthur Craven in 1899 as a peal of Yorkshire Surprise. I was not aware of this or I should not, of course, have claimed it as my own composition.

H. G. CASHMORE.

INTERESTING CLOCK CONTRACTS.

ROMSEY ABBEY'S TRADITIONAL CHIMES.

A large new clock is in course of construction at Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Clock Works, Derby, for Romsey Abbey, Hants. It will chime the 'ding-dong' quarters on two bells of the ring of eight in the Abbey tower, and so maintain the traditional chimes which have been in vogue there for many years. The dial—10ft. in diameter—comprises a massive cast iron frame with a copper sheeting background, and has been designed specially to be in keeping with the unusual tower.

Amongst other contracts in hand at the Midland Clock Works are the addition of Westminster Chimes at Fenton Parish Church, Staffs, and Charing, Kent, the latter forming a memorial to the late Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell, donor of the first portion of the clock in 1910; a new chiming clock for St. John's (R.C.) Church, Banbury, etc., while extensive repairs are being carried out at Greenlaw, Berwick, St. Peter's, St. John's and St. Mark's, Tunbridge Wells; Hathern, Leicestershire, and many other places.

A NEW BISHOP.

The Ven Archdeacon Ridsdale, of Gloucester, for some time Vicar of High Wycombe, was consecrated Bishop of Colchester in St. Paul's Cathedral on All Saints' Day, November 1st. In honour of his elevation, members of All Saints' Society, High Wycombe, met on the evening of the same day and rang 1,299 Stedman Caters on the bells of the Parish Church: H. Hayes (conductor) 1, J. W. Wilkins 2, R. Coles 3, E. Markham 4, F. D. Boreham 5, G. F. Hinton 6, E. R. Coles 7, G. White 8, C. A. Smith 9, W. H. Plumridge 10.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY'S JUBILEE.

CELEBRATION AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

A company of a hundred and fifty ringers and friends gathered in Wolverhampton on Saturday to celebrate the jubilee of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. This Archdeaconry forms part of the Diocese of Lichfield, and it was in the Cathedral city—in fact, in the Cathedral belfry itself—that the first meeting was held on June 2nd, 1883, to form the society. It followed closely on the formation of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stoke. The remainder of the diocese is a large portion of the county of Shropshire. The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford has had a very successful career, and throughout its existence valuable work for the promotion of change ringing has been done.

The Lord Bishop of Lichfield, who is patron of the society, evinced great interest in the jubilee, and presided over the chief event of Saturday's commemoration—the traditional dinner by which Englishmen celebrate any event of importance. Early in the afternoon ringing took place at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton, and other churches in the district, including St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Penn and Tottenhall.

The dinner was served at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, and the Bishop was supported by the Rector of Wolverhampton, the Vicar of Willenhall (the Rev. W. Harrison), the Vicar of Tottenhall (the Rev. W. Goode), the Rev. C. H. Barker (hon. clerical secretary and treasurer of the society), Mr. Herbert Knight (lay secretary), Mr. Harry Mason (Hagley), Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. F. Perrens (Coventry), Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. J. Jaggar (Oldbury), Mr. Bert Horton (Ringing Master of the society), Messrs. C. H. Clapham and W. Pinson (churchwardens of St. Peter's), and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking). Among the visitors also were Mr. G. Dent (Harlow), Mr. W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shaker, the Rev. J. Doggar and the Rev. J. B. Lance (curates at St. Peter's), Mr. and Mrs. F. Pervin (Coventry), Mr. H. F. Martin (Ringing Master, Northern Branch, Worcestershire Association), Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, Miss O. Sanders, Messrs. G. F. Swann, H. H. Fearn, G. Fearn, M. J. Morris, J. W. Pemberton, F. W. Rishworth (Birmingham), J. J. Taylor (Northampton) and representatives of most of the towers in the Archdeaconry. Mr. J. George also joined the party late in the evening.

GOOD WISHES FROM DEVON.

At the conclusion of the repast, the loyal toast was honoured, and Mr. Knight then read letters of apology from the Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven. Hugh Bright), the Mayor of Wolverhampton (Sir Charles A. Mander), Mr. Ben Gough, Mr. B. Fullwood and the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Devon Guild). The last named, who was clerical secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford from 1909 to 1915, wrote: 'I see in "The Ringing World" that the society is celebrating its jubilee to-morrow. Had the dinner not been on Saturday I should have tried to be present for old time's sake. Will you kindly apologise for my absence and convey my congratulations on this auspicious occasion. I have the happiest memories of my time with the society, and my revolving chair and barometer are in daily use and a real boon. By the way, the barometer has behaved itself splendidly this summer; I suppose it is not wholly ignorant of its society's jubilee year. We began change ringing here (Bramford, Devon) two years ago, and now can ring Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and, with a little help, Bob Minor. We have just got some additional recruits, aged 13, 13, 12 and 11, and our 5½ cwt. tenor lends itself to this capiti. With hearty personal congratulations to yourself on your splendid service to the society—long may it go on' (applause).

Mr. Harry Mason proposed the toast of 'Church and State' in felicitous terms. In both Church and State, he said, they were faced with momentous matters which sometimes gave them great anxiety. They often heard of the crisis in the Church. At all times the Church had been passing through crises, but he felt that as these were overcome it sharpened them up for the future. He believed things would right themselves, and he hoped in the future there

would be peace and concord between Church and State and the nations universally. Mr. Mason added that he was very pleased, as one mixed up with that society for many years—he rang in a number of the society's first performances—to join them on such an important occasion. Ringers had done a tremendous lot in the last 50 years to improve their position in the Church, and the change was largely due to the societies, with the help of the clergy. In these times of change and chaos, ringers were trying to tread the path of duty towards Church and State. He commended to them the motto that they should live in love and charity with their neighbours, and that the Church and State should in future be more united than they were to-day should be their earnest prayer (applause).

BELLRINGERS NOW 'A BETTER LOT.'

The Bishop, in reply, said it was a great honour to be the guest of the society on that auspicious occasion. He had known a good bit about bellringers for more than 50 years, and the more he knew

about them the more he honoured them, especially as he thought they were a better lot now than they used to be (laughter and applause). His Lordship spoke of some of his experiences of bells, remarking that his first recollection of them was about 64 years ago, when he was five years old and used to visit his grandfather's parish of Wedmore, which possessed one of those glorious Somerset towers with a peal of six bells. His grandmother used to tell him the bells said, 'Why don't you come to church?' 'I did go,' added the Bishop, 'and my grandfather used to preach very long sermons, I remember' (laughter). In the first parishes in which he served after he was ordained the churches had only one bell. In one of these, where he was Vicar, the clapper of the bell fell out, and it was kept upon his study mantelpiece as an ornament. One summer he set off with his wife for a walking holiday in the Lake District, and he carried their luggage in a knapsack. On the first day they climbed a pass, and he found the knapsack was extremely heavy, although his wife assured him she had only packed what was really essential. At the top

of the pass the clapper of the church bell fell out of the knapsack (laughter)—one of the curates had surreptitiously put it there as they were leaving home (laughter). His first church at which there was a ring of bells was St. Mary's, Gateshead, and it was there that he learned to know what a good peal of bells was. From there he went to Liverpool, where there were two churches with fine peals of bells and at St. Nicholas' a good band of ringers. From there he went into Yorkshire, where again he found a good peal of bells and good ringers in the parish, and from there to Lichfield. They all knew what Lichfield bells were like, and it was a joy to him to know they had so many good peals in the diocese.

Continuing, the Bishop said he could look back over 50 years and could remember the condition of affairs in the State in 1883. It was perfectly true that Europe was now in a more troubled condition and that this country was weighed down with a burden of unemployment—which, thank God, was growing steadily less—but even allowing for that, the condition of the country, especially the condition of the poorer people, was incomparably better than 50 years ago. They had only to see the way the children were clad to know that. He did not say that things were as good as they should be, but in many respects they were better than they were 50 years ago.

NO CRISIS IN THE CHURCH.

Proceeding, the Bishop said he was rather tired of hearing about the crises in the Church. If any doctor's patient had been through such long and continued crises as the Church was said to have done, he would surely have come to an end, but the Church had not come to an end. He was not at all pessimistic about it. There was no room for self-complacency; they must not be content with themselves; they had got to do lots of things they were not doing now, but they were better than they were 50 years ago. They often heard of the falling off in church attendance, and of empty churches, and one heard a lot of nonsense about it (hear, hear). He had 470 churches in his diocese. In the course of his visits he did not see any empty churches. They might say, 'No, that is because the Bishop was there.' Possibly, but a great friend of his who had



REV. C. H. BARKER,
17 Years Clerical Secretary.



MR. HERBERT KNIGHT,
Lay Secretary for 25 Years.

known Wolverhampton for the last 40 years told him not long ago that although nobody would say all the churches in Wolverhampton were as well attended as they should be, he was certain the Church attendance was better than it was 40 years ago. Again, with regard to disputes and controversies, the newspapers only printed what was 'good copy.' He did not blame them for that. The ordinary affairs and commonplaces of life would have no interest for the public, and it was very misleading to judge the state of affairs by what they saw in the daily Press. Let them not, therefore, be misled about crises in the Church. He did not think there was any crisis in the Church, but let them not be content with things as they were, because a lot of progress could be made.

With regard to the particular aspect of church life in which they were specially interested, 50 years ago there were some uncommonly good teams of bellringers, but not nearly so many as to-day, and he did not think they were as efficient as they now were. The art of bellringing had made great progress in the last 50 years, and the number of good bellringers had enormously increased, and, generally speaking, wherever they had got a good peal of bells they also had a good band of ringers. Change ringing, added the Bishop, was not only largely a matter of mathematics, which, not being a mathematician, he could not appreciate; but it was also good music, and that he could understand and enjoy; for example, the music of Lichfield Cathedral bells. They who were bellringers were not only mathematicians, but, he was sure, good musicians as well. He thanked them for the work they did and wished them prosperity in that service to the Church which they so loyally and efficiently performed (applause).

POINTS FROM THE SOCIETY'S HISTORY.

The Rev. C. H. Barker proposed 'Continued prosperity to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.' This toast, he said, ought to have been proposed by Mr. Knight, who had been a member for 39 years, and, as they all knew, for 25 years had been one of its mainstays as secretary; but with his usual modesty he refused to have his name on the programme. The society was very proud of the fact that they had only had two lay secretaries in 48 years. Mr. Knight had held the position for the last 25 years, and he was preceded by Mr. Samuel Reeves, who was secretary for 23 years. It was remarkable that their predecessor should still be alive. They had hoped to see him present, but, unfortunately, he was unable to be with them. The present Mayor of Lichfield was actually the first secretary of the society for two years.

Proceeding, the speaker said those who read 'The Ringing World' were reminded in that week's number of the tremendous health-giving properties of bellringing. A band of veterans had rung a peal, their average age being 76½ years, and some of them were actually over 80. As the Editor had pointed out, it said a tremendous lot for their stamina and their power of concentration to stand for three hours and ring that peal. He suggested to any non-ringers who might be present that if they wished to have a long life they should take up change ringing (hear, hear).

Continuing, Mr. Barker quoted interesting details from some of the earlier reports of the association. In the report of the annual meeting for 1887 at Lichfield the address was given by the Rev. A. P. W. Ingram, Bishop's chaplain. The Rev. A. F. W. Ingram was the present Bishop of London. In 1889-90 Mr. S. Reeves attended the newly-formed Central Council of Church Bellringers as the representative of the society. In 1894 the secretaries and committee in their report talked about the attendance at the quarterly meetings of the society, remarking that sometimes the attendance was very small and members were earnestly requested to make an effort to attend at least one quarterly meeting a year. He thought that was a splendid suggestion which he might repeat on that occasion. They did not complain of the attendance at the meetings, but there was a very large number of members of the society who scarcely ever attended a quarterly meeting. Some turned up once a year at the annual meeting. He thought it would be a very good thing if captains of the various hands would suggest that every tower should send one representative at least to the quarterly meetings, which were held to encourage each other and to meet socially. In 1896 for the first time they had a report of the peals rung for the society. This record covered the first 13 years. During that time the towers at which most peal ringing was done were St. Martin's, Tipton, and Christ Church, West Bromwich, each with 25 peals; All Saints', West Bromwich, 23, and Wolverhampton 19. Looking through the list of present members he found that there were 87 who had been members for 30 years or more, 54 for 35 years or more, 31 for 40 years or more, and 12 who joined before 1890. Tamworth had five who had been members for over 40 years, viz., 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 years, the oldest of them being Mr. J. Timms, whose name, he thought, had been on the books longer than any other member (applause). Lastly, he had been looking through the number of peals scored for the society. Mr. H. Knight, their secretary, came first with 396, and then followed C. Wallater 267, W. Fisher 266, R. Pickering 212, T. J. Ellison 193 and J. Perry 191.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

'IN TERROR OF THE DEAN.'

As the Bishop had to leave early, the toast to the health of the chairman was advanced in the programme, and was proposed by Mr.

J. Jaggar, who welcomed the Bishop, who was their patron. Many great and learned men had held the See of Lichfield, but the present occupant was as great as any of his predecessors. They had a lovely peal of bells at Lichfield Cathedral, continued Mr. Jaggar, and they owed a debt of gratitude to Bishop Hackett, who put them there in the 17th century when he completed the restoration of the building after some silly people had knocked it about (laughter). He suggested it would be a good thing if the Bishop could get the use of the bells for a peal (hear, hear, and laughter). He, perhaps, could get round the Dean where others failed (laughter).

The Bishop, in a humorous reply, said modestly led him to doubt whether he was such a good man as Mr. Jaggar had made him out to be, whether, for instance, he could claim to be so good a man as St. Chad, who had occupied the See. He was proud to recall that Bishop Hackett was a member of the same college that he (the speaker) afterwards attended—Trinity College, Cambridge. With regard to the bells of Lichfield Cathedral, the Bishop had no authority whatever in his own Cathedral; he was entirely in the hands of the Dean and Chapter. He was as much in terror of the Dean and Chapter as Mr. Jaggar or anyone else (laughter). He had received many honours, concluded the Bishop, but he should always count it a great honour to have been allowed to be chairman on that jubilee occasion. He wished the society all possible prosperity in the great work to which they had set their hands (applause).

In proposing 'The Visitors,' Mr. P. W. Perrens said no organisation in the land welcomed its visitors more heartily than ringers, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford extended to their visitors that evening a wholehearted, one hundred per cent. welcome (applause). They were grateful to the visitors for coming to join in that jubilee celebration. Such gatherings as those gave them the opportunity of further cementing old friendships, and, what was, perhaps, still more important, making new ones. They were very pleased to see with them the various clergy and the representatives of a number of ringing societies, and he hoped they had thoroughly enjoyed their evening with the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

COMFORT FOR THE SUPERSTITIOUS.

Mr. Albert Walker, whose name was coupled with the toast, referred to the close association which had existed between his own society, St. Martin's Guild, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. As long ago as 1881 a Staffordshire man, William Halls-worth, of Walsall, conducted the long peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in which Henry Johnson himself took part. Samuel Reeves, for 23 years secretary of the Stafford Society, was a prominent member of St. Martin's Guild, and others who were active members of the two societies were William Rock Small and William Godden, while Mr. J. E. Groves, who was the first ringing master of the Stafford Archdeaconry, succeeded him (Mr. Walker) for a time as Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild.

Proceeding, Mr. Walker referred to a recent incident, reported in 'The Ringing World,' in which the clapper of a handbell, when ringing was taking place at the graveside, fell into the grave. It seemed, he said, as if some people might look upon this as an ill-omen. When Mr. Samuel Reeves was buried a course of Grandfire Caters was being rung at the graveside when a similar thing happened. It would be a matter of comfort to the superstitious to know that the gentleman who was ringing the bell was still alive and in that room that night, looking jolly and healthy (hear, hear). He congratulated Mr. Knight upon the success of the jubilee dinner. He had added a great deal to the fortunes of the society for many years, and he would like to thank him for his courtesy and the Rector of Wolverhampton for the privilege which was given to St. Martin's Guild from time to time to visit St. Peter's for peals. He congratulated the society on its progress. It had certainly got some promising ringers, and he thought they could look forward to a future of continued prosperity (applause).

Mr. B. Horton proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' which, he said, had done much to develop that wonderful spirit of comradeship which prevailed throughout the length and breadth of the land. The Editor was constantly reminding them of the importance of good striking and consistently reminded them of their duty as churchmen. One would think there would not be a ringer who was not a reader of the paper, but unfortunately it was so, and if there were any friends there that night who were not readers, he urged them to become so and so join that very interesting circle (hear, hear). The Exercise was fortunate in having a gentleman of the calibre of Mr. Goldsmith to edit the paper. He had done eminent service to the Exercise, and he hoped he would long be spared to carry on the work (applause). One hardly dared to think, he said, what the position of ringing would be without the assistance of the Press. It aired their views and their grievances, often corrected their mistakes and he hoped 'The Ringing World' would go on from strength to strength, its circulation increase so that eventually it could reach that desired aim—a bigger and a better paper. Mr. Horton also spoke a word in appreciation of the local Press, the local evening paper, with a large circulation, being very kindly disposed towards ringers and ringing generally. He thanked the representative who was present for the facilities they gave them—a thing that was often lacking in many places.

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A POLICEMEN'S PEAL.

DETECTIVE PICK-POCKET SAVES SITUATION.

Recorded in the proper place will be found a peal of Stedman Caters rung by members of the National Guild of Police Ringers at Loughborough. The band was representative of Manchester, Liverpool, Bolton, London, High Wycombe and Leicester. We think, Mr. Editor, when you reach the conclusion of this narrative, you will perhaps agree that it is a peal worthy of more than the usual passing recognition.

Striking into changes at 2.23 p.m., the band settled down at once to good ringing, which seemed a sure guarantee of success. Consternation reigned, however, when the light suddenly went out after half an hour's ringing. The 'boss of the show,' the worthy secretary, said, 'Carry on,' whilst we were wondering whether someone had played a trick upon us, or if it was a temporary failure which would be rectified. On we went with good ringing until the belfry darkened and we looked like phantom ringers, whose shirts showed an outline of human form.

Hope was rapidly fading with the light, when the 'Boss' appeared to be adopting the role of a contortionist, ringing with one hand and apparently bent on a little pocket picking in the dark with the other from the clothes hanging behind him. It was now difficult to see what he was up to, but just as we were expecting the command to 'Stand,' a faint glimmer of light, which was found to be produced by a pocket flash lamp, came into view. There is a sudden lurch forward and the lamp is deposited on the table in the centre, with its fitful rays directed to the ceiling. We could see what was happening in a dim sort of way.

Thus we carried on with over an hour to go. Surely the listeners outside would see that we were in the dark and would put us in order again! But no, on we go, eerie shadows flitting round the walls as the ropes rise and fall and ghostly figures, concentrated on overcoming the difficulty, ring almost perfectly until, at last, we hear the welcome call, 'This is all,' with the battery of our saviour fading into dimness that would have meant the end in a short time. The band take off their hats in recognition of the resource and ability shown by their conductor, who saved the situation and brought to a successful conclusion a peal which all thought irrevocably lost, and which will be, to those taking part, a lasting memory in their ringing careers.

Others of the party, helped by locals, made a start for a peal at the Bell Foundry, but, although not in the dark, were beaten by the tricky light ring.

After tea at Loughborough, a return was made to Leicester, where the visitors were shown over the new police headquarters, and then spent an enjoyable evening at 'a place within the meaning.'

Sincere regret was felt that Supt. F. R. Williams, the Guild president, of Manchester City Police, was prevented from making the journey at the last moment. His presence was much missed.

Worthy of special note is the ringing of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the handbells between Sheffield and Nottingham, in the train, by the following: P.C. W. Pye 1-2, P.C. D. Brown 3-4, P.C. F. Page 5-6, P.C. T. R. Butler 7-8. H. G. J.

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QUAINT BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

In responding to the toast, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith spoke of the advantage to be derived from obtaining the sympathy of the local Press, and said that a good deal more could be done in this direction by ringers. He congratulated the society upon attaining their jubilee and said that probably the next most interesting thing to be present at the birth of a new society was to be present at its jubilee, and he had had the privilege of attending no less than twelve such celebrations in different parts of the country.

After the Bishop left the gathering, the chair was taken by the Rector of Wolverhampton, who took the opportunity of proposing the health of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, whom he welcomed to Wolverhampton. He referred to the excellent work which Mr. Johnston did when he installed the bells at St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton.

Mr. Johnston, in reply, amused the company by his comments on some of the inscriptions on St. Peter's bells. The seventh said, 'God prosper Woolverhampton. Long May Wee Ring, 1698.' The second was, 'E.S. I.P. Churchwardens Bachelors.' The eighth said:—

'The Clapper hung to long in mee,

My founders loss, pray think of hee.'

The fourth was, 'God save the Church of England and the founder. 98.' Speaking, he said, in the centre of the motor-car industry, he ought to say they supplied the bells with a new chassis; the bore and stroke were increased, and he had it on good authority that on the evening of the opening celebration the lubrication was not entirely applied to the bells (laughter).

There was an exceedingly enjoyable musical programme, sustained by Miss Doris Griffin (Walsall), Messrs. A. Dickinson, A. Williams and H. Carrington Bailey. Miss Bessie Field, L.R.A.M., was at the piano. A perfect course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. G. F. Swann, F. Perrens, A. Walker, F. Pervin and M. J. Morris.

A delightful evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.

IRISH ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT DEAD.

PASSING OF MR. RICHARD LYNCH.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Richard Lynch, president of the Irish Association and Master of Christ Church Cathedral Society.

'Dick,' as he was familiarly known, had been in failing health for the past two or three years, but none expected him to be called away so early. He passed away on October 7th after only a few days in hospital.

The interment took place in Mount Jerome Cemetery, after service in St. Kevin's Church, conducted by the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, assisted by the Rev. W. W. Dungan and the Rev. Jordan. Amongst those present were his widow, Mr. W. E. Lynch and Mr. F. Lynch (sons), Mrs. Smith and Miss A. Lynch (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. Kyle (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. D. Gibson and Mr. G. Lindoff (hon. treasurer and hon. secretary, Irish Association).

Mr. A. L. Murray, B.A., represented St. Patrick's Society. All the members of Christ Church Cathedral Society were present, together with Mr. J. Hutchinson, P.C. (St. George's Society), Mr. J. B. Tough (Christ Church, Bray) and numerous friends.

Wreaths were sent by the Irish Association, Christ Church Cathedral Society, St. Patrick's Cathedral Society and many friends, including the Dean, clerical Vicars and staff of Christ Church Cathedral.

Mr. Lynch had been one of the stalwarts of the Irish Association, joining it at the start and loyally supporting it ever since. He first learned to pull a bell in St. Eunice's Cathedral, Kilkenny. Migrating to Dublin 44 years ago, he joined Christ Church Cathedral Society, then the home of call changes. He was mainly responsible for his own tower, of which he had been Ringing Master for the past 17 years, embracing change ringing. Unfortunately, he did not live long enough to see them ring their first peal, although he had stood in an attempt that failed just over half-way. Shortly after that he did not feel well enough to make another start just then, so the attempt was put off till he would be able to join in.

Mr. Lynch was also a member of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, and with them learned change ringing. In all he had rung 17 peals, comprising Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman. He was elected president of the Irish Association at the last annual meeting at Kilkenny, where he had first learned to pull a bell. He will be well remembered by visiting bands, to whom he always gave a hearty welcome.

The St. Patrick's Society met on Friday, October 13th, and rang 1,260 Stedman Triples muffled on the minor eight in 48 minutes: R. George 1, T. McMorran 2, R. Tait 3, G. Lindoff 4, E. George 5, J. A. Atkinson 6, A. L. Murray, B.A. (conductor) 7, W. Farrell 8. The bells of Christ Church Cathedral were rung muffled on Sunday, October 8th, for both services. A peal was attempted by the Christ Church Society, but failed after a quarter had been rung.

DEATH OF THE REV. G. H. ENSER.

PRIEST WHO INSTALLED CLAPHAM PARK BELLS.

The death occurred on October 3rd of the Rev. George Herbert Enser, who from 1905 to 1924 was Vicar of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, London, and afterwards Vicar of Leyland, Lancs. While he was at Clapham Park Mr. Enser raised the funds for the installation of a ring of eight bells, and by his enthusiasm and example also raised a local band of ringers, of which Mr. Herbert Langdon was instructor.

The service ringers, who began here, overflowed, afterwards, writes our correspondent, to other churches—St. Leonard's, Streatham; St. Margaret's, Westminster; St. Clement Danes and elsewhere. There was a homely circle at St. Stephen's, and the Vicar drilled up everyone to be a churchworker by a method of his own—personality. He was severe on the girls if they went elsewhere to ring or came a quarter of an hour late.

It was a red letter day for the Vicar when, at his beloved church, he covered a peal of Grandsire Triples with what our correspondent describes as a correct hand in front of him, and adds: 'Herbert Enser, thanks to his devoted Bert, gave delight to many for service ringing, as distinct from peal ringing. Though dead, his works still follow him.'

Before the College Youths' practice at St. Magnus' Church, London, on All Souls' Day, November 2nd, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung in memory of George Herbert Enser, priest (at rest October 3rd), Frederick George Newman (at rest September 25th) and Henry Gordon Fairbairn, of Canterbury (interred October 31st). Before the ringing, 'De profundis' was recited with appropriate antiphons at the beginning and end. Mr. Newman's two sisters, who had so devotedly attended their brother in his declining days, were present. The bells, we are told, were rung 'with the Langdon touch, or, as it was put by the Rev. Francis, of Waltham Abbey, 50 years ago, "the ringers handled their bells as if they loved them like the angler loved his rod."'

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael for evening service on Sunday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Springham 1, W. Prior 2, W. T. Prior 3, T. Jordan 4, R. Hayden 5, H. Bull 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. W. Tucker 8.

THE DEATH OF MR. J. WAGHORN, SEN.

A RINGER FOR 74 YEARS.

We regret to record the death, which took place on Tuesday morning after only a few days' illness, of Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., the veteran London ringer.

Mr. Waghorn had reached the advanced age of more than 90 years, and since he was 16 years old had been actively interested in bell-ringing.

Among the interesting events for which he had rung in the course of his long life was the death of the Prince Consort in 1860, and he was also one of the ringers at Westminster Abbey on many occasions connected with royal celebrations and historic events.

His record as an Oddfellow was almost as long as that of his bell-ringing, for he was initiated into the 'Tower of London' Lodge in July, 1864.

The funeral will take place at the City of London Crematorium, Ilford, on Saturday at noon.

SOUTHAMPTON CLOCK AND BELLS.

CROYDON PRODUCT INSTALLED IN NEW CIVIC CENTRE.

Southampton is engaged in carrying out a great scheme for the building of a civic centre. The first block consisted of the Municipal Offices, which were opened some time ago by the Duke and Duchess of York. The second block is the Law Courts, which have just been completed, and were opened on Friday by the Lord Chancellor (Viscount Sankey). The Assembly Hall is the third section of the scheme, and the last the Town Hall, which will be an outstanding feature of the edifice.

With the opening of the Law Courts, the bells and clock installed in the tower by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, came into commission. The bells chimed the hour of noon and played the tune 'St. Anne,' associated with the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past.'

The bellfounders were represented at the ceremony by Mr. C. F. Johnston.

The clock has four dials, each 11ft. in diameter, illuminated at night from inside the tower.

The electric lamps placed behind the dials are switched on and off by the operation of a light cell in place of the more usual spring-wound time switch. The light cell placed on the north-east corner of the tower is so sensitive that, should a heavy fog occur, the current for lighting up the dials will be automatically switched on, while with this arrangement lighting up of the dials is ensured each night, not at a predetermined time, but in accordance with the actual time of darkness.

The driving mechanism is of the type standardised by the makers for all their largest tower clocks, consisting of an independent master clock to ensure the most perfect time-keeping, and an independent and powerful motor-wound driving gear released by the master clock every half-minute.

The bells, nine in number and harmonically tuned, are of the following notes and weights:—

- 1.—D sharp, 4 cwt. 2 qr.
- 2.—D, 5 cwt.
- 3.—C sharp, 5 cwt. 3 qr.
- 4.—C, 6 cwt. 2 qr.
- 5.—A sharp, 8 cwt. 1 qr.
- 6.—G sharp, 12 cwt.
- 7.—G, 14 cwt. 1 qr.
- 8.—F, 20 cwt.
- 9.—A sharp, 68 cwt.

The largest bell is used for the hours, and the true Westminster quarters are chimed on four of the smaller bells, and at predetermined times during the day the hymn tune, 'O God, our help in ages past,' is played.

The bells are hung in a steel frame, and provision has been made so that the number can, if required, be increased to cover a full carillon in the future.

The operating mechanism for the chiming and striking and tune-playing is of the direct motor-driven type, the motors being started by the timepiece portion of the clock at the correct moment, and stopped by automatic switch gear incorporated in the mechanism.

The whole of the clockwork and mechanism is self-contained in a single chamber at the dial level, no weights falling below this level; it is electrically operated throughout, and forms a very interesting example of a modern tower clock installation.

The complete installation of bells and clock mechanism was manufactured and supplied by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

A circular stairway of 215 steps, with intercepting platforms, has been built to enable ascent of the tower.

BASINGSTOKE.—At All Saints' Church on September 27th for dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Butler (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Munday 2, E. Austin 3, H. Balaam 4, G. Cooper (first quarter-peal) 5, H. Wooding 6, J. Chesterman (conductor) 7, P. Maslin (first quarter-peal) 8.—At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal: P. Maslin (first quarter-peal on a working bell) 1, P. Munday 2, H. Balaam 3, F. Wilson 4, J. Munday (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, A. Burgess 6, J. Ballard 7, J. Woodley 8. Rung on the occasion of the Bishop of Winchester's visit. Mr. A. Burgess is 82 years of age.

RINGING TOURS.

THE WESTMORLAND AND CUMBERLAND TRIP.

To the Editor

Sir,—May I again crave the favour of your space and the indulgence of your readers to make reply to the letter which appeared under the name of Mr. Hogarth with regard to the above?

This appears to be such a fantasy of inconsistency and contradiction that I have had some difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that it is in actuality a personal attack upon myself, inasmuch as, apart from my letter in your issue of September 8th, Mr. Hogarth was fully aware that I had made the necessary arrangements for the tour. In his letter Mr. Hogarth most condescendingly exonerates my colleagues from blame, and leaves me the villain of the piece, a fact for which I am certain my colleagues will be for ever grateful. To have associated with a 'tower grabbing' leader and a peal ringer gone mad, and yet retain a measure of praise and escape the condemnation of Mr. Hogarth, is something which all my distinguished colleagues will ever remember.

Apropos the question of Sunday peals, I do not propose to add further to my letter of September 8th other than to emphasise that the Vicar of the parish and his wardens had a much better idea of the local position and attitude than Mr. Hogarth is ever likely to attain. In addition, I think the position fairly and admirably dealt with in your leading article this week, and also in the letter from Mr. R. A. Daniell, which appeared in the issue of September 15th, for which I, for one, am much obliged.

Arrangements for the ringing at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, were made by me through the medium of Mr. Hogarth, the local Ringing Master, and he helped us to attain our object very willingly. From letters in my possession prior to the tour, and from our conversation in Keswick with Mr. Hogarth, he at no time showed himself antagonistic to the spirit of the tour, or to peal ringing generally, and surely that was the time to have done so. In fairness, however, to Mr. Hogarth, in a letter to me towards the end of August he definitely condemns peal ringing, and said our visit had caused a lot of local resentment in Cumberland. Without the permission of Mr. Hogarth, I cannot, of course, quote verbatim from his letters to me, but I can assure your readers that his attitude would require some defending. In fairness to the places we visited, I wish to state that we at no time met with resentment, we at all times had a typical Cumbrian welcome, and at every tower we visited we were met with every kindness and courtesy, and the week was made enjoyable in every respect. After the tour I had several letters of appreciation from ringing friends in Cumberland expressing thanks for the advice, etc., which individually and collectively the touring party had been able to give.

And now, reverting to Mr. Hogarth's letter, it would perhaps be better to take his points seriatim. Apropos paragraphs 1 and 2, this seems to me a puerile attempt at cheap wit, sarcasm, or what you will, in the form of a personal attack upon myself. Who, in the world of campanology, reading this effusion, would imagine the author claiming to be a member of the ringing fraternity, with its best interests at heart? I am content to leave your readers to judge.

Paragraph 3 on Sunday peals has already been dealt with. May I say, however, that though possibly all my actions may not meet with the approval of a rigid Sabbatarian, such as one must assume Mr. Hogarth to be, yet even I have certain clearly defined views on Sunday observance, such as, for instance, the question of trading for profit on Sundays.

Coming to paragraphs 4 and 5, I can only state that the remarks of Mr. Hogarth are wrong in fact and in foundation, and at best can only have been acquired at second hand, for he was not present at the church to meet us, that being delegated to a youth of whose help we should have been glad, owing to our colleague, Mr. James George, not being available that day for ringing. It may interest Mr. Hogarth to know that the programme of peals was decided, more or less, as regards the methods, before the tour started, and I can only state that his remarks are in the nature of a 'terminological inexactitude.'

With regard to his concluding paragraph, properly approached this has much to commend it, but I am left wondering, in view of my local knowledge, whether Mr. Hogarth is sincere or merely being subtle?

I should, however, be prepared to visit Keswick at any time to call a peal, or give any advice or instruction I could on various methods, if Mr. Hogarth will get together a band. I should also like to state that I have never at any time refused to ring with anyone, be he a beginner or an expert, but, after all, perfection in the Exercise is the ultimate aim. Without in any way desiring to blow my own trumpet, I should like to state that I was mainly responsible for the formation of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association, and that during the past five winters I have sacrificed two evenings a week visiting places within a 20 miles radius of Kendal to instruct and teach newly-formed bands of ringers to enable service ringing to be done, another instance, in Mr. Hogarth's view probably, of further 'tower grabbing and peal ringing gone mad.' In conclusion, I might add that I have called peals at Crosthwaite Church with local members taking part, and which are not recorded and are already forgotten.

I maintain that even on the basis which our tour embraced, local ringers could have learned a lot. No member of the party at any

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A SUCCESSFUL COMBINATION.**GUILDFORD GUILD AND LADIES' GUILD JOIN AT ALDERSHOT.**

Success crowned the joint meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, which was held at Aldershot last Saturday. From 2.30 until 4.30 the merry little peal of eight was rung to standard methods, and good striking was the order of the day. The church service, which was of a very impressive character, was conducted by the Vicar of Aldershot, Canon Hugh Le Fleming, R.D., assisted by the Rev. G. Hamilton Douglas. A choir, consisting of 18 boys and six men, led the singing, and Mr. George Goodwin, F.R.C.O., was at the organ. Canon Le Fleming gave a short but instructive address, which was much appreciated by the congregation.

Tea in the Parish Hall was a jolly affair. Plenty and varied were the victuals provided, and a company of 66 sat down and enjoyed the spread. A programme of light music was played by a gramophone. Among those sitting down to tea were the Vicar, the Rev. Hamilton Douglas and Mr. W. A. Dollimore, a churchwarden. These three gentlemen having to leave immediately after tea, Mr. F. Nye, of Bagshot, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed them among the ringers and thanked them for their interest in that part of the church work. He also thanked all who had made arrangements and done the necessary work connected with the meeting.—Mr. Dollimore briefly replied.

Mr. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, was voted to the chair for the Farnham District business meeting, at which three members were elected, viz., Mr. W. A. Dollimore, hon. member, and the Misses Rose and May Dickinson, ringing members, all of Aldershot.

The nomination of district officers for 1934 resulted in the retiring officers being renominated. These were Mr. R. Hasted, Ringing Master; Mr. C. W. Denyer, hon. secretary; Mr. P. L. Eldridge, hon. auditor; Mr. L. A. N. Muddell, representative of the honorary members; and Messrs. F. Nye and T. Upshall, ringing representatives on the Executive Committee.—The Chairman moved that a special vote of thanks be passed to the Aldershot ringers for the splendid arrangements and beautiful service. It was, he said, one of the finest meetings he had ever attended.

Mr. S. Roper, of Croydon, seconded, and the vote was carried unanimously.

The Ladies' Guild then held their business meeting and the gentlemen returned to the tower.

Ringling was continued until 9 o'clock and good practice was put in, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major. The towers represented during the afternoon and evening were Aldershot, Ash, Alton, Overton, Farnborough, Seale, Croydon, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas), Farnham, Ottershaw, Worplesdon, Twyford and Bagshot.

The members of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. Nineteen ladies were present, and so were able to 'man' the ropes on more than one occasion. The vice-president (Mrs. Bruce) called in before the service, but was unable to stay. Mrs. Hazelden took the chair for the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, the Misses Rose and May Dickinson, of Aldershot, and Mrs. Sargeant, of Ewshot.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Basingstoke in February.

The secretary thanks the ladies for their splendid support, and the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild for allowing them to combine.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Peter on Sunday evening, November 5th, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Gridley 1, D. Felton 2, H. Herbert 3, T. Chinery 4, C. Clarke 5, L. Johnson 6, D. H. Elliott 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. Rung half-muffled in accordance with Armistice Sunday. Kindly arranged for the conductor, from Forest Hill, London.

MACCLESFIELD.—At Christ Church for evening service on Sunday, November 5th, 1,010 Stedman Triples: J. Tipper 1, A. Challinor 2, F. L. Ronan 3, A. V. Rees 4, J. Worth (conductor) 5, W. Stevenson 6, W. Gyles 7, J. Waumsley 8.

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time reserved any advice or help he could give, whilst one and all were prepared to take part in touches of various methods with any local ringer who so desired. There were two instances where we should have liked to include a local ringer during the tour, but it was not possible.

It is a matter of keen regret to me that your paper has had to be made the medium of ventilating a personal matter, but the letter of Mr. Hogarth, savouring so much of 'dog in the manger,' left me no option but to reply. If he wishes further to defend his attitude, perhaps he will grant me permission to quote verbatim from his correspondence to me.

EDWIN JENNINGS.

Kendal.

[We regret that the above letter has been held over for some time, on account of pressure on our space.—Editor, 'Ringing World'.]

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.30 to 3.30; Bow, Cheap-side 3.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Preacher: The Rector (Rev. Canon J. A. Douglas, B.D.).—W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on November 16th and 30th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th (Election night), Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The first meeting and election of officers will be held at Empingham (6 bells) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Give the new branch a hearty send off!—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea (6d.) and meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. E. L. Humphries, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre, Liverpool. It will be worth making an effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Dunmow, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—The postponed meeting will be held at St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea immediately after. Cathedral bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. — Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Higher Walton, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Teas at 1s. 6d. per head to all who notify Mr. C. Clark, 338, Higher Walton Road, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 15th. Please make an effort to attend. Subscriptions due. Next combined practice, Brownedge, Wednesday, Nov. 15th.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea may be obtained at Mr. Hutchinson's Café, Market Place.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on Nov. 18th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A service, tea and business meeting will be held. All will be heartily welcome. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Nominations for district officers, 1934, must be made at this meeting. The district officers hope that this meeting will be more representative than recent meetings have been. Please send numbers for tea to me by November 13th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Condo-ver on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. All requiring tea should notify me by November 9th.—R. R. Pole, Asst. Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Earlswood, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly notify for tea, Tuesday, Nov. 14th, to G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Preacher: Rev. Canon Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild). Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Shaw bells (6) available after tea. Intending visitors please reply by Wednesday, Nov. 15th, to H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) 3.30 to 5 and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5.15, in Parish Hall, Rectory Road, at the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. P. Gough). If you require tea please inform me by Nov. 14th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room, 1s. each. Please inform Mr. H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Cambs, numbers. This is the last meeting for 1933. Please attend and make the meeting a success.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.45, to those who advise me by Nov. 15th. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Framsdon (8) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing at Helmingham (8 bells) at 2.30. Tea at Framsdon Mission Room, at 4.30, at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HATHERN, near Loughborough. — The Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor and Co., on Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 4.30, to those who notify the Rev. D. Hoole, Hathern Rectory, Loughborough, by Wednesday, Nov. 15th.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Please send numbers for tea by previous Wednesday. — S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Sellindge on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—Meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged. Come in crowds and make it a bumper meeting.—A committee meeting will be held in the Vestry.—J. H. Swinfield, Sec. pro. tem., 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle and District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warmington on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea please let me know by Nov. 15th.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, at small charge, to all who notify Mr. D. Brown, 140, Hulton Street, Manchester, 16, not later than Wednesday, 15th inst.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The November meeting is to be a joint one with the Midland Counties Association (Hinckley District), to be held at Wolvey (6) on Nov. 18th. Tea provided. This is the last meeting of the year. Please turn up and make a successful meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Blunsdon on Nov. 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who advise me by Nov. 15th. — W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — The autumn meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Service will be held at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided, and will those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous? Bells (8) available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Hilary's, Wallasey (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Terrace, Birkenhead.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) ready from 2 p.m. Those who require tea please notify Mr. E. A. Midwinter, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark. Good attendance requested. — H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells ready at 3. Please advise me by the 16th to enable provision of tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice at Longparish, Nov. 18th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m., for which please notify Rev. T. Marsden, Longparish Rectory, Whitchurch, Hants. — Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, Nov. 18th. 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.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Aldrington (Portslade Station) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (1s. each), followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—St. Mary the Virgin, UPTON GREY.—The peal of 6 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. Tea (6d.) follows. As accommodation is limited, please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 21st, at latest.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will be held in the small hall of the Public Hall, Worcester, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. W. Short (Master). Musical programme. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, must be applied for before Tuesday, Nov. 21st, from either of the branch secretaries, or from J. R. Newman, Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 25th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions are due.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

IRISH ASSOCIATION STOP WATCH COMPETITION.—Owing to so many cards being outstanding the committee have decided to keep this competition open till Nov. 23rd. Will those who have cards with any amount, however small, kindly send them in? — G. Lindoff.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The proposed meeting at Ashted on Nov. 25th has been unavoidably cancelled.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

UPTON GREY, HANTS.—On Saturday, Nov. 25th, the Bishop of Winchester will dedicate the bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Service 3 p.m.

LAMBETH PARISH CHURCH.—The ring of eight bells, retuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on Sunday, Nov. 26th, at morning service (11.15 a.m.), at which the Mayor and Corporation will be present.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS. — On Thursday, Nov. 30th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the three new bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to augment the peal to eight.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. G. F. Swann has removed to 5, Heathlands Road, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham.

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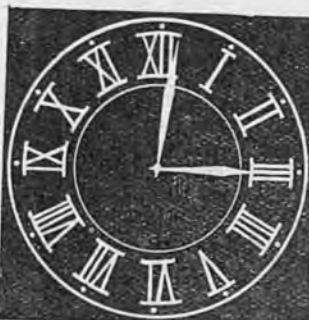
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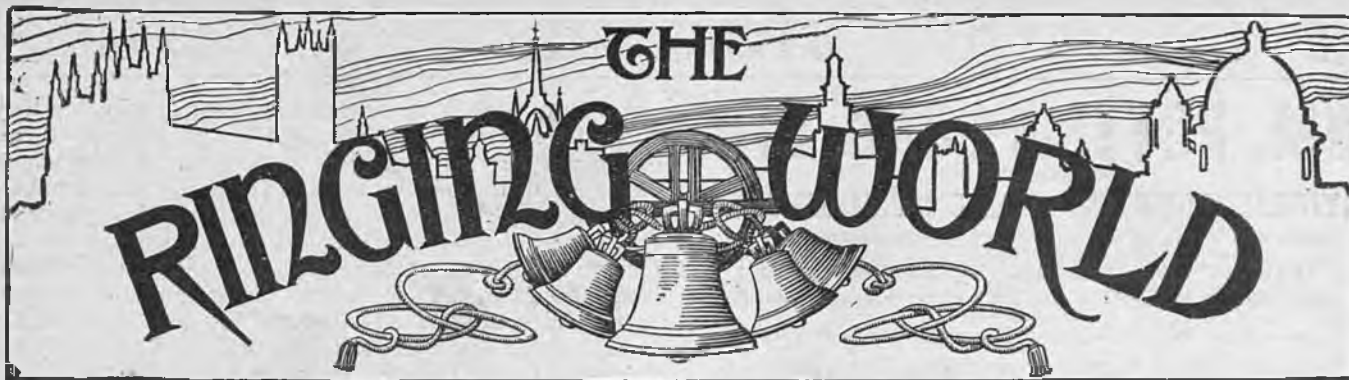
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On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 7
ERNEST J. KING ... 3	JOHN A. WAUGH ... 8
RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 9
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 5	JAMES G. PRIOR ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by JAMES G. PRIOR.

First peal as conductor. Rung for Armistice Day.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes

ON THE MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE ... Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 6
MRS. LILIAN A. HARDY ... 2	L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... 7
WILLIAM WILLSON ... 3	JOHN A. SMITH ... 8
HARRY L. SMITH ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5	RALPH B. HUBBARD ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

Rung with clappers half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 6
WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 2	*CHARLES J. FRAY ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	*JOHN R. RODWELL ... 8
*EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 9
WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5	*SAMUEL JOHN HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as a wedding compliment to Dr. Boutflower (late Suffragan Bishop of Southampton) and Miss Joyce Senger, who were married at York by the Bishop of Newcastle on November 8th. C. J. Fray's 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... Treble	ALWYN TAYLOR ... 5
WILLIAM BERRY ... 2	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM ... 6
HAROLD HAMER ... 3	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 7
JAMES B. SHAW ... 4	SIDNEY DUNN ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by W. BERRY.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

RICHARD F. DEAL ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 6
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, and to Mrs. R. F. Deal, who was unfortunately prevented from taking part in the peal.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(L. VENPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1933 in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*THOMAS ROBINSON ... Treble	*CHARLES LOMAX ... 5
*JOHN ROBINSON ... 2	†JOHN W. GARDNER ... 6
*GEORGE HESKETH ... 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... 7
WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 4	*GEORGE YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN

* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside,' rung at first attempt. Rung to commemorate the opening of the tower and bells 50 years ago. The first peal of Triples on the bells by a local band, who are all service ringers at this church.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT ... Treble	CUTHBERT H. BRADLEY ... 5
MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY ... 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method by Mrs. Humphrey, of London, who is also the first lady who has rung a peal in this tower.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT ... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... 5
CECIL NICE ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 6
MISS MARGARET PACK ... 3	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 5
CUTHBERT T. J. BRADLEY ... 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... 4	THOMAS WM. LAST ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

Arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, it being his first peal in the method. First peal of Superlative on the bells. Messrs. Pryke and George Bennett have now taken part in 150 peals together.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

FREDERICK MOLINEUX ... Treble	REGINALD CHANCE ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... 2	WILLIAM J. CARTER ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	HECTOR G. BIRD ... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 4	*ALFRED MOLINEUX ... Tenor

Conducted by H. G. BIRD.

* First peal. Also rung as a birthday compliment to A. Molineux. First peal as conductor.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On October 9th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Colyer 1, C. Lord 2, E. P. Ashby 3, J. E. Rootes 4, G. Kilby 5, G. Shipp 6, T. Collins (conductor) 7, T. Humphreys 8.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S PEALS.
BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

FRANK BOCKLAND, Pte. 8th Canadians	...	...	...	Treble
WILLIAM WELLING, Gnr. 346th Siege Batt. R.G.A.	...	...	...	2
WILFRED EDWARDS, 1st A.M. R.A.F.	...	...	...	3
WILLIAM WALKER, Tpr. Bucks Hussars	...	...	...	4
JESSE ELDRIDGE, Pte. Labour Corps	...	...	...	5
JESSE HARRISON, Pte. 29th Middlesex	...	...	...	6
LEONARD STILWELL, Bdr. 81st Battery R.F.A.	...	...	...	7
HARRY WINGROVE, Pte. 5th O.B.L.I.	...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of all those who lost their lives in the Great War.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HOBART E. SMITH, R. Fus. Treble	FREDERICK J. TILLET, R.E.	5
GEO. A. FLEMING, Suffolks	CHAS. J. SEDGLEY, R. Fus.	6
H. R. ROOPER, R.A.S.C., M.T.	JOHN F. TILLET, Suffolks	7
CHAS. SHERMING, R.N.A.S.	C. A. CATCHPOLE, R.A.S.C. Tenor	

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the undying memory of fallen comrades.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS	...	Treble	*EDWIN JENNINGS	...	5
GEORGE W. STEEL	...	2	GEORGE ROBINSON	...	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON	...	3	ALBERT J. HUGHES	...	7
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	...	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal in the method. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells. Arranged for Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal, and rung on the occasion of the Armistice anniversary. All except the conductor are ex-Service men.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER	...	Treble	*JAMES G. POWELL	...	5
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY	...	2	WILLIAM P. TICKNER	...	6
MRS. H. BAKER	...	3	KENNETH W. PATTENDEN	...	7
*WILLIAM GORRINGE	...	4	†FREDERICK B. MORRIS	...	Tenor

Conducted by K. W. PATTENDEN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight. Rung half-muffled. 'Lest we forget.'

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	...	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...	5
GEORGE H. LIMMER	...	2	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD	...	6
ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE	...	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	...	7
*GORDON W. LIMMER	...	4	GEORGE GILBERT	...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First blow of Major 'inside.' Rung half-muffled by four East Berks men and four South Bucks men, in memory of those who fell in the war. This peal was rung on the 40th anniversary of Mr. W. E. Taylor joining the Royal Society.

ODDFELLOWS' PEAL.
WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

I.O.O.F., Manchester Unity.

On Armistice Day, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours & Seventeen Minutes

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

BRO. FRED RIGBY, Loyal Peace & Plenty, No. 1208	...	...	Treble
" THOMAS BARKER, Loyal Star, No. 75	...	...	2
" HARRY FRANCE, P.P.G.M., Leyland District	...	...	3
" F. G. BRADLEY, P.P.G.M. Star, No. 75	...	...	4
" ADAM BLOGG, P.G. Star, No. 75	...	...	5
" FRED HARWOOD, P.G. Useful Friend, No. 921	...	...	6
" JOHN CHARNOCK, Star	...	...	7
" ALFRED BLOGG, P.G. Star	...	...	Tenor

Composed by Bro. EDWIN TIMBELL, P.G., Queen Adelaide, No. 471

Conducted by Bro. ALFRED BLOGG.

* First peal 'inside' in the method. Rung for Remembrance Day and to celebrate the appointment as Provincial Grand Master of Bro. Wm. Taylor, Preston District, and Bro. J. T. Little, P.P.G.M., Star Lodge No. 75, Chorley District, as president of the Lancashire and Adjacent Districts' Conference, and also to the Board of Directors. This composition is now rung for the first time in Lancashire.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*EDWARD FERNYHOUGH	...	Treble	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY	...	5
BRYAN FERNYHOUGH	...	2	JOHN BRASSINGTON	...	6
RICHARD T. HOLDING	...	3	ARTHUR ALLMAN	...	7
ERIC B. ALLMAN	...	4	ALBERT CRAWLEY	...	Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Major. Rung for Armistice Day.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven 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. COLLUM	...	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	...	2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE	...	6
FREDERICK J. COLLUM	...	3	ALFRED G. HILL	...	7
*THOMAS H. CULVER	...	4	JOHN S. MORTON	...	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by FREDK. J. COLLUM

* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. CLARKE	...	Treble	†HAROLD BARSLEY	...	5
*HARVEY E. BURRELL	...	2	†CYRIL R. BURRELL	...	6
FRANK P. HARWOOD	...	3	HARRY NICHOLS	...	7
ARTHUR GROUND	...	4	JOHN G. AMES	...	Tenor

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Armistice.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART, No. 3.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILFRED J. MOSS	...	Treble	WILFRED HALLIWELL	...	5
JOHN POTTER	...	2	NORMAN HEAPS	...	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	...	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	...	7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	...	4	ARTHUR BURTON	...	Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

A 'birthday peal' for the society.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. E. NAPPER ... Treble	WALTER V. WEBB ... 5
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... 2	JOHN NOBES ... 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 3	JAMES S. NAPPER ... 7
FRANCIS E. MAY ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of those who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*THOMAS JONES ... Treble	*JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 6
*WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 7
*LIONEL CLOUGH ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of London. First peal of London as conductor. Mr. T. Jones 50th peal and the conductor's 100th peal. Rung with half-muffled clappers on this, the 15th anniversary of Armistice Day, as a tribute to those who fell in the Great War.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

ALFRED L. RYMAN ... Treble	*GEORGE LAMBERT ... 5
RICHARD D. DIVALL ... 2	ERNEST J. LADD ... 6
BERNARD COLLISON ... 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 7
PHILLIP S. THOMPSON ... 4	ALEC RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALEC RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES WILKINSON ... Treble	ALBERT SCOTT ... 4
JAMES H. MUSSON ... 2	JOHN MACHIN ... 5
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Rung for the festival of All Saints. The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd have now 'circled the tower.' A birthday compliment to the treble ringer and his eldest son.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's, four of Morris' and ten 120's, each called differently.

OWEN DAVIES ... Treble	*GEORGE H. GRIFFITHS ... 4
ERIC R. WEBB ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... 5
JAMES P. HYETT ... 3	CHARLES WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a bicentenary peal of the back five bells, which were cast by Rudhalls, 1753.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

BERNARD GILLATT, SEN. ... Treble	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 4
GEORGE L. HALL ... 2	ERNEST BRITAIN ... 5
JACK BRAY ... 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York Surprise, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and St. Clement's.

Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

EDWARD J. HOWARD ... Treble	REGINALD G. HARVEY ... 4
WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY ... 2	HARRY S. BARKER ... 5
STANLEY W. BIGMORE ... 3	HARRY STEBBINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.

First peal in seven methods by all the ringers. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.' Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4
ALFRED J. BULL ... 2	ROBERT SWIFT ... 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

POTTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three 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, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*PERCY TOMPRENS ... Treble	*MANSFIELD GINN ... 4
*ARTHUR DILLEY ... 2	CHARLIE BALL ... 5
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

*JAMES CARLTON ... Treble	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 4
GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 3	WILLIAM WOODWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CURSON.

* First peal away from tenor. First peal as conductor. Rung with muffled clappers for the 15th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

SUTTON VENY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in ten callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 42 lb.

*K. WHITE ... Treble	*W. G. GREY ... 4
E. C. MARLOW ... 2	E. F. MARLOW ... 5
†W. A. AVERY ... 3	E. F. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. MARLOW.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

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

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*MISS DAPHNE J. MOIR ... Treble	HORACE PATRICK ... 3
†HERBERT T. EASTBROOK ... 2	LEONARD TOSELAND ... 4
BURLY P. MORRIS ... Tenor	

Conducted by BURLY P. MORRIS.

* First attempt for a peal, aged 17 years, and rung five months after learning to handle a bell. † First peal 'inside.' Rung with half-muffled clappers to commemorate Armistice Day.

REDBOURN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. TAYLOR ... Treble	*JOHN HOBBS ... 4
*W. RANSOMBE ... 2	GEORGE DANIELS ... 5
JOSEPH HOBBS ... 3	*W. DAY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DANIELS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The first peal on the bells by an entirely local band, who are all Sunday service ringers. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

HENLOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores each of Union, St. Simon's and Bob Doubles, and twelve of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

*STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ... Treble	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 4
*FRANCIS BEAMONT ... 2	PERCY TOMPKINS ... 5
*JACK CHURCH ... 3	*HARRY BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal. The ringer of the tenor is 64 years of age. All are members of the local band. Rung with clappers half-muffled for Armistice Day.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD ASHFORTH ... Treble	MISS KATH. BORCHNALL ... 4
*MISS CONSTANCE ELING ... 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 5
MISS GRACE BORCHNALL ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal in three methods on an 'inside' bell. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of the fallen.

HARRINGWORTH, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

ALBERT L. WARD ... Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 4
PERCY AMOS ... 2	A. NORMAN GEARY ... 5
RONALD RUSSELL ... 3	JOHN H. BLUFF ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of the fallen. First peal of Minor on the bells since 1813, in which year they were restored and augmented to six by Mears and Stainbank.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PERCY STONE ... Treble	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 4
JOHN E. MORETON ... 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 5
ERNEST STONE ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day and after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise Minor. The ringer of the treble is only 12 years of age, and is the youngest member of the Warwickshire Guild to ring a peal. Great credit is due to him for the way he rang throughout the peal.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*J. W. GODBERT ... Treble	*T. S. WILKES ... 4
*H. HARRISON ... 2	*H. NEWBROOK ... 5
*H. E. F. HARRISON ... 3	J. L. STANIER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. L. STANIER, Ex-Sergt. R.E., M.M., I.B.M.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the lads of Madeley who made the 'supreme sacrifice' 1914-1918. 'Lest we forget.'

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT RUSKINGTON.

A half-yearly meeting of the members of the Sleaford District of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Ruskington on Saturday, November 4th. The bells (6), which have been rehung recently by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich, were open from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m., and were considered to be in excellent condition and a credit to the village of Ruskington and to the bellhanger.

The Rector (the Rev. R. L. Sanders) conducted a short service in the afternoon, and afterwards entertained the ringers to tea, which was served in the Church Hall by Mrs. R. L. Sanders and relations and friends of the local ringers.

A business meeting followed, during the course of which the chairman (Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, Ringing Master of the Guild) referred to the loss the ringers had sustained by the death of Canon G. W. Jendwine, president of the Guild, and those present stood for a few moments in silence.

About 30 ringers were present, including Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. G. Ladd (Pinchbeck), secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch, and others from Hough-on-the-Hill and Folkingham and the towers in the district.

Touches in the following methods were rung during the day: Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

Most of the stalwarts of the branch put in an appearance at Haddenham, in spite of the weather, as well as one visitor, whose feet were wet, but not cold. The non-appearance of ringers from neighbouring towers is to be deplored. It is understood that they stayed away because 'they belonged to another branch.'

Rounds, call changes, Grandsire Doubles, Surprise Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung with varying success. Some 'Spliced' instructions (Lewis-Oxford variation) had to be given, the culprit being made to realise 'where he got off.'

'The missus' had gone peal ringing (to celebrate the 'old man's' birthday), but the attempt came to grief, so there is still a chance for the 'Merry Monarch' to get eight ladies to ring a peal for him with *, †, ‡, §, ||, ¶, **, x, footnotes. (There are 26 letters in the alphabet.)

—Ed.) After an excellent tea, at which the visitors were joined by a few more locals, some handbell ringing was indulged in, but not without 'instructions.' Removals are all very well in the right place. They are yet to be approved of whilst ringing is in progress.

The next practice is to be at Cookham.

A MID-WEEK MEETING.

A mid-week meeting, in which members of the Ladies' Guild and the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations united, was held at Harlow Common on November 1st, and was attended by about 30 ringers from Bishop's Stortford, Balham, Cambridge, Crayford, Enfield, Southgate, Romford, Walthamton, Fulborn, Sawbridgeworth, Loughton and many members of the local company. A service was held and the Vicar gave an address. The methods rung included Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH AT HOLT.**

The monthly meeting was held at Holt on Saturday, November 4th. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. H. Brewis), Mr. H. J. Play presiding at the organ, and Mr. C. D. Heginbotham reading the lesson. Tea was served in the Schoolroom, this having been arranged by Mr. C. Drewitt, assisted by several ladies.

A short business meeting followed, with Mr. Heginbotham in the chair. Six new members were elected, and it was decided to accept the Vicar of Southbroom's invitation to hold the branch annual meeting in January at Southbroom.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, the Vicar and organist replying, and afterwards there were 'touches' on the handbells, while others returned to the tower.

During the meeting touches in the following methods were successfully brought round: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. Rounds were also rung for those who wished.

Representatives attended from the following parishes: Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James'), Bishop's Cannings, Rowde, Bromham, Keevil, Bratton, Westbury, Warminster, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Bradford (Holy Trinity), Melksham, Holt and Chippenham (St. Andrew's).

The members dispersed at about 8 p.m. after a most enjoyable time. Over 50 attended, and great credit is due to the Ringing Masters for the way they arranged the ringing, the space in the tower being very limited.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Thursday, November 9th, the marriage took place at All Saints', Feering, Essex, between Miss E. A. Rogers, only daughter of Mr. C. J. Rogers (churchwarden) and Mrs. Rogers, and Mr. S. W. Adams. A large congregation assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. A. E. Dalton, of Brentwood (a former Vicar), assisted by the present Vicar (the Rev. O. B. Howard Knight).

The bride has been for some years a Sunday School teacher, and the bridegroom is a sidesman. The ringers afterwards rang a 720 of Bob Major, and in the evening a quarter-peat of Kent Treble Bob (1,280 changes): S. Fisher 1, R. Grainger 2, E. Johnson 3, W. Keeble (conductor) 4, E. Mingay 5, W. Elliott 6, C. W. Burton 7, F. Pludder 8. The band consisted of four bachelors and four benedicts and belonged to four towers.

NEW CLOCK FOR ST. IVES, CORNWALL.

A new chiming clock with two 6ft. dials is now being erected in the tower of the fine old Parish Church of St. Ives, Cornwall, the gift of Alderman William Craze in memory of his wife.

The clock will replace an old one with one wood dial, which struck the hours only. The new clock will have all the best and most modern improvements, and will be fitted with an automatic apparatus for throwing the chimes out of action from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m.

The work is being carried out by Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., Whitchurch, Salop, the makers of many fine clocks in Cornwall and Devon.

ALDENHAM SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am greatly obliged to Mr. Jenkins for pointing out the previous publication of the figures of Aldenham Surprise, and I can only express my regret that I have appeared in the role of 'pirate.' I can assure you, however, that it was done quite unintentionally.

H. G. CASHMORE.

PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that the composition of 5,120 of New Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Portsea on Nov. 4th is false in this method owing to reverses in 5.6. The composition is true, of course, if rung to Superlative as published by Mr. F. H. Dexter. With sincere apologies to the ringers concerned.

A. T. GREENWOOD.

Portsmouth.

TRULL BELLS RESTORED.

Last Saturday week a most successful meeting was held at Trull by the Taunton Deanery of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. An instructive address was given at the service by the Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Winterton), who also extended a hearty welcome to those present.

At the meeting afterwards congratulations were extended to the Vicar and parishioners on the businesslike manner in which they had set about the task and obtained just on £170 for the bell frame, repairs, etc., and rehanging after retuning of the peal of six bells. This work has been carried out by the renowned Whitechapel firm of Mears and Stainbank. Needless to say, it has been done in a thoroughly workmanlike manner, and gives entire satisfaction to all. The tone of the bells was greatly admired by all who remembered them before being retuned.

Some excellent ringing was done and all had a pull in one or more methods.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The senior ex-Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths present at the annual dinner on Saturday was Mr. John W. Rowbotham, who was elected to the chair in 1884. He was again elected in 1908.

Mr. W. D. Smith (first elected Master in 1891), Mr. Walter Prime (1897) and Mr. H. R. Newton (1898) were also present, together with twelve other past Masters of the society.

Mr. Tom Bennet, who is 82, was the oldest member of the College Youths present at the dinner. He hopes to be in the next veterans' peal attempt, which is to be Stedman Caters.

A carillon of bells has been dedicated by the Bishop of Liverpool at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe, near Ormskirk, Lancs. It was given by Sir Thomas Rosbotham, M.P. for Ormskirk Division, and Lady Rosbotham, in memory of their parents, Mr. Samuel and Mrs. Mary Rosbotham and Mr. John and Mrs. Esther Heyes.

Two peals were rung on Saturday by ex-Service men to the memory of their comrades who fell in the war. Of those who rang at Helmingham, four received wounds whilst on active service.

An excellent performance on Armistice Day was a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Madeley, Shropshire, in which five of the ringers rang their first peal. It was also the first peal as conductor by ex-Sergt. J. L. Stainer, who called it from the tenor.

The band at Redbourne, Herts, also deserve congratulation on their first local peal, rung on Saturday. It is the result of perseverance. In a peal of Grandsire Doubles were three 'first peals' and first as conductor.

Yet another local band has achieved a performance of merit. At Henlow, Beds, a peal of Doubles in four methods was rung, and it was the first peal by four of the ringers. Mr. Harry Bywaters scored his first peal at the age of 64 years.

A peal of Bob Minor rung at Harringworth, Northants, on Saturday, for Remembrance Day, had a narrow escape. During the lowering of the bells, after the peal was completed, a rope broke! One minute sooner and there would have been no peal. Afterwards the ringers were the guests of the Vicar (Canon B. E. Foyster) at tea.

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL.

COMPLETION OF RESTORATION SCHEME.

Wonderful scenes marked the completion of the restoration of the famous Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, the service being attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, eight bishops and hundreds of clergy. Thousands of citizens who were unable to gain admission to the service assembled outside the church and saw the ancient architectural glories of the magnificent edifice thrown into clear relief by flood lights.

The Archbishop gave his blessing to the parish, port, city and diocese from the steps of the north porch, as the bells rang out.

The restoration was rendered possible by the munificence of Lord Dulverton, chairman of the Imperial Tobacco Company, who gave £85,000 for the repair of the exterior, and the Conynge Society, who provided £10,000 for the internal renovation.

The heavy peal of twelve bells have been placed on ball bearings.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

MUSICAL EXPERIENCE WITH NO COUNTERPART.

An interesting article on Big Ben and the Westminster chimes appears in the current issue of 'The Radio Times' from the pen of the well-known contributor, Mr. Filson Young.

Many people, he says, imagine that these chimes are of great antiquity; others think that they were written for Westminster when the tower was first built and the clock installed. Neither of these assumptions is correct. They date from the early years of the nineteenth century, and were written for the clock of a Cambridge college, and were known as the Cambridge chimes, although now they are almost universally known as the Westminster chimes.

Coming from such an influential pen, the following extract, which concludes the article, is of considerable interest:—

'The whole subject of bells and chiming clocks in towers is to me a very interesting one, and the ringing of bells a beautiful, difficult and mysterious art. To stand among a team when they are ringing is to have a marvellous sense of rhythmic co-operation, like that of a dance; and the almost infinite permutations of the order in which the eight bells are rung as the tenor or treble (I am not sure which) goes 'hunting' through the different places in the octave, amid the clashing and humming of the bronze tongues, is to have a musical experience which has no counterpart. To have rung through a complete set of changes such as "Grandsire Triples" or "Treble Bob Majors" is to have gone through a test both of skill and athleticism of which no strong man need be ashamed. Bellringing is a human lore as well as an art, and I hope it will be long before it is displaced by robot ringers and mechanical carillons.'

DEBENHAM BELL FUND.

Further contributions to this fund have been received as follows: Peter Ladin (second donation), 2s. 6d.; 'Duffield' party, 9s. 6d.; George H. Cross, 2s. 6d.; amount previously acknowledged, £11 19s. 6d.; total £12 14s. Further donations gratefully accepted and will be acknowledged direct by Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. BIG GATHERING IN LONDON FOR ANNIVERSARY.

The celebration of the 296th anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held in London on Saturday, and once again a large gathering of ringers from many parts of England was drawn together for the event. Ringing at a number of City churches, including Bow, Cheapside, the belfry of which was crowded for the hour during which the bells were available, took place during the afternoon, and members attended service at St. Michael's Church, College Hill, before proceeding to the London Tavern for the annual dinner, at which a company of over 200 was present.

St. Michael's Church was well filled for the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Douglas, who preached from Daniel xi., 32.

THE COMPANY.

At the dinner the chair was taken by the Master (Mr. F. M. Mitchell), who was supported by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Councillor J. W. Clunn, J.P. (Deputy Mayor of Gravesend), the Rev. Canon Douglas, Major J. H. B. Hesso (Master of Guildford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. Dr. Perkins (Westminster Abbey), Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer, Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. H. Miles (Oxford), the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), the Rev. E. C. Bedford (Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn), the Rev. H. Fynes-Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus'), Mr. W. Skinner (Dean's verger, St. Paul's Cathedral), Mr. W. S. London, O.B.E., J.P., Mr. J. C. Mitchell, Mr. G. J. Strickland, Mr. E. A. Young (senior steward), Mr. C. F. Winney and Mr. W. Prime (trustees), Mr. W. Roughton, Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Cann. Mr. J. S. Hawkins was vice-chairman, and others present included Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), P. E. Clark (steward), E. P. Duffield (Colchester) and C. W. Roberts (stewards-elect). T. Benney (the oldest member of the society present), J. Rowbotham and W. D. Smith (members for over 50 years), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), E. Guise (hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), S. Riches (Bristol United Guilds), R. T. Hibbert (secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), F. Rogers (hon. secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), W. A. Cave, C. Gordon, H. Burt, P. C. Williams, W. Thomas, W. Thomas, jun., F. Skidmore (Bristol), S. Palmer and G. Hurst (Sheffield), J. E. L. Cockey (Harrow), H. Fearn and F. Price (Birmingham), C. F. Johnston (Croydon), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), A. D. Cullum and E. Menday (Caversham), W. Hibbert, jun., H. Smith, E. Foster, S. Lodge, P. Dyke and L. Sadler (Reading), O. Sippetts, O. Snelling and N. Elliott (Crawley), W. Williams, S. Armstrong (Brighton), R. Bullen (Denham), A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth), J. M. Cripps (Shoreham), R. Newman (Baldock), G. Lewis (Worcester), L. Wilson (Wootton Bassett), W. West, S. Hillier, W. Bolwell, F. Green (Devizes), W. Lawrence (Little Munden), G. Martin and A. Martin (Boynce Hill), G. Hoar, R. Fuller and W. Clayton (Reigate), W. Melville and A. H. Pulling (Guildford), R. Hayes (Haslemere), D. Cooper (Croydon), J. Cheesman (Greenhithe), H. Pitsoy (Banstead), S. Roughton (Kettering), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), E. Poppy (Eyre), S. Holt (Lancs), T. J. Fowler, J. E. Sharnan (Bedfordshire), S. Ricketts, T. Setter and H. Sanger (Yeovil), H. Hodgetts (Bushey), T. Groombridge and F. Groombridge (Chislehurst), F. Rich (Bath), G. Goodship, G. Ambrose, C. Mitchell, G. Mitchell and H. Argent (Milton, Gravesend), D. Mears, L. Fidler, F. Maidment, C. Hare (Hitchin), and the following from in and around London: Messrs. H. R. Newton, E. Lillywhite, E. Spice, W. Seabrook and E. Mackrill (Southwark Cathedral), E. Walslam, F. Dean, H. Mason, W. Cummings and C. Grover (Ealing), A. B. Peck, H. Langdon, J. W. Golding, W. Pasmore, H. R. Pasmore, A. R. Macdonald, T. Langdon, C. Burden, E. Brett, C. Choct, J. A. Darl, J. Thomas, W. Hughes, W. Rampton, E. Pike, G. Fardon, R. Davies, W. Grice, H. Hoskins, H. Jordan, J. Higginson, W. Jeffries, the Rev. C. Cowley, H. Miles, W. Judd, P. Miles (Kensington), H. Markwick, E. Owen, G. Moody, F. Murrell, F. Shorter (Jewry), E. Weaver, E. Lucas, H. Warboys, H. Dockerill, E. Moore, S. Holgate, H. Holgate, W. Beard, G. Cottis, E. Lacy, A. Vesey, D. Wardell, C. Fenn, E. Fenn, R. Fenn, F. Newman and G. Faulkner (Barking), H. Alford, A. Darnell, C. Vitler, W. H. Jarman, W. Ellingham, A. S. Richards, H. Mackinder, E. C. Goldsmith, W. Gray, J. Rumley, Houghton, W. Dennis, J. Freestone, W. Freestone, C. Smith, J. Macdougall, F. Freestone, T. J. Fowler, etc.

The toast of 'The King' was honoured on the call of the Master.

A MESSAGE TO RINGERS.

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' made reference to the loss which that society and others had suffered since their last gathering by the lamented death of the Rev. C. W. O.

Jenkyn. They had in the past, he said, heard his voice from the pulpit and from the head of the table at their annual festival, and he (the speaker) hoped his life and example would be an incentive to them all to carry on the work of ringing even as he would wish them to do (hear, hear). The Master went on to say that they would have seen in 'The Ringing World' on the previous day that their dear old friend, Canon Coleridge, had attained the age of 76 (applause). They heartily congratulated him and would wish to add his name to those other youngsters who recently rang the peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street. They were College Youths, but he thought they should give them the new title of the 'Perpetual Youths' (laughter and applause). That evening they gave a hearty welcome to the Rev. Canon Douglas, the new Rector of St. Michael's, College Hill, and thanked him for his sermon. They were deeply sorry to hear that the late Rector (Canon Bullock Webster) was seriously ill, and they wished him a speedy recovery.

Continuing, the Master said he wondered whether, as ringers, they fully recognised the amount of good they were doing for the Church. They heard much about the dwindling congregations in the churches. That was to be deplored where it was so, but it was up to those who were ringers to keep on with their job, because the voice of bells must reach far and wide, and he was one of those who were of opinion that the sound of the bells must remind the hearers of their God, their Church and the Sabbath (hear, hear). It was up to them, especially on Sunday, to give of their best in ringing (hear, hear). The ringers to-day were recognised by the clergy, and at a dedication service which he attended a month ago the Archbishop of Canterbury said: 'We have every reason here in England to be proud of our church bells. There are no countries abroad where the bells have so great a place in the life of the people. Some of you may have heard the great booming bells in France and Flanders, swinging above the crowded market place. Russia used to be almost a land of the music of the bells, but, alas! in most places they have been silenced, and the metal, once the instrument of their music, has been turned to base uses. But here in England the number and beauty of our church bells are unrivalled, and we, almost alone, have cultivated for long generations the goodly art of change ringing. The Archbishop, said the Master, finished up with what he considered a message to ringers, when he said, 'At least let us here in England hear and heed the message of our church bells.' That was a message to ringers to recruit youngsters to carry on the work. It was no use having bells unless they had ringers, and they should get recruits and try and keep them. He sometimes wondered whether ringers, advanced in the art, gave enough attention to the youngsters. If they did not, then they ought to do so. The Master concluded by thanking the clergy for allowing them the use of the bells. They were grateful to the clergy, and he knew the clergy were grateful to the ringers (applause).

THE OLDEST CITY MINOR GUILD.

The Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton, who responded to the toast, reminded the company that the Church did not consist of the clergy alone, but of all who were members of it. The clergy formed the priesthood, but they were also servants of the whole Church. There were many services which they were called upon to undertake and to offer, and he thought the best service they could render to ringers was to open their belfries, or, in the first place, to own a peal of bells (hear, hear). Personally, he had a shrewd suspicion that the only reason he had been called upon to respond to that toast was because he happened to have eleven bells (laughter). He could only assure them that the oftener they rang the bells at his church the happier he was (hear, hear), but he could not say that all who worked in his parish expressed themselves as pleased; in fact, he had had to limit the number of peals, not according to his own wish, but in accord with the so-called hard work of those in the offices round about (laughter). He wished to take that opportunity of thanking the ringers for their good services, given in such an unstinted and generous manner. Especially he would like to thank Mr. Hughes, who looked after the bells and cared for them in a generous and voluntary way (applause). Sometimes, continued the speaker, the clergy in certain parts of the country were said not to take the amount of interest and give the amount of encouragement to ringers that they ought to do. On the other hand, he had heard that in some out of the way places the ringers seemed to forget that the belfry was not the whole church and that they were not always seen, after ringing, in the nave. In these matters there was always some room for, he would not say mutual recrimination (laughter), but of reproach, but on such an occasion as that perhaps it would be well if they (the clergy) took it as their fault if the ringers were not seen in the nave as well as in the belfry (laughter). The speaker thanked the society for the great work they did during the year for the Church and also for their delightful hospitality. They were, he said, one of the minor Guilds of the City which were not Livery companies, and one of the oldest, if not the oldest, among them. Certainly there was no other bell-ringing company so ancient as theirs. He had found that there was a very ancient guild of bellringers, called the Guild of the Brethren of Westminster, whose charter was confirmed by the great King Henry III., who confirmed them in the privileges and free customs which they had enjoyed since the time of Edward the Confessor. That Guild existed for ringing the great bells of Westminster Abbey, but the Company, so great and so ancient, at last came to an end. There was another Company, called the Brethren of the Scholars of Cheap-

side. Whether they rang at St. Mary-le-Bow he did not know, but they were a bellringing company in the early 17th century. They also appeared to have come to an end. He was sure he was right in saying there was no company of ringers existing in London as old as their own. Not only had they a pride in their history, but a greater pride in being a live company, doing their own work and spreading their influence all over England to a greater extent year by year. He thanked the College Youths for their charming entertainment on three counts: the remarkable sense of hospitality, the enthusiasm that was bred in the art, and the brotherliness and friendliness that existed. It was a great thing to have this sense of brotherhood in church work. There they forgot all their differences and were united just as the bells were—with different notes and tones, but united in a sweet harmony when they pulled the ropes. That was what there was in their gathering there that night (applause).

A GREAT LOSS

Canon G. F. Coleridge, who said he had attended that annual gathering for 40 years in succession, or very nearly, proposed the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' The Master, he said, had referred in very feeling terms to one who was a great friend of many of them—the late Cyril Jenkyn. Many a one throughout England missed him sorely, but there were three in that room who missed him more than words could tell. Those three were the secretary and treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and himself. He had been prevailed upon to step into Mr. Jenkyn's shoes and carry on until a more experienced Master could be found. He was glad to do it for Mr. Jenkyn's sake, and for the sake of the Diocesan Guild, of which he had been a member for something like 52 years. He knew something of the ins and outs of it, and at times he might be able to give a little useful advice when called for, but, as for following Mr. Jenkyn in all he did, that was quite impossible. Continuing, Canon Coleridge referred to the veterans' peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, which he described as a wonderful performance. He was only sorry he was not able to be one of that band. He was kindly asked months ago, when it was intended to ring it at Marlow on a Friday, but had to decline, and when it was altered to Saturday in London he was still prevented from going, because he had already promised to attend the bicentenary of the Oxford Society, of which he had been a member for 54 years, and felt it his duty to be there. There was no one more pleased than he was when he read that the peal had been successful, and he was not a bit surprised when he got a letter saying that the band hoped to do better and to start with two others for a peal of Stedman Caters before the end of the year. They did him the honour of asking him to be in that peal (hear, hear). He had written to say that he would not feel up to it so close after the heavy duties of Christmas, but the only answer he got was, 'You will find it a great tonic and it will do you a lot of good' (laughter and applause). He hoped that whoever rang in the Caters would be as successful as the band in the peal of Triples. It would take a lot of ringing, but they old people, who had been called 'Perpetual Youths,' must not consider themselves old until they were laid down in the earth.

Continuing, Canon Coleridge said the Master's name reminded him of another member of that society who was known pretty well many years ago—John Christopher Mitchell—and who was present that evening. Mr. Mitchell had had a frightfully busy life and had had to drop ringing for some years, but he showed that night that he had turned over a new leaf (applause). Now that the London General Omnibus Company, of which Mr. Mitchell had been secretary, was merged into another organisation, he believed Mr. Mitchell was going shortly to enjoy that rest which he so richly deserved, and how could he spend his leisure better than by meeting the ringers and ringing with them? (applause). He knew it was Mr. Mitchell's earnest desire to come back and be a very useful member of the College Youths (hear, hear). He hoped they would eventually see him in the chair (applause). Masters change, year by year, said Canon Coleridge, but there was one great official of the College Youths who never changed—he trusted it would be many years before there was a change—and that was their honorary secretary, Mr. Cockerill (applause). Mr. Cockerill looked as young as ever; he (the speaker) knew he was as energetic as ever, and he of all men would hold up that great ideal that they should be youthful as long as they lived (applause).

A REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who was cordially received, responded to the toast. He mentioned that apologies for absence had been received from Canon Alexander (St. Paul's Cathedral), Canon Haldane (Southwark Cathedral), the Rev. S. Gordon Ponsonby (St. Mary-le-Bow), the Rev. W. P. Besley (St. Lawrence Jewry), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. J. F. Smallwood (Bolton) and Mr. M. Northover (Reigate). Mr. Cockerill then asked the company to mark with reverence the memory of the following 17 deceased members of the society who had died since the last annual gathering, and the names were read while the company remained standing: Frank J. Javey, Exeter; William Cook, Ashted; William Horan, Todmorden; Thomas Blackburne, Luton; Thomas Joyce, Stepney; Thomas Watson, Braintree; Thomas Faulkner, Barking; William Walmsley, Macclesfield; Thomas Page, Broadway, Dorset; Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Caversham; Rev. H. F. De Lisle, South Africa; Rev. George H. Ensor, late of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park; Edward P. O'Meara,

COLLEGE YOUTHS OFFICERS.

The election of officers in the Ancient Society of College Youths took place on Tuesday evening. There was only one nomination for each office as follows: Master, Mr. E. Alexander Young; senior steward, Mr. E. P. Duffield; junior steward, Mr. C. W. Roberts; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill. The trustees are Mr. Chas. F. Winney and Mr. Walter Prime.



MR. E. A. YOUNG, THE NEW MASTER.

Streatham; Richard Kilby, Ruislip; Frederick G. Newman, Leyton; Henry G. Fairbrass, Canterbury; and Walter W. Stevens, Bethnal Green. Mr. Cockerill expressed the society's heartfelt sympathy with Canon Bullock Webster in his illness, and remarked with regret that news had been received that Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, was seriously ill and not expected to survive.

During the year, said Mr. Cockerill, 27 new members had been made. Seventy-one meetings for practice had been held and the best attendance had been made by Mr. E. G. Fenn, who had been present 60 times (applause). The peals rung numbered 17, viz., Stedman Triples 5, Caters 1, Cinques 2, Bob Major 1 (at St. Margaret's, Barking, muffled to the memory of the late Mr. T. Faulkner), and 2 on handbells: Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich 2, Cambridge Surprise Minor 1, Major 1, Royal 1. Mr. Cockerill concluded by extending hearty congratulations to Mr. Winney and the band who rang the peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on October 21st, and to Canon Coleridge on his birthday. They wished him 'Many happy returns' (applause).

Mr. Winney was also asked to reply, which he did in a number of reminiscences.

Referring to Bow bells, Mr. Winney said we lived in an age of advertisement. Bow bells had been relying on ball bearings, and, he thought, Simpson tuned. He held in his hand a pamphlet which said, 'Restoration of Bow Bells.' That, he considered, was a misnomer. St. Mary Redcliffe Church had recently been restored. His late friend, Jim Hinton, just before he died, said the tenor was the only bell that needed recasting, but eventually nine bells were recast, altering the character of the ring, which were rather heavier and of the same family as Painswick and Fulham, with a rich quality which enabled ringers to ring with their soul. Mr. Winney added that in conversation recently a gentleman remarked that in these days a conductor rarely ventured on a risky 720 of Bob Minor, but their Master made one with 42 singles his last extent in a peal at Milton. 'You risked disaster,' was the comment. He (Mr. Winney) delighted in the bob caller's courage. He was a born six-bell ringer. In thank-

ing the members for their congratulations on the veterans' peal at Hart Street, he said his newsagent read the letter in 'The Ringing World' to him, and when he said it was signed 'Twenty-one,' he (Mr. Winney) blurted out, 'An anonymous person is a liar' (laughter). The newsagent danced round and, said Mr. Winney, 'I then said quietly, "They usually infringe the ninth commandment"' (laughter).

THE CHARM OF RINGING.

Mr. W. Roughton submitted 'The Visitors,' who, he said, they were delighted to welcome, and especially to welcome the presence of those visitors who were 'outside the charmed circle' of ringing. A friend of his once said that to be a good ringer a person must of necessity be a little bit 'cracked'—or, more aptly, have 'bats in the belfry' (laughter). But these people with 'bats in the belfry' had done some very wonderful things and their records were contained in the books of that society. It was very difficult to define in a general way the great charm of bellringing, but one of their oldest members, who died last year and was formerly a Master of the society, very aptly described the art when he wrote, 'Bellringing is a pastime more captivating than cricket, more fascinating than football, more pleasant than picture palaces, and its reward is more kicks than ha'pence' (laughter). He believed that was true. It was an exercise which created good fellowship and a spirit of comradeship. It brought together and held together all classes and grades of men and bound them into a band of comrades, for in this art they all spoke the same language and thought the same thoughts. He thought it was true to say, as the late Rev. F. E. Robinson once said, 'When you meet a good ringer, be he tinker, tailor, soldier or sailor, you meet a downright good fellow' (applause).

Mr. Roughton went on to build a picture of what he described as a 'robot' figure, comprising some of the characteristics of that ancient society, in the construction of which he drew upon the merits and capabilities of such Youths as Canon Coleridge, Mr. E. A. Young, Major Hesse and Mr. A. R. Macdonald, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, Tom Hibbert, Bert Langdon, Bob Newton, and last, but not least, the honorary secretary, Mr. Cockerill, who was the soul of the society. As the voice of this 'robot,' he extended a real warmhearted welcome to the visitors, and coupled with the toast the names of two J.P.s. who had honoured them with their presence—Mr. W. S. London and Councillor J. W. Clunn, the latter having just relinquished the office of Mayor of Gravesend.

FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE.

Mr. W. S. London said the society was founded in 1637. He was associated with a business founded in 1690, and he would like to know why they had allowed 245 years to go by before inviting him to one of their dinners (laughter). Their title was the 'Ancient Society of College Youths.' He did not know whether the service they rendered to humanity was from the wisdom of age or the energy that came from youth, and he was too old to advise them. One had to be under 20 in these days in order to tell the rest of the world what it ought to do (laughter). But if he was dobarred from advising them, he most sincerely admired them. When they rang the bells they took part in some of the most important events in the life of the nation. There were certain things which appealed to them from the cradle to the grave, but probably nothing more so than the ball and bells. In the former they passed from wool to rubber, to leather, ivory and wood as they went from childhood to tennis, cricket, billiards and lastly to bowls. In the cradle they began with the rattle, which was usually adorned with bells; later they were taken out by relatives and led by reins with bells on the strap. The bell called them to school, where they learnt the meaning of education and spent the rest of their lives trying to find it (laughter). The bells rang out when they entered the marriage state, and again when they were released from it (laughter). There was something very beautiful and very human about the bell. Mr. London concluded by thanking the society for their hospitality and entertainment.

Councillor Clunn expressed his great pleasure in being present to support his old friend Mr. Mitchell. They had been associated in certain work in Gravesend for many years, and he always had the greatest admiration for their Master. He was proud of his county and his town, and it was from the belfries of Kent that many of their foreign friends from overseas had first heard the music of England. It was in his own town that the Duchess of Edinburgh and their dear Queen Alexandra first heard the music of the bells of this country. He belonged to a town that was closely associated with the Church and with the bells, and there had never been a rehanging or recasting of bells in their town to which the Corporation had not subscribed. On the last occasion, when the Master put out an appeal for the addition of two bells to Milton Church, the Corporation gave them 50 guineas, and when the bells of Gravesend were done they gave £100 (applause). He claimed that that was something of which they might be proud, because it showed that the town appreciated the voluntary work that was done by the ringers (hear, hear). Councillor Clunn mentioned that in 1522, when the Bishop made an official visitation to the town of Gravesend, the churchwardens omitted to have the bells rung in his honour, and for that ecclesiastical offence they were cited and fined (laughter). In conclusion, he expressed pleasure in being present to support the Master, and said that when Mr. Mitchell spoke of encouraging youth, he was practising what he was preaching, for as he looked across the table he saw Mr. Mitchell's

two boys, who were following in his footsteps. He hoped the time would come when the sons would produce ringers either in the tower at Milton or Gravesend (applause).

PEALS NOT EASILY ARRANGED IN LONDON.

Mr. J. S. Hawkins proposed 'Kindred Societies,' the representatives of which they heartily welcomed. They were delighted to see so many societies present to honour that anniversary. The society was always glad to welcome visiting ringers at their weekly meetings. They were sometimes asked to arrange peals, but if they had to disappoint people in this respect it was not their fault. Peals were not so easily arranged in London as in many provincial districts, but when circumstances permitted they did all they could to oblige visitors (hear, hear).

Mr. Sydney Riches (Bristol United Guilds), who first responded, said he sometimes wondered whether eventually it would be possible to carry on with ringing. Many remarks had been passed in and around Bristol as to what was going to happen to ringing, and if they looked at it carefully they would see that it was the old ones with all their enthusiasm who were carrying on, and that the younger ones were not coming on. It was a problem which they, as societies, had got to face. He thought one primary cause was the lack of specialised training. There was not an abundance of good teachers and they could never have good ringers until they had good teachers. He thought, therefore, that one direction in which they could remedy the position would be by specialised study classes—something outside the ordinary handling of ropes in the tower—the study of the theoretical side, so that they could lead young men on to become good conductors, which would naturally create a greater interest in the art. He hoped the societies in the future would try and fight the growing apathy—it was their responsibility. Mr. Riches went on to speak of the tendency in certain quarters to associate ringers with the public-house. It created a wrong impression, and the societies should do their best to remove this public misconception where it existed. In conclusion, Mr. Riches extended an invitation to the company to the Bristol United Guilds' dinner on January 20th, when it was hoped to arrange for a tour of the restored Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' INFLUENCE IN SOUTH WALES.

Mr. J. W. Jones (Llandaff and Monmouth Association) also replied. He said the kindred societies all looked up to the College Youths. Fifty-seven years ago a band of College Youths visited Llanstephan, Carmarthenshire, and rang the first peal on the bells. Later they went to Llandaff Cathedral and scored the first peal of Stedman Triples in Wales. One of those youngsters, the conductor, was still alive and well after 42 years. Those visits, said Mr. Jones, had a good deal to do with the foundation, some two years after, of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, which had never since looked back. If they could not do much in the way of ringing higher methods, they had succeeded in bringing into existence many restored rings of bells and new peals of eight (applause). These improvements had largely been carried out through the efforts and influence of the ringers of the Llandaff Association (hear, hear). And what the College Youths did for them in South Wales they did in many other parts of the country. Proceeding, Mr. Jones said he did not agree with the rather pessimistic view of the future taken by Mr. Riches. Thirty-two years ago the bells he was connected with were put in and they had never failed to ring for the Sunday services since (applause). If they visited the church they would see ten or twelve young men in the belfry and there was never a lack of recruits. Where did they get them from? They got the ringers from the church (applause). They got them from the choirboys, the sidesmen and the Church Council. If they looked for them here he believed they would have no difficulty in getting plenty of ringers. Mr. Jones, in conclusion, expressed the thanks of visiting ringers to London for the welcome they always received from the College Youths.

The remaining toast was that of 'The Press,' proposed with characteristic originality by Mr. Tom Hibbert, and responded to by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Interspersed between the speeches were songs by Mr. H. Lansberry, handbell solos by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, which were again a source of great delight, and a touch of Stedman Cinques on handbells by Messrs. A. B. Peck, H. R. Pasmore, H. Langdon, C. W. Roberts, J. Thomas and W. T. Cockerill.

The enjoyable proceedings then terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

STOURBRIDGE.—At St. Thomas' Church on Sunday, November 5th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Boh Major (1,264 changes) with the bells half-muffled before evening service: A. Reynolds 1, L. W. Turner 2, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 3, H. T. Amphlett 4, A. L. Dunn 5, J. W. Smith 6, C. W. Cooper 7, F. W. Gibbs 8. After service with the bells open, 336 Grandsire Triples.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, November 11th, at St. Mary the Virgin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: P. Ashby (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Haynes (first in the method) 2, C. Hendry (first in the method) 3, M. Hobbs 4, H. Turner (first in the method) 5, J. Saddington 6, G. Lines (conductor) 7, R. Twelvtree 8.

RUTLAND BRANCH FORMED.

GENEROUS GIFT TO TOWERS.

The first meeting of the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Empingham on Saturday, November 11th, and proved a success. The Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford) conducted the Guild form of service, and the Rector, Canon E. E. Law, H.C.F., gave a most appropriate address. Fifty sat down to tea, and, with the exception of about a dozen from Folkingham, Peterborough, Market Deeping, Kettering, Gillsborough, Welford and Northampton, the remainder were clergy and ringers of Rutland.

Canon Law presided at the meeting, supported by the Rev. W. St. G. Coldwell (Tickenote), the Rev. F. J. Tavernier (Wing), the Rev. C. C. Aldred (Uppingham), the Rev. W. A. Mandall (Whissendine), Messrs. J. J. Jutson and W. H. Waldron (Peterborough), H. Baxter (Kettering) and the general secretary, Mr. R. G. Black.

Apologies were received from the Ven. A. I. Greaves (Archdeacon of Oakham), Canon Smalley Law, the Rev. R. C. Thurstield, Miss Thurstield and Mr. F. Barber, who all sent best wishes for the success of the new branch.

The officers elected were as follows: President, Canon E. E. Law; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. W. Daniels; auditor, the Rev. F. J. W. Tavernier; Central Committee, Messrs. G. Stevens and G. Wright; and Branch Committee, Messrs. Harper and C. Lambert and one to be nominated from Oakham belfry.

The next meeting is to be held at Uppingham in January.

A most apt and welcome gift was received from a life honorary member of the Guild, Mr. A. Nunneley Wood, Northampton, comprising a set of books for each tower which joined the branch. These were a copy each of 'The Ringing World,' 'Ropesight,' 'Village Bells,' 'Standard Methods' and 'The Ringers' Handbook.'

These were duly handed to representatives of the ten towers who had joined. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. Wood thanking him for his splendid gift.

The collection at the service was for the Belfry Repairs Fund of the Guild and realised 12s. 4d.

The Rev. C. C. Aldred moved a vote of thanks to the Rector of Empingham for the use of the bells and for his address, which was seconded by Mr. Jutson, who added that the Rector was no stranger to the formation of new branches, as when at Peterborough he was one of the movers in the formation of the Peterborough and District Association, which joined with the Central Northants Association in 1924 when the Diocesan Guild was formed, and in 1925, when at Daventry, he also assisted in the formation of the Daventry Branch, and was its hon. treasurer until he moved to Empingham.

It is hoped the enthusiasm shown at this meeting will be maintained and that the members will strongly support the officers, especially the branch secretary, on whom a large share of the work will fall, and that the new branch will prove a lusty infant and eventually grow up to be a big strong branch.

The bells, a splendid ring of six, in good order, were kept going in a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening.

MR. AMOS REPLIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I again ask the favour of your columns to reply to the letters of Messrs. Black and Bigley in your last issue? Regarding Mr. Black's remarks about the 'boot on the other foot' and the 'dog being in my kennel,' it is quite easy to reverse things to cover one's self. He asks what have I done in regard to my proposed new association? If he read my last letter through he should know. He says as long ago as 1925 he talked over with some Rutland men the connecting of Rutland with his Guild, and only dropped the idea through lack of enthusiasm. Why then with enthusiasm still the same should he want to revive it now? He proves my words beyond doubt. He and his advocates did not want Rutland THEN, and do not now, only that they fear someone else stepping in and setting up an association there. What is this but 'a dog in a manger'? He says that as Rutland comes in the Peterborough Diocese, he is justified in entering and forming a branch without anyone's permission. As there is no jurisdiction, so likewise are we justified in forming a Rutland Association (or even another in Northants if it came to that) without asking his permission. Mr. Black says his is a Diocesan Guild. I am not so sure about that! Let us see. The P.D.G. was formed in January, 1924, out of the Central Northants Association, the Raunds, Wellingborough and District, and the Peterborough and Oundle District Societies. None of the other bodies, comprising Rutland, Towcester and District, Daventry District and the Brackley Deanery (which, by the way, is another 'piece of virgin soil'), were consulted until afterwards. Daventry one year, Towcester seven years, Rutland ten years and Brackley still not at all. How then can it be a Diocesan Guild? Such it could only be by all the parties agreeing at the time of formation, by mutual consent. Surely to set up a Diocesan Guild out of only half, and expect the other half to agree to the proposal 10 years afterwards is asking for trouble? It certainly is not a very good piece of business!

The recent meeting at Oakham, of which Mr. Black makes mention, I consider is no criterion on the matter of a Rutland Branch of his Guild, seeing that a large proportion of the 10 ringers who turned up

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THE LATE MR. JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN.

RANG A PEAL AT PRINCE CONSORT'S DEATH.

The funeral of the late Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., took place on Saturday morning at the City of London Crematorium, Ilford.

Mr. Waghorn's interest in ringing, which began when he was only 16 years of age, was maintained until his death, and to the last he

followed keenly through 'The Ringing World' all that happened in the Exercise. Only a few days before he died he discussed with his daughter the veterans' peal at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street.

Born on January 27th, 1843, Mr. Waghorn commenced ringing at Whitechapel in 1859, and rang his first peal at the death of the Prince Consort in December, 1861. He did not keep a detailed record of his peals, but he had rung about 150 altogether, his last being one of Kent Treble Bob at Liverpool in 1926.

He had rung on every royal occasion since 1860, and had been a member of the old Westminster Abbey ringers, as a result of which he had been present in the Abbey at the coronation of the present King and Queen. He rang there for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee and for many other royal events. Among his peals was one at Christ Church, Blackfriars, in 1870, to celebrate the opening by Queen Victoria of



THE LATE MR. J. WAGHORN, SEN.

Blackfriars Bridge and Holborn Viaduct. Mr. Waghorn visited many parts of the country in pursuit of his favourite hobby, and he was frequently a visitor at meetings of the Central Council. The last ringing function which he attended was the dedication and reopening of Bow bells. He was present on both days and took part in a touch.

He was a member of 20 different associations, and it was his proud boast that he had visited every Cathedral in England.

His last years were spent with his daughter, Mrs. F. Maul, at 35, Winton Avenue, New Southgate, and, as already reported, passed peacefully away on Tuesday, November 7th, full of years and honour.

LIFTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 4, 6, 8 covering: T. Barriball 1, W. Brimacombe 2, E. Toulson 3, S. Marks 4, J. Benoy 5, S. Pring (first quarter-peal) 6, W. E. Ball (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Dergos 8. Rung to commemorate Armistice Sunday. All the above are members of the local band and regular Sunday service ringers.

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were from other dioceses: Leicester, Southwell and Lincoln. Rutland itself, I find out, was hardly 'seen or heard,' only ringers from five towers being present. The only ones from Northants, from what I can gather, were those who went simply out of curiosity to try Oakham's fine peal of bells and to listen to the proceedings of a rather out of the ordinary meeting. Most of these, unless living in Peterborough or possessing their own conveyance, I can imagine having to rush off before the finish to catch the last train at 6.2 p.m. Would they want to do this as a general thing? As for myself, I possess my own means of transport. Neither time nor distance is any object to me. Very often I motor-cycle 50 miles each way to a meeting and above once have done 25 miles on push bike.

Now a word to Mr. Bigley. Whether he thinks my letters should be barred or not, I, or anyone else, have a perfect right to send any matter for publication in 'The Ringing World' if they think fit. Like the forming of a Rutland Association, there is no jurisdiction, and if it irritates Mr. Bigley to see my letters, all I can say is, 'Don't read them!' For Mr. Bigley to say they should be barred shows that he would prejudice another's rights if he could. I claim the full right of freedom of thought and action. Mr. Bigley says he thinks the time has arrived when my grievance should be made public. I fully agree, and had this been done in 1927 at the annual meeting instead of 'behind the curtains' at a branch meeting by a mere handful of men, it would not have brought trouble in its train. Such matters, I maintain, concern the Guild as a whole and not just one branch of it. For the benefit of your readers, I can assure them that the grievance is purely a personal one and one which should have nothing at all to do with ringing.

PERCY AMOS.

Knox Road, Wellingborough.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Higher Walton, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend. Subscriptions due. Next combined practice, Brownedge, Wednesday, Nov. 15th.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on Nov. 18th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A service, tea and business meeting will be held. All will be heartily welcome. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Nominations for district officers, 1934, must be made at this meeting. The district officers hope that this meeting will be more representative than recent meetings have been.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Condover on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30.—R. R. Pole, Asst. Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Earlswood, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Preacher: Rev. Canon Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild). Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Shaw bells (6) available after tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) 3.30 to 5 and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5.15, in Parish Hall, Rectory Road.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room, 1s. each. Please inform Mr. H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Cambs, numbers. This is the last meeting for 1933. Please attend and make the meeting a success. — F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.45. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Framsdon (8) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing at Helmingham (8 bells) at 2.30. Tea at Framsdon Mission Room, at 4.30, at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HATHERN, near Loughborough. — The Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor and Co., on Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 4.30.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—Meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged. Come in crowds and make it a bumper meeting.—A committee meeting will be held in the Vestry.—J. H. Swinfield, Sec. pro. tem., 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The November meeting is to be a joint one with the Midland Counties Association (Hinckley District), to be held at Wolvey (6) on Nov. 18th. Tea provided. This is the last meeting of the year. Please turn up and make a successful meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) ready from 2 p.m. Those who require tea please notify Mr. E. A. Midwinter, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark. Good attendance requested. — H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice at Longparish, Nov. 18th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m., for which please notify Rev. T. Marsden, Longparish Rectory, Whitchurch, Hants. — Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Church Room. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Aldrington (Portslade Station) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (1s. each), followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—St. Mary the Virgin, **UPTON GREY.**—The peal of 6 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. Tea (6d.) follows. As accommodation is limited, please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 21st, at latest.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will be held in the small hall of the Public Hall, Worcester, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. W. Short (Master). Musical programme. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, must be applied for before Tuesday, Nov. 21st, from either of the branch secretaries, or from J. R. Newman, Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 25th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions are due.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

UPTON GREY, HANTS.—On Saturday, Nov. 25th, the Bishop of Winchester will dedicate the bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Service 3 p.m.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North, East, South and West Branches.—A combined meeting of the association at Wymondham on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3 o'clock. *Names for tea, please.*—William B. Duncan, John G. W. Harwood, Nolan Golden and Wm. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Secs.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. P. Kelsall, 164a, Newcastle Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before Nov. 22nd?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Service at 6. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports ready. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Staley, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please notify Mr. H. Hinchliffe, 7, Richmond Street, Stalybridge, by Tuesday, Nov. 21st.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at St. Mary Redcliffe and St. Thomas (combined). Bells (12 and 8) available at 3 p.m. Service at Redcliffe. Tea and meeting to follow at St. Thomas'. Please let me know for tea by 22nd inst. Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Rd., Greenbank, Bristol 5.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea (9d.) will be provided only if sufficient send their names in to Mr. James Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne, Yorks, not later than Thursday, Nov. 23rd.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than Nov. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Two special meetings will be held as follows: Nov. 25th at Daventry (8) and Dec. 16th at Willoughby (6). Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Headingley St. Michael's on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds, 12.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford and District Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Giles', Oxford, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A card, please, by Thursday, 23rd, if you want tea.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 27, South Street, Headington, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Good bus and train service. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LAMBETH PARISH CHURCH.—The ring of eight bells, retuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on Sunday, Nov. 26th, at morning service (11.15 a.m.), at which the Mayor and Corporation will be present.

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SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Swansea on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Beenham on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Guild members 9d. Non-members 1s. Please notify Mr. A. Arlott, Beenham, by Nov. 28th number for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. As the Vicar has kindly invited the ringers to be his guests, will you please notify me of your intention to be present before Thursday, Nov. 30th, so that arrangements may be made for tea?—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our annual social will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Dec. 2nd. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. Social at 6 p.m. Will all those intending being present please notify Mr. H. Entwistle, 8, Willow Street, Burnley, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 29th?—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. All requiring tea should notify by Nov. 29th Mr. T. Lincoln, Oxney Green, Writtle. Good attendance requested.—A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Topsham, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4. Address by the Vicar (Rev. Guy Halliday). Tea 4.45 (free). Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Saturday, Nov. 25th?—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

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TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church on Sunday, Oct. 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Ellis 1, Mrs. E. H. King 2, W. Bowden 3, W. J. Ellis 4, E. H. King 5, E. E. Holman 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, C. Davidson 8.—On October 29th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, E. H. King 2, Mrs. E. H. King 3, W. J. Ellis 4, H. Ellis 5, E. E. Holman (conductor) 6, J. G. Nash 7, C. Davidson 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 29th, for the morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Dale 1, J. E. Rootes 2, J. Cross 3, P. Parslow 4, F. Smith 5, F. W. Elliott 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, W. Cross 8. Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Dover, Kent, and was on a visit to the district.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINGS.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: Bernard Gillatt, sen., 1, A. Thornton 2, J. Bray 3, George Hobbins 4, E. Brittain 5, George W. Moody (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Canon Jeudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln and president of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

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On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

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

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Oxford Maximus. † First peal of Oxford Maximus on tower bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Cecil W. Pipe on the occasion of his marriage with Miss Dorothy Mitchell, which took place at Virginia Water on the 18th inst. The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus ever rung containing only five courses. Miss Tillett has now rung peals on six, eight, ten, eleven and twelve bells, and is not yet 15 years old.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Tuesday, November 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	JOHN TYSON 5
EDWARD WEBSTER 2	PETER NUTTALL 6
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 3	JOHN NUTTALL 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	JAMES LEATHER Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar of Bolton (the Rev. W. J. Havelock Davison, M.A.), who was inducted on November 4th. Also a compliment to Peter Nuttall, for 51 years a ringer at this church, on his 71st birthday.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF WAVENEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

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

Rung to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the termination of the Great War. This method is now rung for the first time, and is the 18th Surprise method to be rung on these bells by an entirely local band.

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DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, GRANTHAM

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
FREDERICK E. WILSON ... Treble	*WALTER ALLEN ... 5
SIDNEY COX ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 3	SYDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... 4	JOHN E. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal. Rung with half-muffled bells.

WOODBURY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLTS TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.	
GEORGE STOCKER ... Treble	JOHN R. HAYMAN ... 5
EDWARD SPRAGUE ... 2	ALFRED LOVING ... 6
FRED DIMOND ... 3	WILLIAM HAYMAN ... 7
JOHN N. SKINNER ... 4	*BERT SKINNER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

* First peal and first attempt.

GREAT STANMORE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.	
CHARLES DYKE ... Treble	THOMAS COLLINS ... 5
EDWARD ASHLY ... 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ... 6
ELSIE K. FULTON ... 3	GEORGE A. HUGHES ... 7
JOHN E. ROOTES ... 4	FRED HAZELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for those who fell in the Great War and also as a token of respect to the late Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen.

HILLINGDON WEST.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST G. TURNER ... Treble	PERCY E. JONES ... 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	EDGAR HANCOX ... 6
AMES H. LUCAS ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 4	WILLIAM HONOR ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN BEAMS ... Treble	WILLIAM WHITING ... 5
GEORGE MARRINER ... 2	ARTHUR SMITH ... 6
*ALFRED H. WINCH ... 3	JOHN HOYLE ... 7
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. HARMAN.

* 300th peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
ERNEST BRETT ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 4	JOSEPH MARKS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S THREE-PART, No. 97. Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lb.	
MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	CHARLES DRAPER ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
RONALD H. DOVE ... 4	JOHN CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and completes peals in parts one to twenty on the odd-and-even bob plan, rung by the 'Wednesday afternoon' band.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, November 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by all the band.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 2	JOHN MARSHALL ... 6
WILLIAM J. TBYNG ... 3	*CHARLIE BATES ... 7
JOHN W. SYKES ... 4	THOMAS E. LEE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 383.) Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

* First peal of Oxford. The band wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. J. S. Pegge, M.A.) and Mrs. Pegge for their kind hospitality after the peal.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*FREDERICK FORSTER ... Treble	*ANDREW THOMPSON ... 5
HAROLD HOUSON ... 2	*JAMES WILLIAMS ... 6
ALAN D. STEEL ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
*MATTHEW BUCKLEY ... 4	JOSEPH SIMISTER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal. The treble and 5th hail from Newcastle-under-Lyne, the rest are local ringers. Rung after meeting short for Stedman, owing to sickness, and the band wish to thank the treble ringer for making up the band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen 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.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... Treble	MADRICE SMITHER ... 5
WILLIAM M. STONE ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
HENRY HUTTON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Charles N. Burdock, by past and present Sunday service ringing members of the Holy Trinity Society. Mr. Burdock had been a member of the society since 1911, and was interred at Guildford previously the same day.

STREET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT ... 5
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS ... 2	RONALD G. BECK ... 6
*JOHN E. METCALFE ... 3	*THOMAS J. SETTER ... 7
HARRY J. SANGER ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by H. H. TUCKER.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
*FRANK S. TAYLOR ... 2	*ALBERT R. WARD ... 6
HENRY J. TUCKER ... 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 4	*ERNEST R. WARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS G. MARTIN ... Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 5
CHARLES R. COLLINS ... 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 6
NORMAN G. LEBCH ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL ... 7
NORMAN H. SMITH ... 4	WILLIAM H. LOWE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the wedding of Mr. A. D. Collins, captain of the local band.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
HUGH J. DALCOMBE ... 2	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours & Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

REGINALD BROWN ... Treble	JAMES TOPP ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SAMUEL GROVE ... Treble	*THOMAS HENMING ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... 2	REGINALD CHANCE ... 6
HAROLD V. COOPER ... 3	JOHN BASS ... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 4	HECTOR G. BIRD ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 2	BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 6
FRANK CLAYDON ... 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 7
*ALBERT L. DIXEY ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. W. Pettitt. The monthly peal for the division.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT ... Treble	ALFRED CLAYTON ... 5
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 2	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 6
*LAURENCE GREENBOW ... 3	DANIEL COOPER ... 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 4	HERBERT TOURLE ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL COOPER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. H. Lott, one of the local ringers, which took place at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ARTHUR W. ROBINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER ... 5
THOMAS LAW ... 2	JOHN MAIN ... 6
FRANK ROLLINGS ... 3	JOSEPH C. DEAN ... 7
TOM TEBBUTT ... 4	ALFRED MONK ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, two of St. Clement's and one of Plain Bob.

EDWARD C. COOKE ... Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 4
ALLEN M. LOVELL ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 5
VINCENT R. OVENS ... 3	GEORGE A. COOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. COOKE.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, also as a farewell peal for Allen M. Lovell, who is shortly leaving for Frome, Somerset. First peal in four methods by all except the ringer of the 4th.

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK CHAMBERS ... Treble	WALTER M. GODDARD ... 4
*JAMES W. GODDARD ... 2	JOSEPH ATKINSON ... 5
WILLIAM HOBSON ... 3	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringer of the second is 13 years of age. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Fred Hill, who had been a member of the Parish Church choir for 50 years, also a member of the Parochial Church Council, and who was interred on this date; also in memory of the 164 Barton men who died in the Great War.

ACORINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CECIL WALTON Treble	JACK BEATTIE 4
SIDNEY BROWN 2	*ARTHUR STANTON 5
*JAMES BARNES 3	WILLIE AARON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIE AARON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal by a local band at this church for 20 years. Rung in remembrance of those who fell in the Great War.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN H. BAILLSS Treble	REV. R. P. FARROW 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD 2	C. HENRY WEBB 5
*LEONARD P. WARD 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

* First touch in the method and first peal of Minor. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor for all the band and first in the method on the bells.

LAVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

*H. G. PHIPPEN Treble	B. GARRETT 4
*R. HAYTER 2	A. TAYLOR 5
H. GARRETT 3	*S. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by H. GARRETT.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War. The ringer of the treble is the first member of the local band to ring a peal. The rest are all Sunday service ringers from Overton.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, fourteen of Grandsire and fourteen of Plain Bob.

*ALFRED HESKETT Treble	FREDERICK WOOLWAY 4
JOHN WOODCOCK 2	PERCY SINDEN 5
ARTHUR WENBAN 3	*FREDERICK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SINDEN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung with bells half-muffled for those who fell in the Great War.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	FRED HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILFRED YOUNG Treble	ALBERT MATTOCK 4
†STANLEY MURPHY 2	JOE GRAINGER 5
ARTHUR ABRAMS 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED T. POULTON Treble	JOHN J. WEBB 4
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	WILLIAM POSTON 5
ERNEST COX 3	CHARLES H. COX Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Mr. A. T. Poulton has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN PERKINS Treble	GEORGE L. PERKINS 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in the method on the bells and by treble and 4th ringers. A birthday compliment to 'Henry VIII.'

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE CHESTER Treble	HERBERT LOWMAN 4
*PERCY HOLMES 2	†KENNETH W. MAYER 5
*CECIL J. MAYERS 3	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*THOMAS WELCH Treble	*PERCY L. BAZLEY 4
PERCY C. BONNETT 2	†REGINALD WEST 5
*HERBERT WELCH 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4 are members of the local company. First peal ever rung in this tower, and on the bells, recently restored and augmented by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Rung as an act of thanksgiving to celebrate the completion of the Bell Restoration Fund.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REV. C. CAREW COX... ..Treble	*HENRY G. KESLEY 4
*CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL 2	*FRANK E. BLACKMORE ... 5
GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 3	FRANK PRICE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal of Minor and in the method. First peal on the bells, which were augmented to six and rehung in 1928. First peal of Minor ever rung by a band resident in West Dorset. All the ringers belong to the Lyme Regis tower.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT ARCHERFIELD, 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 3-4	EDWIN BARNETT 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpires—T. Groombridge, sen. and W. J. Lemon.

* First peal 'in hand' on an inside pair.

WAVENEY SURPRISE MAJOR.

This method is another production by Mr. G. Lindoff, of Dublin, and the first peal (5,088) of it was rung at Leiston on November 11th, conducted by C. F. Bailey.

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RUTLAND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Amos is wrong to say that I would prejudice another's rights. The point is, I don't think it is 'right' to write letters to 'The Ringing World' which contain personal thrusts. No one, except those concerned in the grievance, know at whom they are aimed, and, therefore, all members of an association are tarred with the same brush.

Mr. Amos assures us that the grievance is purely a personal one and one which should have nothing at all to do with ringing. He should, therefore, keep it out of his letters, which are to a 'Ringing World.' I take my paper, 'The Ringing World,' to read, not just to see my name in a peal report now and then, and the articles, letters and reports are of interest to me, but I do hate to see the brotherly spirit (which, after all, is one of the things ringing associations are formed to foster) 'blighted' by letters which are written in what seems a bickering tone.

ARTHUR BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough.

MR. AMOS' 'DISMISSAL.'

Dear Sir,—As the controversy between Mr. Amos and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has assumed a personal aspect (on his side only), I feel it is time a few points should be made clear.

The Guild was formed on January 5th, 1924, by the union of as many of the existing societies as could possibly be obtained, with complete approval and consent of the Bishop of Peterborough. Since that time all other areas have been linked up with the exception of one. Considering the large area the Guild covers, this is a wonderful achievement on the part of all officers concerned.

It has for its objects: (1) The recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; (2) the due care and use of church bells and belfries; (3) the cultivation of the art of scientific change ringing; and also a rule which reads:—

'The chief endeavour of the Guild being to instil greater reverence for God's House and worship among its members, any member misconducting himself may be dismissed at the discretion of the Central Committee, who shall report same to the annual general meeting, and such member shall forfeit any payment which he may have made to the Guild.'

After many committee meetings and personal talks to Mr. Amos by some of the chief officers of the Guild, whose advice was always ignored, Mr. Amos' case was brought before the Central Committee, and the result was his dismissal from the Guild on June 6th, 1927.

Since that date he has been continually trying to create dissent among Guild members, but not once has he attempted to apologise for past conduct.

FRED HOPPER.

Northampton.

[This correspondence is now closed.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World'.]

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GOOD MEETING AT HACKNEY.

For the last meeting of the year, held on November 18th, the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association visited the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, and that this was a popular choice was shown by the attendance of some 40 or more ringers during the afternoon and evening, although the weather was not up to its previous 1933 standard. Punctually at 3 o'clock the bells were raised, and between that time and 5 p.m. were kept going to a great variety of methods. At the latter hour divine service was held, conducted by the Rev. — Morris, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector (the Rev. H. Cecil) through illness.

Afterwards an excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, which was followed by the business meeting. The death of Mr. Joseph Waghorn was referred to by the hon. secretary, who stated that the deceased gentleman had been a member of the association from its commencement. He was also a member of the old Middlesex Association, and took part in the first peal for that association, which was rung at Tottenham on November 1st, 1889. Mr. Coles also referred to the death of Mr. John D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland, and at one time a member of the Middlesex Association. He asked the members present to stand in silence for a few moments to show their respect for the deceased gentlemen, and as a mark of sympathy with the relatives, and to the members of the Royal Cumberland Youths on the loss of their Master.—This was accordingly done.

Other business included the election of three new members and the choosing of Edmonton as the venue for the next meeting on January 27th, the annual meeting of the district.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Pickworth) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, coupled with an expression of sympathy with him in his illness; to the Rev. Morris for conducting the service; and to Mr. A. Riley for arranging the meeting.—This was carried, and Mr. Riley replied.

The proceedings terminated with a touch of Stedman Triples on handbells by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, W. Pye, G. R. Pye and G. B. Collins.

Afterwards another visit was made to the tower, where, under the direction of the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), the tastes of all present were considered, and nobody need have gone away without having had ample opportunity of ringing any method desired, whether it was Grandsire Triples, Bob Major or Surprise, rung singly or in the now increasingly popular 'spliced' fashion.

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DEATH OF HIGHAM FERRERS RINGER.

The death took place on November 4th under tragic circumstances of Mr. Horace Cecil Dunkley, one of the younger members of Higham Ferrers belfry. He was only 31 years of age. A few weeks ago his five-years-old son contracted measles, and shortly after both father and mother were affected. In the case of Mr. Dunkley, pneumonia supervened, from which he died.

Mr. Dunkley was not a great peal ringer, but was a most loyal and regular Sunday service ringer, and his loss will be greatly felt in the belfry.

In addition to his ringing, Mr. Dunkley was well known in the district as a cricketer. He had played regularly for Higham Ferrers for the past nine years, in no fewer than seven of which he topped the batting averages. Two years ago he captained the side, and during last season was vice-captain.

He began his ringing as Chelveston Parish Church, where he was also for a number of years a member of the choir. He joined the Higham Ferrers band on going to live in that town seven years ago.

On Tuesday, November 7th, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung at Higham Ferrers with the bells half-muffled, and Mr. G. D. Deighton, a member of the belfry, was one of the bearers at the funeral, which had taken place earlier, the others being a member of the Cricket Club and two of the deceased's fellow-workmen. The ringers also sent a wreath.

Much sympathy has been expressed with the widow and little son who are left in bereavement.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT SCUNTHORPE.**

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, November 4th. Members attended from Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Ulceby, Barrow-on-Humber, Grimsby and the local members, Mrs. E. Brittain, Mr. Lunn, of Lea, and Mr. G. Lindoff. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Charles Steele), who gave a most inspiring address.

Members then adjourned for tea, to which 26 sat down.

The president (the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry) presided at the business meeting, at which one new member was elected, Miss Vera Blood, of Barton-on-Humber.

A collection for the district bell fund was taken.

Mr. J. Bury, District Ringing Master, then extended a welcome to a visitor who now is living in the district in the person of G. Lindoff, (Continued in next column.)

DO RINGERS TAKE THEIR PLEASURES MADLY?**'BRIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE' CELEBRATE.**

A notorious section of the 'Bright Young People' met to celebrate the anniversary of the discovery of a certain Guido Fawkes, also that of another not unknown fiery individual, Farmer Giles, to wit.

The qualifying condition was to bring at least one firework, and oh boy! (and girl!) what an assortment arrived.

There was Swithin and his Dickie, with an aeroplane so tricky,

There was Winnie and her Don, there was Ida, escort Tom,

A little Boy in Blue, his wife was with him too,

There were rousers, squibs and rockets, they all had filled their pockets,

There was Kath, there were wheels, this was better game than 'peals,'

There was Rosalind and Bill, of fun they had their fill,

Miss Morgan came with Tommy, there was Frank and Uncle Johnny.

There was Mary quite contrary, she isn't quite a fairy,

There were quite a lot of others, niece, sister, fathers, mothers,

And there was Mrs. Gough, scared of sparklers going off,

There were serpents in a mine, and a snowstorm that was 'fine,'

Roman Candles, jumping jacks, stars that made some lovely 'cracks.'

Rain of silver and of gold, a Jack in box, we can't grow old,

Coloured fire and sunshine ball, the moon came up and said,

'That's all.'

After the 'ball' was over and one or two had been 'led up the garden,' a little handbell ringing was indulged in, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples being rung (not without some 'Lewis' instructions). A few tunes were also tried.

The health of the 'Auther' was drunk in various concoctions. (He is already getting better.) After another hour or so of 'high jinks,' in which most of the ladies 'took the air,' and some of the gentle(?)men did some 'health and beauty' exercises, the party dispersed with reluctance, a few of them putting their heads together for another one next week.

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jun. Every ringer, he said, knew Mr. Lindoff's father if only by name.

Mr. Cecil Pye proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his excellent address and for conducting the service, and also to the organist and to those who had made the arrangements.—The Vicar suitably responded.

Afterwards handbell ringing was indulged in, and then the members returned to the tower again for further ringing before leaving for their various destinations, which some were fortunate to reach.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus rung at Ipswich makes the seventh different method rung to a peal on the twelve bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, this year, as follows: January 14th, Duffield Maximus; February 11th, Little Albion Treble Bob Maximus; July 29th, Cambridge Surprise Maximus; August 26th, Superlative Surprise Maximus; March 4th, Grand sire Cinques; October 21st, Stedman Cinques. This must surely be a record! To continue the sevens some of the band have rung a peal on seven consecutive Saturdays.

It is worthy of mention that before the peal at Hemingford Abbots, Hunts, rung last Friday as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Chapman, of Keyston, the Rector met the ringers in the belfry, offered prayer and wished them luck. Then, when the peal was completed, he came to congratulate them on their success and good striking. This is an example which other clergy might copy.

The Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, of St. Clement Dances, Strand, is confined to his bed as the result of a chill and overwork. On the 12th inst., the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, who was in London for the College Youths' meeting, took part in conducting the evening service.

Mr. F. Sergison, the hon. secretary of the St. Clement's Youths, is, we are glad to state, making a good recovery from a serious operation which he underwent on the 10th inst. He has been lying in St. Charles' Hospital, N.W., for two months.

Mr. Ogden Moores has forwarded the report of a peal of Bob Major rung on Saturday without stating where it was rung.

Heartly congratulations and good wishes to Mr. James George, who will be 80 years old next Monday.

The bells of All Saints', Worcester, will be available from 3 o'clock on the occasion of the Worcestershire Association dinner on Saturday.

BROADCASTING CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have on several occasions heard the president of the Central Council very vigorously pushing the pamphlet on 'How to hold a rope, etc.' Undoubtedly a worthy object, but I would like to know if it is possible to pile another job on to one of the Central Council committees, namely, 'special instructions for bands who engage in periodical Sunday evening broadcasting.'

One hears many opinions of bells and ringers from the great outside public, and, while some of the bands put over real striking, there are, unfortunately, some who do not seem to realise their responsibility to the Exercise, judging from the indifferent striking which penetrates thousands of homes on Sunday evenings.

We had a movement some time ago to confine broadcasting to eight bells, as being more easily understood generally, but should we not have a movement to discourage indifferent striking being put on the ether?

I will mention no names except the monks of Buckfast Abbey, who did show many of the change ringing bands how to strike, and suggest that where a band of strikers cannot be obtained, two ropes should be hung up in preference to broadcasting an exhibition of 'clips' and 'gaps,' which exposes the art to ribald criticism from outsiders the next morning.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Crayford.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards took the chair when it was vacated by the retiring Master (Mr. F. M. Mitchell) at the meeting of the College Youths on Tuesday week. He declared Mr. E. A. Young duly elected Master and invested him with the insignia of office, pinning on the Master's silver badge and placing the Master's hammer in his hands, with the hope that the society would have a happy and successful year under its new officers, the rest of whom he also declared duly elected, there being no opposition in either case.

The list of officers was given in our last issue.

The newly-elected Master briefly replied, and said how pleased he was to receive unanimous election to the ancient office and upon the 297th occasion. He was sure that with such officers a Master could face the future with every confidence.

The remaining officers also acknowledged their election to their respective offices. Mr. C. W. Roberts (junior steward) took the opportunity of urging the members, especially the younger ones, to support the eight and ten bell practices better than had been done during the past two or three years.

The statement of accounts showed there was a slight deficit on the year's working.

Some 40 members and visitors were present during the evening.

A FIRST BY 'NATIVES.'

At Over, Camps, on Sunday, November 5th, for matins and Holy Communion service, 608 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Adams 1, G. Whybrow 2, R. Smith 3, C. Robinson 4, M. Ginn 5, R. Thoday 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. All are members of the local company and 'natives' of Over, it being the first 'touch' of Surprise Major for morning service ever rung in this church by all 'natives.'

SHERBORNE ABBEY BELLS.

OLD BOYS RECAST TENOR.

The bells of Sherborne Abbey, Dorset, are now being rehung in new bearings and fittings, and are now being recast and retuned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and, as many ringers will say, not before they wanted it.

The bells themselves are exceedingly interesting, and weigh as follows before tuning:—

Tenor.—45 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. J. Warner, 1865.

7th.—29 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb. J. Warner, 1903.

6th.—23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. G. Mears, 1858.

5th.—16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. W. Bilbie, Chewstoke, 1787.

4th.—12 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. T. and J. Bilbie, Chewstoke, 1803.

3rd.—11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. J. Warner, 1803.

2nd.—10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. G. Mears, 1858.

Treble.—9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. G. Mears, 1858.

The tenor originally was the gift of Cardinal Wolsey, and was brought from Tournai with other bells. It became cracked and was recast by Thomas Purdue, of Clossworth, on October 20th, 1870. It became cracked again and was recast in 1885 by Warners. The original 3rd and 7th were cast by Robert Austin, of Sherborne, in 1652.

The tenor is about to be recast again, and the old inscription will be reproduced with the addition of the present Vicar and churchwardens' names and the foundry stamps. The inscription runs:—

By Wolsey's gift I measure time for all.

To mirth; to Grief; to Church I serve to call!

Gustavus Horne, Walter Pride, Churchwardens. This bell was new cast by me Thomas Purdue, October 20th, 1870, again recast 1885. Edward Harston, Vicar. James Hoddinott, Francis Stokes, Churchwardens. This bell was cast by John Warner and Sons, Crescent Foundry, London.

The new bell will probably be slightly heavier than the old. The tenor was always reputed, in old days, to weigh 46 cwt. 1 qr.

Sherborne and the neighbourhood have raised a great deal of money in the last six months, including £1,000 for the Lady Chapel, £200 for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, and the amount required for the rehanging and the retuning. The recasting of the tenor appeared to be out of the question, but Major J. H. B. Hesse, an Old Sherbornian, took an intense interest in the scheme, and made an appeal to other old boys of the school.

He wrote: 'The tenor bell of the peal of eight at Sherborne Abbey was originally given to the Abbey Church by Cardinal Wolsey, and is called the Wolsey Bell. She became cracked and was recast by the famous old bell founder Purdue, of Clossworth, a few miles from Sherborne, and was again recast by a London founder in 1885, having become cracked for the second time. A considerable amount is wanted to recast this bell again, not because she is cracked, but because she is the worst bell in the Abbey peal. The bells are now undergoing rehanging and retuning, and no amount of retuning will cure the fault in the tenor, because she is the wrong shape. Recasting, a very expensive operation, which is not needed in the case of the other bells, is the only cure. I cannot expect all who read this appeal to look on it as I do, because I could ring a bell before I went to Sherborne School, and have been a keen change ringer ever since. I feel the Abbey and the dear old school are bound up together. Our commemoration services were held in the Abbey. The Abbey clock chimes the quarters on the Abbey bells, the hours are struck on the Abbey tenor bell. So the Abbey bells have marked time for us, and how many of us have seen the chapel doors closed on us at the last stroke of the hour? May I ask you to give a small donation towards the recasting of this bell. As the bell is now she is out of tune in herself and the rest of the peal. This old-world Abbey is worthy of a better tenor bell, and, if recast, the difference will be enormous to any musical ear. A large sum has already been collected for the restoration of the bells, £1,000 for the completion of the Lady Chapel and £200 for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, all within the last six months, and from the town and neighbourhood. This is my reason for appealing to you. No matter how small your gift is, may I ask you to give something?' This appeal had the result of bringing in the necessary funds for recasting the tenor so that the restoration can be made complete.

When the bells were being removed from the Abbey, the boys of the Preparatory School, whose ages range between 7 and 14, and numbering about 60, went down to the Abbey to see the tenor lowered from the tower. They arrived there just as the bell was being lowered on to the trolley, the rope of which was trailing up the aisle. These youngsters pulled the bell up as far as the west door. Then there was a steep incline to negotiate on planks and there were not enough hands to get the bell out. This happened at 5 minutes to 11; the school break takes place between 10.45 and 11, and Major Hesse managed to get hold of about a hundred of the boys from the school itself, and they made very short work hauling the bell up into the Abbey Close. It was quite a pretty and interesting sight, and it was unfortunate that no photographic record was obtained of the event, for such a thing is unlikely to happen again in connection with the school in the lives of any that were present.

Those who are familiar with Sherborne will know the glorious old Abbey, with the school and cloisters adjoining; it is a peaceful and beautiful spot, and in future the bells will be in keeping with the old and interesting surroundings.

A PLEA FOR MODERATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—There has for some time been a growing tendency in the correspondence addressed to yourself in 'The Ringing World'—a tendency which no reader can fail to have noticed, and one which I feel sure must be deplored by a large majority of ordinary ringers who realise that their primary function is to ring to the glory of God, and not merely to talk about ringing and other ringers in an uncharitable spirit.

I submit, sir, that the ordinary ringer-in-the-belfry is tired of the bitter and acrimonious tone of the disputes that seem to be constantly raging in your paper. It is a fact well known even to those outside the Exercise that bellringers are a singularly good-natured and kindly race of men and women. A stranger might be forgiven for supposing exactly the opposite were he to open almost any number of 'The Ringing World' and read the correspondence. I can speak freely, as I am personally unacquainted with all the protagonists in the recent arguments to which I am referring. They can, therefore, be assured that this letter is in no way personal. I am certain that in their private and public lives they are all as charming and good-natured as those ringers whom I do know. It does seem a pity that when they put pen to paper they forget moderation and, in some cases, decency and common courtesy, and aim only at being clever, facetious or bitter at the expense of their opponent. I know that their letters do not represent their true characters.

The majority of us do not write to 'The Ringing World,' but I am sure that there would be general sympathy from the whole Exercise with an appeal for a more generous spirit. I do not say among ringers as a whole, nor even among certain of your correspondents in their private and public lives, but only on the occasions when they address themselves to you. Let us not try to be too clever; let us get on with the job as well as we can, and, if we have the opportunity, help the other fellow along the way too.

There must, of course, be occasions when we have a bone to pick with a fellow-ringer. Would it not be a good idea if on all such occasions we adopted the admirable suggestion of Mr. Amos contained in your issue of November 3rd? I refer to the last paragraph of his letter on page 694. Two purposes would thus be served: valuable space would be saved in your columns, which could then be devoted to items of interest to your readers, and also we should be spared the humiliating necessity each week of having our dirty linen washed in public.

This is the first time, sir, that I have addressed you. I hope that my views represent the opinions of the majority of those ringers who, though they may not be very ready with their pen or their tongue, yet constitute the main body of the Exercise. They may not be given to expressing their opinions, but this does not mean that their opinions do not count.

JOHN P. PELLOE.

Queen's College, Oxford.

KENT VETERAN'S DEATH.

LONG SERVICE TO WROTHAM CHURCH.

Many ringers in the Kent County Association will regret to hear of the death of Mr. William Taylor at the grand old age of 92½ years. For many years and until he was 26 he took his turn on the ropes of the bells of St. George's Church, Wrotham. He joined the Kent Association in 1882 and was a member until 1925.

Besides being a ringer, he was for 75 years a member in the church choir, and when, at the age of 84, he felt his voice going, he blew the bellows of the organ.

Outside his church work he was a dogged cricketer, and always went in first for the Wrotham side. A devoted follower of the county team, he was known to walk to Canterbury, nearly 40 miles, to see a day's cricket. When well over 80 he walked to Gravesend and back, a distance of 20 miles, to follow his county team.

Had 'Old Bill' lived one more month he would have completed 70 years of married life. He leaves a widow (90 years old), two sons and five daughters.

He has gone to rest with the affection of all who knew him. They feel that a link has been broken in the life of the English countryside.

After the funeral the members of the local band rang a half-muffled touch as a farewell tribute to their old friend, and it is hoped that the Kent Association will attempt a half-muffled peal shortly as a last token of respect.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division was held at Lymminster on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and members afterwards attended a short service, conducted by the Vicar of Lymminster (the Rev. S. P. Duval).

Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar, who was present, and presided at the business meeting which followed, when the following members were elected: P. Lowe, of Heene, G. Lee and A. V. Aylmore, of Lymminster, and Mr. H. F. Wisdom, of Chichester, hon. member.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness in providing the excellent tea and granting the use of the bells; also to the lady helpers.

Another move was then made to the belfry for further ringing.

THE LATE MR. J. D. MATTHEWS.

MASTER OF THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

As briefly announced in part of our last issue, the death took place at his home, 6, Gatwick Road, Southfields, on Wednesday week, of Mr. John Daniel Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. Matthews, who was 57 years of age, had been for many years a well-known and active figure in London ringing circles, having previously pursued the art in several other parts of the country. Early this year his health began to fail, and he had done no ringing since June. Of a cheery though somewhat retiring disposition, Mr. Matthews made a host of ringing friends, who greatly deplore his death and extend to his widow and family their deep sympathy.

Mr. Matthews was born at Penny Stratford, Bucks, and learnt to ring a bell at his Parish Church whilst a choirboy of about 12 years



THE LATE
MR. J. D. MATTHEWS.

of age. His first peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung at Barnet Parish Church in May, 1894. At the end of that year he removed to Kettering, and in 1895 took part in the first peal by the Central Northamptonshire Association, as then constituted. In the following year he conducted the first peal by a local band at Kettering for over half a century. Migrating to Bristol in the early part of 1898, Mr. Matthews joined the St. Stephen's Youths, and took a rope in the first peal of Double Norwich rung by the society. Going to Bath in 1899, he became conductor of St. Mary's Guild, and called the first peal on St. Mary's bells. From Bath, Mr. Matthews went to Leamington, where he again was active in ringing, and eventually went to London in November, 1903.

In 1911 he was elected Master of the Cumberlands, a position he continued to occupy until his death, with the exception of the year 1913, when Mr. J. Parker occupied the office. He put new life into the society, and under his leadership many peals were rung, including Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus, for the first time by the Cumberlands. Among the notable peals in which Mr. Matthews has shared have been a family peal on handbells, with his daughter and two sons (1915); a handbell peal in a railway train between Paddington and Strand (1923); the first Surprise peals in the counties of Louth, Armagh, Down and Antrim, during a tour of Northern Ireland in 1904; the 'John' peal of Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate (1912); Stedman Caters by grandfathers, at Shoreditch (1927); and Stedman Cinques by six fathers and six sons at Shoreditch (1928). He was instrumental in ringing for the society Cambridge Maximus (conducted by himself), Cambridge Royal (conducted by Mr. G. H. Cross) and Cambridge Major (conducted by Mr. J. H. Cheesman), at St. Martin's and Shoreditch. Mr. Matthews had also rung in various Masonic peals, including Cambridge Major, Stedman Cinques, Treble Ten and Treble Twelve, all of which he conducted.

In February, 1916, in co-operation with the Rev. 'Dick' Sheppard, the formation of the St. Martin's-in-the-Fields band was undertaken, since when the ringing generally has made great strides, both at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Under Mr. Matthews' able guidance many peals have been rung at both churches, and he was never more delighted than to see asterisks under a peal report, denoting first peals on twelve. Many ringers throughout the country have appreciated his efforts in this direction, which enabled them to make headway in twelve-bell ringing.

Some nine years ago Cambridge Maximus was practised, but in a few months at least ten of the band moved from London. A peal of Cambridge Royal was rung at Epsom on March 17th, 1928, the first of Surprise Royal for the society. In 1928 Mr. Matthews had again gathered together a band who under his excellent leadership were soon ringing Maximus. On November 17th, 1928 (just four years ago), he achieved his ambition of conducting a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, no fewer than eight of the band ringing a peal in that method on twelve for the first time. On Boxing Day in the same year Cambridge Maximus was again rung, at St. Martin's, this being the first Surprise peal on the bells.

From that time onwards Cambridge Maximus was rung practically every Sunday for service at both churches.

Mr. Matthews was a very popular Master of the Royal Cumberland Society, as witness his election for so many successive years, and in

January, 1929, at the annual meeting, was the recipient of a presentation clock from the members as a mark of appreciation of his work and his long tenure of office. For many years he was one of the society's representatives on the Central Council.

At the beginning of this year Mr. Matthews' health began to fail, and he was compelled, under medical advice, to take things easily. It was hoped that rest would again restore him, but he gradually grew worse, and last Wednesday week he passed peacefully away.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Streatham Cemetery on Monday afternoon and was largely attended. The mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Matthews (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hawkins (son-in-law and daughter), Miss V. Matthews (daughter), Mr. V. Matthews (son), Mrs. F. W. Grover (sister), Mr. E. A. Matthews and Mr. W. R. Matthews (brothers), Mrs. F. Lamb and Mrs. W. England (sisters-in-law), Mr. F. Lamb (nephew), Mrs. W. Plumptre (niece), Capt. and Mrs. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith. Mr. Matthews' mother was not well enough to attend.

Among the many ringers who were present were Messrs. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths), T. Groombridge, sen., T. Berney, C. F. Winney, H. Pasmore and J. Hawkins (Ancient Society of College Youths), Messrs. G. W. Steere (hon. treasurer of the Cumberlands), L. Baybutt, A. Hardy, A. Neale, T. Newman, R. Bevan and G. H. Cross (members of the St. Martin's-in-the-Fields band), W. H. Fussell (Slough), J. E. Davis (London), J. Lee (Streatham), W. Norton (Highgate), Mr. and Mrs. W. Bottrill (London), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (Edmonton), Mrs. R. F. Deal (East Ham), Mrs. G. H. Cross (Barnhurst), W. Bond (Crayford), A. Pye, J. Cernford, G. B. Lucas, W. Theobald and others. Messrs. J. Parker and J. Sparrow (former hon. secretary of the Cumberlands) were prevented by illness from attending. There were also many friends from the Southfields Club and Institute, of which the late Mr. Matthews was a member for many years.

At the close of the service a course of Bob Major, preceded by the 'whole pull and stand' three times, was rung over the grave by A. J. Neale 1-2, G. Cross 3-4, C. J. Matthews 5-6, T. Newman 7-8.

The wreaths numbered nearly 50, and included tributes from the Central Council, the Royal Cumberland Youths (bell-shaped and standing 3ft. high), Southfields Club and Institute, and the 'Rose of Denmark' Lodge of Freemasons.

It was not possible to ring on Mr. Matthews' favourite peal, St. Martin's, on the day of the funeral, but a quarter-peal will be attempted there with the bells half-muffled on Saturday. Shoreditch bells are at the moment awaiting some little repair, and, therefore, a peal cannot be attempted there.

MR. MATTHEWS' PEALS.

Mr. Matthews had rung 214 peals, of which he had conducted 95, his last having been a peal of Stedman Caters at West Ham, which he conducted on February 25th of this year. His last touch was for service at St. Martin's in June. Appended is his list of peals, 104 of which (conducted 68) he rang for the Royal Cumberland Youths:—

	Tower bells		Handbells	
	Rung	Conducted	Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	9	7	1	
Grandsire Caters	1		2	1
Grandsire Cinques	1	1		
Bob Major	9	4	14	10
Bob Royal	1	1	10	8
Bob Maximus	3	1		
Stedman Triples	13	2	1	
Stedman Caters	37	12	2	1
Stedman Cinques	45	34	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	2	2	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	3		
Forward Royal	1			
Superlative Surprise Major	22			
Cambridge Surprise Major	2	2		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	1		
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3	2		
Double Norwich Major	13	1		
New Cambridge Major	1			
London Surprise Major	8			
Little Bob Maximus	1			
Total	181	74	33	21

On Monday, November 20th, the bells of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, were rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. J. D. Matthews, the following ringers taking part: A. Pye, O. T. Coles, H. Hoskins, J. Davis, J. Marks, J. G. Prior, E. Brett and C. W. Roberts.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. J. D. Matthews and family wish to thank all ringers and friends for expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

DEDICATION OF BIRSTWITH BELLS. NEW OCTAVE IN YORKSHIRE VILLAGE.

Birstwith, a pretty Yorkshire village situated in beautiful Nidderdale, was the scene of great activity on Saturday, November 4th. The Parish Church of St. James had previously possessed a very moderate peal of six bells, and on this day a new peal of eight were dedicated by the Suffragan Bishop of Knaresborough. Five of the old peal were given by the founder of the church, Mr. Frederick Greenwood, in 1860, a treble was added and the bells rehung in 1905, all this work being carried out by Messrs. Warner, of London.

As a result of a public meeting held in the village, it was decided to appeal for funds to recast and restore the peal. A most generous response followed, over 70 per cent. of the sum required being subscribed within four days. The remaining sum has now been raised, practically every parishioner subscribing, and the bells were dedicated free of debt, a remarkable achievement for a comparatively small parish.

Every seat was occupied when the dedication service began with the processional hymn, 'The God of Abraham praise.' There were 14 surplised clergy present, the accommodation in the choir stalls being insufficient to accommodate them all. Amongst the congregation were ringers from Bradford Cathedral, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Tadcaster, Guiseley, Thirsk and Ripon Cathedral. The bellfounders (Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.) were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

Immediately after the singing of the processional hymn the Vicar (the Rev. R. Brittain) read a brief account of the history of the bells. This was followed by the singing of the Versicles and Psalms cxxi. and cl. The lesson was taken from I. Chronicles xxix. During the singing of the hymn, 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones,' the Bishop, Vicar and other clergy proceeded to the ringing chamber, which is situated on the ground floor at the west end of the church.

At the request of Capt. Greenwood (churchwarden), the Bishop dedicated the bells, after which a few rounds were rung by the local ringers: J. Ewbank 1, F. Whitworn 2, J. C. Lofthouse 3, A. C. Ewbank 4, G. Wainwright 5, R. Morley 6, G. Gill 7, H. Burrells 8. After further prayers the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel, while the hymn, 'Fling ye bells your songs to Heaven,' was sung. The Bishop preached an eloquent sermon on the message of the bells from the text Psalm xix., 3 and 4.

The service concluded with Tennyson's 'Ring out, wild bells,' sung as an offertory hymn.

Immediately after the service, and in full view of the congregation, an excellent touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members of the Yorkshire Association: J. Hardcastle 1, R. Thomas 2, F. G. Sherwood 3, P. J. Johnson 4, J. Cotterell 5, F. W. Dixon 6, W. Talbot 7, E. Hudson 8. The tone of the bells delighted both parishioners and ringers, and the ringers were equally pleased with the 'go' of the bells.

A public tea was afterwards held in the Village School, at which over 200 sat down. Touches were rung on the handbells. The ringers then returned to the church, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung, some of the local ringers managing their first course of Grandsire.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on making another very fine addition to Yorkshire's bells. The bells are hung in two tiers of four each, and have a considerable draught of rope. The tenor is 11½ cwt. in G, and the volume of sound inside the church and in the neighbourhood has been pleasingly controlled. The ropes form a perfect circle in a small but comfortable ringing room.

This octave should prove a valuable addition to a district in which towers are rather scattered; it is easily accessible both from the sparsely populated North Riding and from the industrial district of the West Riding.

The local ringers, under the captaincy of Mr. Jackson Ewbank, are very keen, and hope soon to master the intricacies of change ringing.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Sawston, Cambs, for evensong on Sunday, November 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples, rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. R. Natrass, late Vicar of Sawston: W. Hurry 1, S. Stabbings 2, L. Hurry 3, W. Stone 4, F. Matthews 5, H. Churchman 6, F. Hurry (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8. Longest touch in the method by 3rd and 6th.

At Amersham, on Sunday, November 19th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. H. Haddon 1, C. Chalwin 2, E. C. Ayres (conductor) 3, P. J. Lapham 4, W. E. Redrup 5, W. Edwards 6. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to L. Edwards, a late ringer at Amersham, and father of the tenor ringer, who was interred on the 16th inst.

At St. Mary's, Higham Ferrers, on November 14th, after an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was lost owing to a shift course, a quarter-peal by D. Newell 1, W. Wilby 2, W. Martin 3, C. Palmer 4, G. Smith 5, G. D. Deighton 6, W. Perkins (conductor) 7, A. Wilson 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled for H. Dunkley, who was a member of the local band.

DEATH OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL RINGER. THE PASSING OF MR. C. N. BURDOCK.

After two years of suffering, borne with the greatest fortitude, there passed away on Tuesday week at his home in Guildford, Surrey, Mr. Charles Nicholls Burdock, a member of the Guildford Cathedral Society and formerly its honorary secretary. Mr. Burdock, who was only 41 years of age, was a victim of cancer, and he leaves in bereavement a widow and a son, six years old, with whom great sympathy is felt.

Mr. Burdock was a native of Derby, and went to Guildford with his parents in 1901. He was one of three brothers who learned to ring at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford (which has since become the Cathedral). One brother was killed in the war, the other retired from ringing, but 'Charlie' Burdock retained the keenest interest in it to the end of his comparatively short life. He started ringing when he was about 17 years old, and was admitted a member of Holy Trinity Society in 1911, ringing his first peal—Stedman Triples—in April of that year at Haslemere. Owing to his health, he was not able to take part in peals as often as he would have wished, but he rang 76 in all, among them being a number of Surprise methods. His last was in August, 1931, a peal of Stedman, which was Mr. A. H. Pulling's one thousandth peal, and he always looked back on that peal as one of the finest of his career. Mr. Burdock was always at the light end in a peal, but he was a splendid striker.

From the time of its formation Mr. Burdock was honorary auditor of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and was honorary secretary of the Holy Trinity Society during the last four years of his active ringing career.

His list of peals was as follows: Minor 2, Grandsire Triples 3, Bob Major 2, Bob Royal 1, Treble Bob Major 1, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Stedman Triples 22, Stedman Caters 4, Little St. Lawrence Major 1, Double Norwich Major 4, Superlative Surprise Major 3, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Norfolk Surprise Major 1, St. Blaise Surprise Major 1, Dublin Surprise Major 1, Double Dublin Surprise Major 1, Guildford Surprise Major 2, Surrey Surprise Major 1, Bristol Surprise Major 4, London Surprise Major 17, total 76.

The funeral service on Saturday was attended by a large number of friends and sympathisers. The first portion was held in the Cathedral, and, prior to the arrival of the cortege, touches of Stedman Triples, with muffled bells and the tenor open at backstroke, were rung, followed by the 'whole pull and stand' forty-one times. The Provost (Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan) officiated, and the choirboys were present. The hymns, 'We love the place, O God' and 'Abide with me,' had been selected by Mr. Burdock, when he knew his life was nearing its end.

Among the members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild present were Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Hon. secretary), Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford district secretary), Messrs. A. H. Pulling, H. Hutton, W. Robinson, W. R. Melville, H. Harris, W. M. Stone, B. H. G. Whitbourn, G. E. Clode, G. W. Steere (Sutton); M. Smither (Chiddingfold) and C. H. Dobbie (Kingston), present and past members of Holy Trinity Society; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, E. A. Etheridge and E. G. Heath (St. Nicolas', Guildford), Mrs. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Mr. C. E. Smith (Godalming), Mrs. Whittington (Cranleigh), Mr. W. Denyer and Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham district secretary), Aldershot, L. Hunter (Shalford), etc. Others who attended included Mr. H. le Cocq, Mr. J. Weller (representing the Sales Branch, Post Office Telephones), Mr. H. T. Little (representing the Post Office Engineers), Mr. E. G. Knowles (representing the Post Office Section), Messrs. L. V. Garrod, I. M. Lock and P. E. Padgham (Guildford Post Office Telephones), Mrs. Jelley, Mr. L. Jelley, Miss P. Buckell, Mrs. E. G. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tribe, Miss Campion (superintendent, Guildford Queen's Nursing), Messdames Hoskins, Bullard, Hutton and Chorley, the Misses Pulling, Ward, Heath and Hutchison, and Messrs. H. Gingell, A. Sherwin, W. Martin, W. R. Fry, C. W. T. Boyce, F. Ballam, W. H. Blake, J. Bald and C. Tucker.

The interment took place at Guildford Cemetery, the committal being said by the curate (the Rev. H. D. Pilcher). At the conclusion of the service, a band chosen by Mr. Burdock himself rang a perfect course of Grandsire Triples in slow time over the open grave. This fitting requiem to a brother ringer fell with impressive beauty on the silence of the November afternoon.

In the evening present and past members of Holy Trinity Society rang a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples at the Cathedral, and at a meeting of the Guildford District of the Diocesan Guild, held at Woking, a resolution of sympathy and condolence with the widow of Mr. Burdock was passed by the members standing in silence.

There were a large number of floral tributes. On the coffin was one from the widow and the little son, in the form of a bell, suspended in a frame. Among those who sent wreaths were the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Holy Trinity Society, and St. Nicolas' Society, Guildford.

THE LATE MR. J. WAGHORN.

At All Hallows' Church, Tottenham, on Tuesday, November 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (half-muffled) was rung in memory of the late Joseph Waghorn, for many years a member of the society: H. W. H. Strickland 1, E. H. King 2, Mrs. E. H. King 3, S. G. Peck 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, H. Ellis 7, C. Davidson 8.

ECHOES OF THE LAKE DISTRICT TOUR.

MR. HOGARTH'S REJOINDER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I did not intend to take up any more of your valuable space regarding the tour in the Lake District, but Mr. Jennings in his letter of November 10th asked me to reply. I feel bound to comply with his request, if only to correct a few of his many misstatements. Apparently he is one of those egoistic people who, when criticised, resort to personalities. I did not pen my letter of September 8th through any personal grievance, or any animosity towards Mr. Jennings, but with the hope that future tourists will not make such a whirlwind trip as the one in question, but will stay a few hours after their peal and do a little 'missionary' work. Surely the Exercise is in need of missionary work at these times. Unfortunately, I could not receive the tourists personally at Keswick owing to business ties, the day being Bank Holiday, nor could I have taken part in any peal if I had been asked to do so.

Our tower secretary was deputed to meet the visitors, and I can assure Mr. Jennings that he did not misinform me with regard to the procedure adopted at the church. I have visited several towers since the tour, and I ask Mr. Jennings if he accepted all the local arrangements in the same spirit in which they were welcomed? My information is to the contrary.

Mr. Jennings leads your readers to believe that I am antagonistic to peal ringing. That is far from the truth. I am against peal ringing which is performed by men of tried abilities who only ring peals where the band is composed of this standard.

Some letters which Mr. Jennings holds of mine appear to be his trump card. I am not afraid of the contents being made public, but can he say the same of his, which I have in my possession, and does he forget that in one of them he asks me to treat them confidentially?

With regard to Sunday trading for profit, a little advice to Mr. Jennings on this point would not be out of place. Be certain of your information before making public statements. Two businesses of the same name and trade can be misleading. My business premises are locked up on Sundays.

Mr. Jennings is quite welcome to visit our tower at any time, as he has done in the past. The most proficient ringer can acquire a little more knowledge from an unexpected quarter.

TYSON HOGARTH.

'GRAB AND RUN.'

Sir,—Mr. Jennings, in his letter published on November 10th, regarding the Lake District tour, refers to a youth who met them at the church. The said youth, being the undersigned, can confirm the statements made by Mr. Hogarth regarding the procedure adopted by Mr. Jennings and the information that I gave him of the peals previously rung on the bells. He was most anxious to go for a peal of Stedman, which had been previously attempted by a mixed band from Windermere, Ambleside and Keswick.

After the peal Mr. Jennings rushed the tourists off to a neighbouring town. No chance was given of seeking any help that could have been asked for from the tourists. The whole procedure was one of 'grab and run,' and not very encouraging for young ringers. Such methods as these do not promote change ringing, but rather leave one with a feeling of disgust. I hope that Mr. Jennings will use a little more discretion when he has the arrangements in hand for another tour.

J. W. BROWNRIGG.

Keswick, Cumberland.

AN OMISSION.

Dear Sir,—With reference to my letter which appeared in your issue of the 10th, I find, on a perusal of my copy, that inadvertently I have omitted a few words, which, in conjunction with the sentence from which they are omitted, are of some importance.

It occurred in paragraph 6, re Sunday peals, and following 'trading for profit on Sundays' should have read, 'and, as this is rife in Keswick, I would suggest that Mr. Hogarth would find an outlet for his zeal re Sunday observance if he raised his voice in protest against things of that description.'

EDWIN JENNINGS.

Kendal.

DEATH OF FORMER WELLINGBOROUGH RINGER.

At the age of 76 years, Mr. Ephraim West, of Wellingborough, has passed to his rest. He was a member of the belfry for about 30 years, although, owing to ill-health, he had not taken part in any ringing for several years.

The funeral took place on November 7th, when the local ringers were represented by Mr. H. Lilley. Muffled touches were rung in the evening by the local ringers.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Sunday, September 24th, at Christ Church for evening service on the occasion of the harvest festival, 1,008 Double Norwich Major: W. Gayes 1, A. Challinor 2, F. L. Ronan 3, A. V. Rees 4, J. Tipper 5, W. Stevenson 6, J. Worth (conductor) 7, J. Waumsley 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th, all of whom only started to ring the method a fortnight since. It was their first touch. This is the first time Double Norwich has been rung in Macclesfield by a service band.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESS OF MONTHLY PEALS IN NORTHERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division was held at Dunmow on Saturday, November 11th, when 22 towers were represented. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock with a well-struck course of Cambridge Major. Service was conducted by the Rev. E. N. Mellish, V.C., the lesson being read by the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell).—A collection in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 13s. 6d.

The Vicar presided at the tea in St. Mary's Room, and there were also present Col. and Mrs. Gibbons and other ladies, Mr. Barnard (organist), Mr. S. Roper (representative from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) and 54 ringers. Tea had been beautifully arranged by members of the local company, their wives and other lady helpers.

At the business meeting, the Vicar took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard).

The district secretary read a short report of the work in the division during the past year. Five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 42. Sixty-three peals had been rung on tower and handbells, 14 members acting as conductors, Mr. Keeble heading the list with 39 peals, whilst six conducted their first peal. Two hon. members, two non-resident and five ringing members had been elected. The monthly peals on eight-bell towers, suggested by Mr. W. Keeble at the last annual district meeting, had proved successful, ten out of twelve had already been rung.

Mr. A. A. Saunders was re-elected District Master and acknowledged the honour conferred upon him.—The district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) was also re-elected, and he thanked all present, and especially the correspondent of each company, who had done so much to assist him in his office.

One non-resident and two ringing members were elected.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Keeble, it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Witham on February 3rd, 1934.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his excellent address and for presiding at the tea and business meeting. He also thanked the local ringers and their wives for kindly providing tea.—The Vicar, in responding, said it gave him very great pleasure to be with them and to see such great friendship. He was sure the local ringers were only too happy to do what they had done. He was very sorry Mr. Howard was unable to be present, as he had been such an ardent worker for the association, and he hoped he would very soon be amongst them again (applause).

Mr. H. W. Smith also thanked the Vicar. He welcomed Col. and Mrs. Gibbons and thanked the organist for his services. He extended a hearty welcome to all the visiting ringers and hoped they would soon pay another visit.—Touches on handbells and in various methods on the tower bells, including London Surprise Major, brought a most successful meeting to a close.

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

DONCASTER.—At the Parish Church on November 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the fallen in the Great War: G. Halksworth (conductor) 1, E. Stacey 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Clark 4, A. Staveley 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, R. Thompson 7, F. Newsome 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—At St. Peter's Church on Remembrance Sunday (November 5th), 1,260 Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled: H. Taylor (first quarter Stedman) 1, A. Batten 2, W. Laiter 3, H. Markwell 4, W. Collison 5, E. J. Ladd 6, A. Richardson (conductor) 7, R. Rush 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On November 12th for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob (1,280 changes): B. Rawlinson 1, R. Grainger 2, W. S. Butler 3, W. Mellin 4, V. Glass 5, A. Evers 6, W. Butler 7, E. Bright (conductor) 8.

WINDSOR.—For evening service at the Parish Church on Armistice Sunday, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Glass 1, L. Stilwell 2, T. Smith 3, H. H. Hillyer 4, W. Phipps 5, E. Gosling 6, A. R. Pink 7, E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of treble, 4th and 5th. First quarter of Bob Major by the local band.

FEERING.—On Sunday, November 12th, for annual Armistice service at 3 p.m., 1,040 Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, E. Johnson 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, E. Mingay 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, November 5th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,232 changes): F. J. Hurroll 1, J. J. Lamb 2, H. Hoskins 3, H. James 4, J. Hurrell 5, G. E. Rawlings 6, H. Wood 7, C. A. Bines (conductor) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 5th, half-muffled for Remembrance Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Phillips 1, J. Trimmer 2, J. Dale 3, J. Cross 4, A. Rolph 5, J. Blay 6, J. Cornford (conductor) 7, S. Miles 8.

LAVENHAM.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church for evening service, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. A. Turner 1, M. T. Symonds 2, A. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, W. Jarvis 5, W. R. J. Poulson 6, L. Pryke (first quarter of Stedman) 7, F. Pryke 8.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Aldrington (Portslade Station) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (1s. each), followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—St. Mary the Virgin, UPTON GREY.—The peal of 6 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. Tea (6d.) follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 25th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions are due.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

UPTON GREY, HANTS.—On Saturday, Nov. 25th, the Bishop of Winchester will dedicate the bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Service 3 p.m.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North, East, South and West Branches.—A combined meeting of the association at Wymondham on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3 o'clock. *Names for tea, please.*—William B. Duncan, John G. W. Harwood, Nolan Golden and Wm. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports ready. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at St. Mary Redcliffe and St. Thomas (combined). Bells (12 and 8) available at 3 p.m. Service at Redcliffe. Tea and meeting to follow at St. Thomas'. Please let me know for tea by 22nd inst. Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Rd., Greenbank, Bristol 5.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3.30 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford and District Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Giles', Oxford, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 27, South Street, Headington, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Good bus and train service. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LAMBETH PARISH CHURCH.—The ring of eight bells, retuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on Sunday, Nov. 26th, at morning service (11.15 a.m.), at which the Mayor and Corporation will be present.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not made 20 attendances to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on Nov. 28th, St. Magnus' on the 30th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Dec. 7th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, Southwark Cathedral on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS. — On Thursday, Nov. 30th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the three new bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to augment the peal to eight.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Kings-thorpe on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Usual arrangements. Those who will require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 28th.—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Beenham on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Guild members 9d. Non-members 1s. Please notify Mr. A. Arlott, Beenham, by Nov. 28th number for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. As the Vicar has kindly invited the ringers to be his guests, will you please notify me of your intention to be present before Thursday, Nov. 30th, so that arrangements may be made for tea?—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our annual social will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Dec. 2nd. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. Social at 6 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. Entwistle, 8, Willow Street, Burnley, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 29th?—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (just augmented to 8 by Taylor and Co.) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me by Wednesday previous? All ringers welcome.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. All requiring tea should notify by Nov. 29th Mr. T. Lincoln, Oxney Green, Writtle. Good attendance requested. — A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Swansea on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Topsham, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4. Address by the Vicar (Rev. Guy Halliday). Tea 4.45 (free). Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Saturday, Nov. 25th? — R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Chisleton on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—A. W. Deane, 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30 (1s. per head). Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Symondsbury and Burton (6). Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 28th?—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Adber, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Stagsden on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Buses leave Bedford St. Peter's 2, 3.30 and 5.30. Everyone heartily welcome. Please pay up your subscription, if not yet paid.—P. C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Low Bentham on Dec. 2nd. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. Meeting at 5.30 p.m.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—WANTED for Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 30 KEEN ringers to attend at St. James's Church, Poolstock. Bells, reputed by experts to be the finest octave in ENGLAND, ready at 3 p.m. Tea, by invitation, to all who notify Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 29th. *No names, no tea.* Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Owing to the bad state of the Wigan Parish Church bells the meeting is transferred to Poolstock.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Bourn on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3-4.30, also 6-7 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Duffil.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8). Tea 1s. each. Please notify Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 33, Brocklands, Wickersley Road, Rotherham, not later than Nov. 30th. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those only who notify me by Nov. 28th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock at the Battle Axes Hotel.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify by Nov. 29th. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at All Saints', Hamer (bells 6) on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify for tea by Nov. 28th.—F. Farrant, Martock.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Room at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Soar on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (5) available 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea inform secretary by Thursday, Nov. 30th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. The usual Garston welcome is assured.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Dec. 9th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, free to members, bands and visitors attending. Please notify me by Dec. 2nd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

LADIES GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Dec. 6th? — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Apsley End on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday. All sorts and sizes of ringers are welcome, but come prepared to wander off the beaten track.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (10) at the Minster available from 2.30 to 4.30 and from 6 p.m. onwards. Service in Minster 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head. Please notify Mr. R. Owen, 8, Long Lane, Beverley, by Dec. 7th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Claines on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 6th.—F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Usual arrangements. Tea in the Church Room after service. Officers for 1934 to be nominated at this meeting. It is therefore hoped as many as can do so will attend. Please let me have numbers for tea.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Colchester on Saturday, Dec. 9th. St. Peter's bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. and St. Leonard's (6) from 3 till 4 p.m. Divine service at St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m., will be conducted by the Rev. B. R. Bertin, and in place of an address a talk will be given by the Divisional Master (Mr. Edward P. Duffield). Tea at St. Peter's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. Please notify the undersigned not later than Thursday, Dec. 7th.—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934. Tickets 5s. 6d. Further details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

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GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 19th, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 720 College Exercise, 360 Kent and 180 of Plain Bob: W. J. White 1, H. B. Gardner (conductor) 2, J. O. Buckingham 3, B. C. Mann 4, J. R. Owers 5, A. Appleton 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor, the infant being the first grandchild of the Rector and Mrs. Gardner.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John the Baptist Church on Sunday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) for evening: V. Butler 1, H. Beechey 2, S. Wright 3, W. Rose 4, T. Little 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. Brice (conductor) 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Armistice Sunday, November 12th, for morning service, 1,251 Stedman Caters in 51 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, D. Pink 3, S. Wade 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, G. Plater 6, W. Pickworth 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, A. G. Crane 10. This service was attended by the Charter Mayor and Corporation of Southgate. For evening service, 1,264 Bob Major: A. G. Crane 1, D. Pink (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, G. Plater 3, W. Bowden 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, W. Pickworth 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

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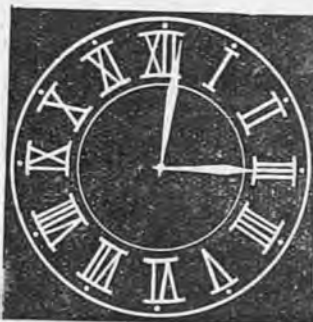
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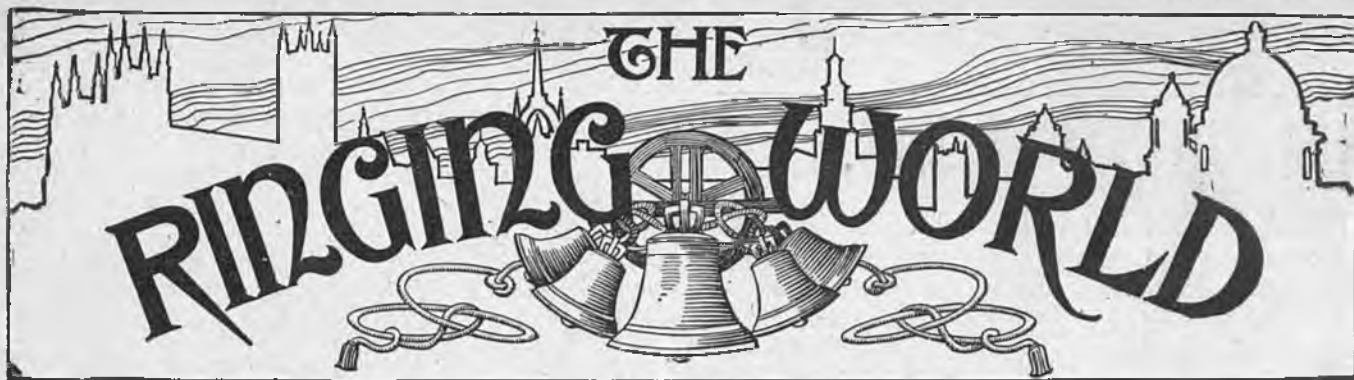
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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

STANLEY WHITE Treble	KENNETH DERHAM 7
MISS CARRIE SPARSHOTT ... 2	GERALD SCRAGG 8
EDWIN V. HINTON 3	FRANK SPARSHOTT 9
MISS MARY ROUSE 4	WILLIAM FOWLER 10
MRS. ELSIE M. WILLIAMS... 5	GEORGE PRESTON 11
FREDERICK PITTMAN 6	HARRY GILLARD Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

First peal on twelve bells by all the band, and first peal by Miss Rouse, K. Derham and H. Gillard. The band are all regular Sunday service ringers at The Priory. First peal on the twelve bells.

CHELMSFORD.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	*ALFRED PYE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	†JOSEPH MARKS 9
*SYDNEY TAYLOR... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT... .. 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
†LESLIE J. CLARK 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus away from the treble. ‡ First twelve-bell peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*MISS E. DORIS BLENCOWE Treble	JOHN P. FELLOW 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 2	RICHARD A. POST 7
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
MRS. A. E. LOCK 4	JAMES S. NAPPER... .. 9
FRANCIS E. MAY 5	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

* First peal on ten bells.

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**SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE 1	Treble	HENRY J. TUCKER 6
BERNARD SAUNDERS 2		FRANK BENNETT 7
FREDERICK N. SMEATON 3		HERBERT MAREWELL 8
*ERNEST J. LADD 4		FREDERICK WHITE 9
*A. WINGFIELD DURHAM 5		ERNEST J. OLIVER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Litchurch,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

HAROLD INCKLE 1	Treble	ALBERT H. WARD 6
*GEORGE WARD 2		JOHN THORPE 7
CHARLES E. HART 3		SIDNEY F. PALMER 8
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 4		J. FREDERICK MILNER 9
ARTHUR BRAINES 5		JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Mr. James George's 1,200th peal, and was rung in connection with the celebrations for his 80th birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOMBOURNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Benedict,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN T. GRIFFIN 1	Treble	†ERNEST G. LEWIS 5
LEONARD HOLDEN 2		SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY 6
DENNIS HOLDEN 3		NORMAN G. LEECH 7
†ERNEST A. TURNER 4		DOUGLAS W. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by N. G. LEECH.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor. Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday peal for E. G. Lewis, and believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 1	Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
FRANK RUFFLES 2		JOHN J. CREASEY 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3		WALTER RUFFLES 7
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 4		GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WM. J. GROOM.

The conductor's 200th peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 20, 1933, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. EDWARD H. SPICE 1	Treble	WILLIAM J. WOOD 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2		STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 3		WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
GEORGE KENWARD 4		EDWARD H. SPICE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

This peal was specially arranged in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Spice.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.—On Wednesday, September 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Harold Townsend (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, J. Jennings 2, G. Piper (conductor) 3, F. Suckling 4, W. Piper 5, E. Townsend 6, A. Piper 7, H. Taylor 8.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

OLIVER SIPPETTS 1	Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
MISS MARGARET PACK 2		ALFRED J. BULL 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 3		WALTER CLAYTON 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4		CECIL NICE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 20, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Matthew, Kingsdown,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILLIAM DURBIN 1	Treble	*GEORGE RADNEDGE 5
EDGAR GUISE 2		WILLIAM PARKER 6
HENRY BURT 3		FRANK SKIDMORE 7
GILBERT PEARCE 4		JOHN JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT.

Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal of Major Rung for the centenary of St. Matthew's Church.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD 1	Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2		GEORGE J. BOTCHER 6
JAMES BENNETT 3		EDWIN BARNETT 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4		FREDERICK J. CULLUM Tenor

Conducted by F. J. CULLUM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master of the above society.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES RAISON 1	Treble	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 5
WILLIAM LOUD 2		WILLIAM R. BAXTER 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3		SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
WILLIAM C. WEST 4		CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

Mr. S. J. Hector's 200th peal and first peal of Major as conductor.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, November 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 1	Treble	ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2		WILLIAM GORRINGE 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3		WILLIAM WENBAN 7
HARRY BAKER 4		*HERBERT POPE Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

* First peal. This was Mr. Lambert's 150th peal and he is 78 years of age. The conductor takes this opportunity of congratulating both Mr. Lambert and Mr. Tribe upon their excellent performance.

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BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(On Thursday, November 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BUSHEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELY...	...Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ...	5
HENRY HODGETTS ...	2	FREDRICK W. BRINKLOW ...	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ...	3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	7
WALTER AYRE ...	4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal rung in the method. W. Ayre's 50th Surprise peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, November 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED KING ...	...Treble	HARRY STONELEY ...	5
PERCY ALDHAM ...	2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	6
D. HAROLD ARGYLE ...	3	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ...	7
ERNEST STONE ...	4	JAMES GEORGE ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILFRID H. J. HOOTON

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOLOLPE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*ALBERT APPLEBY ...	...Treble	FREDRICK LEGGOTT ...	5
†SYDNEY JESSOP ...	2	HAROLD BARSLEY ...	6
FRANK DEWEY ...	3	CYRIL R. BORRELL ...	7
HARVEY E. BORRELL ...	4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.

LONDON.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS,

On Friday, November 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

P.S. J. THORPE, 'J' Division ...	...Treble		
S.D. Insp. W. BOTTRILL, 'T' Division ...	2		
P.C. C. ELLIOTT, 'R' Division ...	3		
*P.C. C. WILMINGTON, 'K' Division ...	4		
P.S. G. SCHLUTER, 'G' Division ...	5		
P.C. E. GWILLAM, 'H' Division ...	6		
P.S. G. SHIP, 'F' Division ...	7		
P.C. THOS. G. BANNISTER, 'S' Division ...	Tenor		

Composed by Ex.-P.C. CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by Sub.-Div. Insp. W. BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Bob Major. All the above are members of the Metropolitan Police Guild of Ringers.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL...	...Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ...	5
GEORGE MARTIN ...	2	LEONARD STILWELL ...	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ...	3	WILLIAM HENLEY ...	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ...	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the Guild

NEWMARKET.—At All Saints' Church on Thursday, September 21st, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): A. Beale 1, O. Moody 2, S. Ward 3, S. Howlett 4, F. C. Turner 5, R. C. Sharpe (conductor) 6.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ...	...Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	5
CHARLES E. BASSETT ...	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	3	C. ERNEST SMITH ...	7
JAMES TOPP ...	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. T. GREENWOOD.

First peal in the method on the bells. This peal replaces the false peal at St. Mary's, Portsea, on November 4th.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS CHINERY ...	...Treble	*HAROLD G. HERBERT ...	5
SIDNEY GRIDLEY ...	2	*HARRY G. FELTON ...	6
*CLAUDE SNOWDEN ...	3	*CHARLES W. S. CLARKE ...	7
*LEONARD JOHNSON ...	4	DAVID H. ELLIOTT ...	Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by D. H. ELLIOTT.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

TETENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

OFFICERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS ...	...Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	5
JOHN PERRY ...	2	WILLIAM FISHER ...	6
THOMAS J. ELTON ...	3	HERBERT KNIGHT ...	7
ROBERT PICKERING ...	4	BERT HORTON ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Arranged and rung to mark the jubilee of the society. All are past and present Ringing Masters except the ringer of the 7th (hon. secretary), and this was his first peal of Surprise as conductor.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

EDGAR HUMFREY ...	...Treble	SAMUEL QUINTIN ...	5
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ...	2	REGINALD W. REX ...	6
MISS PAT HOLLOWAY ...	3	DANIEL D. COOPER ...	7
HARRY W. SMITH ...	4	ALBERT SMITH ...	Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Samuel Quintin, also to celebrate his jubilee as a change ringer.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	...Treble	JOHN S. MORTON ...	5
ALFRED G. HILL ...	2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ...	6
HARRY HOVERD ...	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
*REV. W. F. LEADBITTER, B.A. ...	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM

* Elected a member of the association previous to starting for peal, and the 77th Rector of Woolwich. The first Rector to ring a peal on these bells.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Crawshaw 1, W. Schofield 2, A. Jackson 3, J. Jackson 4, A. Lee (first quarter) 5, G. Crowley 6, F. Hodge (conductor) 7, T. Broadbent 8.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

HARRY HALL Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON 5
AMBROSE MASON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	JOHN HALL 7
ERNEST W. BRIGHT 4	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. PARKER Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 6
TONY PRICE 3	FRANK CORNE 7
WALTER D. JOLLEY 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bridget.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

W. GLYN B. SHAW Treble	EDWIN H. FOSTER 5
H. ERNEST COX 2	ARTHUR ALFORD 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 4	HARVEY H. WINNEY Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*H. NUTH Treble	T. M. GRIFFIN 4
A. MUNDY 2	†F. CARTER 5
†W. SHERBOURNE 3	G. F. GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by G. F. GRIFFIN.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung half-muffled on the anniversary of Armistice Day; also in memory of Countess Waldegrave, who was interred at Chewton Mendip the same day.

COLLINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Columbia,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. FAULKNER Treble	L. WARNER 3
G. ATKINS 2	F. T. CROW 4
F. A. CROW Tenor	

Conducted by F. A. CROW.

First peal and first attempt by all. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cuthbert, Stella.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

*THOMAS DODDS Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN 4
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 5
STEPHEN THOMPSON 3	HERBERT P. CLIFF Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT P. CLIFF.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's Bob and Double Oxford Spliced, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN THOMPSON Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 4
HERBERT P. CLIFF 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 5
STEPHEN THOMPSON 3	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

First peal in eight methods by all.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HERBERT HADLEY Treble	†WILLIAM CLIFTON 4
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY 2	*FRANK GRIFFITHS 5
†FRANK HADLEY 3	*ALFRED WILKS Tenor

Conducted by F. G. HANDLEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Double and Single Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	EDWARD S. T. FARR 4
LEONARD STILWELL 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE H. GUITERIDGE 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal in nine methods by all, on the bells and by the Guild in seven 720's.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Plain and Double Bob, (3) Single and Double Oxford, (4) Hereward, (5) Double Court, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT GATES Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE 4
FRANCIS TOMPKINS 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in ten methods by all the band, on the bells and in the county, as a 5,000 with spliced 720's. Rung half-muffled in memory of Alderman W. Runham, some time Mayor of Hemel Hempstead, and churchwarden at the above church for 25 years; also in memory of John D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, a very faithful servant of the society.

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On Tuesday, November 14, 1933, in One Hour and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

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

JOHN AMBLER 1-2 | WILLIAM BARTON... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4 | GEORGE AMBLER 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

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CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 20, 1933, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of St. Simon's, eight of Old, eight of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire, with 22 different callings.

FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 1-2 | RONALD G. BECK 3-4
E. JOHN TARGETT... .. 5-6

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

Umpire—Leonard Dunford. Witness—Edward J. Chivers.
First peal on handbells by all.

PAKTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At 42, WESTFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, four callings. Tenor size 17½ in G.

*JAMES W. GODDARD 1-2 | WALTER M. GODDARD... .. 3-4
*JOSEPH ATKINSON 5-6

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

Witness—Mrs. W. M. Goddard.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal as conductor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**GOOD PROGRESS IN NEWBURY BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 18th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Beedon, Brightwalton, Compton, East Garston, East Ilsley, Hungerford, Peasemore, Shaw, Thatcham and Newbury ringers. Visitors were present from Abingdon, Basingstoke, Reading, Mortimer, Englefield, Stratley, Aldermaston and Overton. Service was conducted by the Rector (Canon W. L. Cooper), assisted by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, who read the lessons. The address was given by Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Guild). An excellent tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by other ringers' wives, and upwards of 50 sat down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presided, supported by Canon Coleridge, Canon Cooper, Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary).

Mr. H. W. Curtis, branch hon. secretary and treasurer, reported good progress during the year. Five peals had been rung and meetings had been well attended. Mr. Curtis spoke of the sad loss they had sustained in the death of their Master and friend, the Rev. O. W. O. Jenkyn, and all stood for a few moments as a token of respect. Mr. Curtis then welcomed Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. Jenkyn's successor.

The balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of £14 8s. 6d., was adopted.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford was re-elected chairman, Mr. H. W. Curtis hon. secretary and treasurer.

Good reports were received from nearly every tower in the branch. Canon Coleridge thanked the members for their warm welcome, and said he hoped to be with them whenever he could.—Mr. R. T. Hibbert and Mr. A. J. Wright congratulated the branch on its success.

The next meeting was fixed for Chieveley in February, and the spring meeting for Midgham in April, the dates to be arranged by the secretary.

Eight new members were elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, Canon Cooper, Canon Coleridge, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, the organist and Mrs. Curtis and her helpers for the tea.

After the meeting Canon W. L. Cooper dedicated an oak peal board in commemoration of the peal of Grandsire Caters rung on Newbury ten on November 4th. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal was rung during the afternoon and evening.

DEATH OF MR. URIAH BRAVEN.

120 PEALS AS TENORMAN.

Bristol has lost one of its best known figures in ringing circles by the death on November 22nd of Mr. Uriah Woodland Braven. Early this year Mr. Braven underwent a serious operation, and while he seemed at first to make a good recovery, he gradually became worse and passed peacefully away, at the age of 59 years, after being confined to bed for about three weeks.

Although Mr. Braven's capabilities as a ringer were limited to the tenor, he was a most enthusiastic member of the Exercise, and had done his share in teaching young ringers to handle a bell. He had rung about 120 peals, all of them on the tenor. He took part in one



THE LATE MR. U. W. BRAVEN.

of the attempts for the Grandsire Cinques record at Painswick, being on the tenor when the bells had to be brought round at 9,000 odd, owing to the fatigue of one of the band. He rang his first peal on October 16th, 1903, and for 30 years had been a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Last year he was chairman of Bristol United Guilds, and it was one of the proudest events of his life when he took the chair at the annual dinner last January.

The funeral service took place on Monday at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, to which Mr. Braven was devotedly attached. He was on the staff of the church and greatly respected by the clergy and his colleagues, and his great regret was that he was unable to take part in the recent restoration celebrations, having been ordered to bed by his doctor on the day of the great festival.

The officiating clergy at the funeral service were the Vicar, Canon E. L. Hertslett, M.A., and assistant staff, also the Rev. H. L. Colin Walker, M.A. (Vicar of St. Luke's, Bodminster).

The service was choral, Mr. R. T. Morgan presiding at the organ. There were present at the church quite a number of fellow-ringers to pay their last tribute of respect, and as the cortege left the church the bells were rung half-muffled to 240 Stedman Triples by F. G. Leaker 1, E. Abraham 2, G. Pearce 3, W. Abraham 4, J. G. Jefferies 5, F. Skidmore 6, W. A. Cave 7, H. Pring 8.

The floral tributes included a wreath from the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Bristol Branch), and Bristol United Ringing Guilds.

WEDDING BELLS

On Thursday, November 16th, the Helmingham company attempted a peal as a wedding compliment to Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, of Staines, and a native of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, who was married on that date to Miss Dorothy Mitchell, of Virginia Water, Surrey. Unfortunately, the peal came to grief after an hour and a half's ringing, but the band extended their good wishes to the happy pair for their health and happiness.

The method attempted was Wavency Surprise, in which the Leiston band have just scored the first peal. By a coincidence and unknown to each other, the two bands were practising this method at the same time. A peal of it was lost at Helmingham after two hours and forty minutes on October 30th, and thereby gave the Leiston band a chance to get a peal of it first. However, the Helmingham men congratulate the Leiston company and wish them all success in carrying on their good work in the future.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT.**

The dinner held on the occasion of the jubilee of the Worcestershire Association last year was so successful and enjoyable that it was decided to arrange one each year, and on Saturday, November 25th, the first of these took place at Worcester, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The Master (Mr. William Short) presided, and was supported by the Rev. T. C. de la Hey (Rector of Bromsgrove), Mr. Harry Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker (Birmingham), Messrs. F. W. Perrens and F. Pervin (Coventry) and nearly all the officers, the company numbering about 75 in all. Messrs. W. B. Cartwright and J. D. Johnson acted as M.C.s, and had arranged an excellent musical programme by Messrs. W. C. Dowding, G. J. Hemming, G. C. King, E. C. Barber and Miss Johnson.

The toast of 'The Association' was proposed by Mr. Albert Walker, who congratulated the officers on their work and referred to the loss sustained by the death of two so much respected members as Messrs. T. J. Salter and A. E. Parsons.

Mr. James Hemming, who is to be congratulated on being made an alderman of Evesham, proposed the toast of 'Kindred Associations,' coupling with it a welcome to the visitors who were present.—Mr. F. W. Perrens, in his reply, referred to the undue importance given by some to small misunderstandings, and illustrated it by anecdotes which were much enjoyed.

When proposing the health of 'The Chairman,' which was drunk with musical honours, the secretary (Mr. J. R. Newman) called attention to this dinner being an experiment, but from the way in which everyone seemed to enjoy it there appeared no reason why it should not be repeated and prove more successful each year. That, however, would be for the next annual meeting to decide.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A well-attended meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Old Woking on Saturday week, when, at the business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guild), the retiring district officers were renominated, viz.: Master, Mr. W. R. Melville; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; and auditor, Mr. C. Hazelden. Mr. S. Marshall (Puttenham) was again nominated as hon. members' representative on the Executive Committee, and four names were submitted for the two places as representatives of the ringing members.

The members present passed a vote of condolence with the widow of Mr. C. N. Burdock, the Guild's auditor (who had been buried that day), and stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

WOLVEY WANTS MORE BELLS.**VICAR AND A 'PRESSING NEED.'**

The inclement weather on Saturday, November 18th, did not prevent a good number from turning up at Wolvey for the joint meeting of the Warwickshire Guild and the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association. The six bells were kept going during the afternoon to various methods, and tea was served in the school by Mrs. J. H. Beale and helpers.

The Vicar (the Rev. S. Morris) welcomed the visitors, and sat down to tea with them, accompanied by Mr. P. Toone, one of the churchwardens.

After the tea, the expenses of which were kindly defrayed by one who remained anonymous, Mr. J. H. W. White (Master of the Warwickshire Guild) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the kindly donor of the tea and to the helpers.—This was seconded by Mr. C. H. Webb, of the M.C.A.

The Vicar responded by saying how pleased he was to welcome the members of the two neighbouring ringing associations, and expressed the hope that shortly the six bells would be augmented to form an octave. The reason he had invited the churchwarden to the tea was that he might see the keenness amongst visiting ringers. When he had added to that the keenness amongst the local ringers, he would understand the pressing need for two more bells (applause).—Mr. J. H. Beale (the local captain) supported the Vicar in his remarks.

A touch of Stedman Triples was then rung on handbells by Messrs. F. W. Perrens, F. E. Pervin, J. H. W. White, C. H. Webb. Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. C. H. Webb also rang a few tunes on the handbells.

A return was made to the tower, where ringing was resumed and continued until about 8 o'clock, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Beverley and London Surprise, with rounds and call changes for the beginners.

The towers represented at the meeting were as follows: Allesley, Arley, Broughton-Astley, Bulkington, Burbage, Chilvers Coton, Croft, Earl Shilton, Exhall, Higham, Nuneaton, Peckleton, Sapcote, Stoke, Stoney Stanton.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Southgate, Middlesex, on November 23rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: John Armstrong (conductor) 1, J. Nash 2, W. Bowden 3, S. Wade 4, G. Plater 5, W. Pickworth 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, A. G. Crane 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. Thomas Tinner, a churchwarden of Christ Church, who was buried earlier in the day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Tewkesbury bells are now at Loughborough Foundry to be tuned. The two trebles are being recast and two additional bells added as the national memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

On Saturday last, the new Rector of Woolwich, the Rev. W. F. Leadbitter, B.A., scored a peal of Bob Major at his own church. It is over 20 years since he rang his last peal.

Mr. Wm. H. Lambert, of Benenden, Kent, who is 78 years of age, rang his 150th peal last week at his Parish Church. Another veteran who took part was Mr. Charles Tribe, of Tenterden, and they are both to be congratulated upon an excellent performance.

Congratulations, also, to the band at Christchurch, Hants, upon scoring the first peal on the twelve bells at the Priory Church. Mr. George Preston has for many years laboured arduously to maintain a company at Christchurch, and it is no mean performance to have raised them to twelve-bell peal standard in so comparatively short a time.

It is noteworthy, too, that this peal was the first by three of the band. It is seldom that a twelve-bell peal is the first that a ringer scores; to have three 'firsts' in one peal is all the more praiseworthy.

In a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Oldbury, Worcestershire, three ringers rang their first peal and two their first 'inside.' We always look upon a performance of this kind as a peal of merit, and hope it is a first step to higher things.

The bells at Prescot Church, Lancs, are to be restored. The frame, which had got into an unsafe condition, is to be strengthened. The work will cost between £200 and £250, and it is proposed to raise the necessary funds by a 'gift day.'

PRESENTATION TO REV. F. LI. EDWARDS.

To mark the completion of 25 years' ministry as Rector of Kington Magna, the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards entertained the ringers, choir and other churchworkers, numbering 40 in all, to supper on Tuesday, November 21st. During the course of the evening he was presented with a handsome silver inkstand as a gift from his guests. On the following Saturday a peal in seven methods was rung by members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on the bells of Kington Magna Church in honour of the event. To complete the festivities the hymns at evensong on Sunday were sung to the accompaniment of Gillingham Silver Band.

STAGSDEN'S BELL FUND COMPLETED.

A THANKSGIVING PEAL.

Although Stagsden, a Bedfordshire village, has had a ring of five bells since the year 1769—some of the bells are dated 1652—no peal had been rung on them until Saturday week, when, as recorded in our last issue, 5,040 of Minor in two methods was rung, and four of the local band took part—three ringing their first peal.

It was on January 9th, 1930, that an appeal was launched for funds to restore the bells. Since that time about £495 has been raised to carry out the scheme, the fund being completed on November 10th, 1933. The peal was arranged and rung as an act of thanksgiving for the successful conclusion of the scheme. The striking throughout the peal was good, and parishioners have expressed their appreciation of the performance.

Stagsden now has a band of ten ringers, all, with the exception of two, under 30 years of age, and all six bells have been rung for morning and evening service on each Sunday since they were dedicated on November 4th, 1932. The restoration work was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and the bells are a delightfully musical ring and a pleasure to handle.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED RING OF EIGHT AT ALDRINGTON.

A very pleasant meeting of the Southern District was held at Aldrington on Saturday, November 25th, and attended by 25 members, who showed their interest in six-bell methods by ringing five different Surprise methods, two Treble Bob, two Plain, two Doubles and that 'nobody's child'—Woodbine. The Rector (the Rev. H. T. Mogridge), who is himself a ringer, and took part in the ringing during the afternoon, gave a very interesting address and presided at the short business meeting.

Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, Master of the association, was present and proposed the hearty vote of thanks which was accorded the Rector for presiding, granting the use of the bells and his address; also to the organist and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

The following towers were represented: St. Nicholas', St. Peter and the Good Shepherd, Brighton, Chichester, Crawley, Heane, Lewes, Lindfield, Ringmer, Shoreham and Steyning, together with several members of the local band.

After tea several touches were rung on the handbells, and, incidentally, during that usual period of informal talk, the 'odd-struck' six at the church came in for some comment. Aldrington having the only peal of bells in Hove, it is to be hoped that a fund for replacing them by a good eight will be started before long. It is also worthy of note in these times that the church has recently had an addition made to accommodate the larger congregations in this ever-growing residential area.

A VILLAGE BELL OPENING. THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING.

To appreciate to the full the place which church bells occupy in the hearts of the English people one has to go to a village bell opening. In a little country parish there are few things which arouse a keener interest than the restoration of the bells, which, perhaps, for centuries have been one of the chief means of expressing the public joys and sorrows, and have summoned generation after generation of villagers to join in the Sunday services, or, at least, have served as a reminder of the Day of Rest and its privileges.

Last Saturday, in the bleakness of a November afternoon, and through the first snowstorm of the winter, we made our way to Upton Grey, a tiny Hampshire village of Saxon origin, almost unknown and untouched by the busy world beyond. It is reached only by by-roads, so narrow in places that there is hardly room for two vehicles to pass, and one comes upon it suddenly, nestling round the village pond, and trailing away up the hillside to the ancient church.

Upton Grey had for the day, at all events, assumed a new importance. Its bells had been restored and augmented, and the Lord Bishop of the Diocese was coming in person to dedicate them. Every man, woman and child from the village who could leave home or the fields or farmyards attended the service, and when we arrived, after being delayed by the storm, the church was full, and the choir, composed of men and boys in clean white surplices and girls in their Sunday best, were assembled at the lych gate for the coming of the procession of clergy from the Vicarage, lower down the hill.

And while we wait we take in the main features of this somewhat remarkable building. There are traces, surely, of Saxon work, portions of the fabric are certainly early Norman. That arch of the tower which divides the nave from the chancel is undoubtedly part of the original building; the chancel itself is nearly as old. There is a north aisle, which, built on the hillside, rises in tiers of pews, and at the west end there is an open gallery perched on pillars. Once upon a time there was (as we learned afterwards) a south aisle, but that had to be pulled down because it threatened to collapse. Some day, perhaps, the church may be lighted by electricity, for we had seen the now ubiquitous pylons of the national grid system rearing their heads among the trees near the village, but at present oil lamps and candles have to suffice.

THE SERVICE.

But now the procession is approaching the south door, headed by the crossbearer. As it reaches the porch the choir begin the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' in which the congregation wholeheartedly join. The procession passes under the tower to the chancel, where, the choir having taken their places, the clergy advance beyond the eastern arch and open out to make way for the Bishop, who carries his pastoral staff himself, to enter the sacristy.

The preliminaries to the dedication ceremony are short: The Lord's Prayer and versicles, the 150th Psalm, the lesson from Numbers x. 1-10, and the Magnificat. Then the Bishop proceeds to the tower, where, standing beneath the western arch, he receives one of the bell-ropes, and Lord Basing, one of the churchwardens, requests him to dedicate the bells, the new bell frame and the chiming apparatus 'to the glory and praise of God.' Then the Bishop speaks. He recites versicles, while the congregation reverently respond and afterwards join in the Lord's Prayer. And, having asked God's blessing on the work, his Lordship solemnly dedicates the bells 'in the faith of Jesus Christ, to the glory of God, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.'

A few blows, struck on one of the bells, signified to all within hearing that the central act of the service had been completed. Prayers followed and afterwards the Bishop addressed the congregation in homely but eloquent phrases, telling them of the original purpose of church towers and bells, of their influence on history, architecture and poetry, and of their lessons and their call. Quickly then the service ends with the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' a prayer for blessing upon those whose work and gifts had made possible the setting up of the bells, and the Benediction.

The service was over; it was simple; it was impressive; its keynote was one of thanksgiving. As the procession of choir and clergy leave the church the merry little peal strike out overhead, manned by a team of ringers from Basingstoke, who, after some well-struck rounds, ring with equal precision a couple of six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Slowly the congregation disperses, but many remain in the churchyard to listen for the first time to the sound of their village bells as a ring of six, and while they listen the setting sun goes down in a blaze of glory, bathing the old church in its golden light, and seeming to shed its benison upon the crowning act of the villagers' devotion and generosity.

HOW RESTORATION WAS DELAYED.

It is something like five years since the restoration of the bells at Upton Grey was contemplated. Some of them were ancient, and the tenor had come down from the pre-Reformation period. It was cast about 1540, and inscribed, 'O Sancte Blasi Ora Pro Nobis.' It is badly cracked in the crown, but on account of its antiquity the Diocesan Advisory Committee would not allow it to be recast. A generous donor was, however, found willing to replace the old with a new bell, but another obstacle to the restoration was raised. An

'authority' advised the Diocesan Committee that the decrepit bell frame was also pre-Reformation, and, despite its derelict condition, they refused to allow it to be replaced. Quite rightly the Church authorities declined to spend money on it, and so a deadlock ensued—until it was discovered that the 'authority' was wrong and the frame not so old by 200 years as it had been represented to be. Thus were the antiquarians confounded!

The whole peal now hang in a new frame of English oak. Two old bells, the present 4th, also cast about the year 1540, and the 5th, cast in 1631, have been retuned and retained, the third recast, and treble and second added, which, together with the new tenor, make up a well-balanced and merry peal, with a tenor of 9 cwt. 4 lb. in A.

The celebrations did not end with the service in church. A large number of parishioners, visiting clergy and ringers gathered in the Parish Hall and had tea together, and the Bishop came among the party and chatted to most of them in turn. After tea the Yateley ringers, with Mr. S. J. Riddell as leader, rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells and a selection of tunes, which were much appreciated. A party of village boys led the 'whoopce,' and filled the hall with long and shrill cheers.

The Vicar (the Rev. Henry Sewell) and parishioners were thanked for their hospitality to the ringers by Major Stilwell (hon. secretary of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), who congratulated them on the consummation of the scheme which had given them such a delightful peal of bells.

The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the ringers and thanked them for coming to ring the bells on that occasion. He hoped they would come often and that soon they would have their own team of ringers in Upton Grey. Until then they would have to use the Ellacombe apparatus that had been installed. The Vicar also thanked all who had helped in the restoration scheme and the many clergy who had come to join in the service that day.

THE BELLS AND TOWER.

Throughout the evening touches in various methods were rung on the bells, which delighted all who heard them. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were represented at the service by Mr. R. H. Dove, have carried out the work in a most admirable manner.

The following are the particulars of the bells:—

Treble.—Note F sharp. Weight: 3 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lb. 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo.' G. W. H. 1933.

No. 2.—E. 3 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. 'In Terra Pax Homini-bus.' G. W. H. 1933.

No. 3.—D. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. Cast 1832—Recast 1933. Basing—so named in recognition of the work of John Limbrey Robert 3rd Lord Basing and his wife Mary Alice Erle for the restoration of the bells.

No. 4.—C sharp. 5 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb. 'O Sancta Anna Ora Pro Nobis.' (Date c. 1540.)

No. 5.—B. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. 'Prayes the Lord, 1631.'

Tenor.—A. 9 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb. 'Venite Exultemus Domino.' The gift of Harriette Fanshawe Martin, last surviving member of the family of Admiral Sir W. F. Martin, Bart., G.C.B., Upton Grey House, 1870-1897.

The central tower of Upton Grey Church was built in two periods. The bottom portion is obviously part of the original building, the upper part, built in brick, was added in the 17th century. The walls are immensely thick and the accommodation in the ringing room—approached by steep external wooden steps—is belied by the outward dimensions of the tower. The ancient tenor, now in honourable retirement, has found a resting place in the ringing chamber, where for many years twelve leather fire buckets lay neglected. They bore the inscription, 'Upton Grey. J.1762K.' Two of these have been repaired and cleaned, and will be preserved as interesting relics. The initials 'J. K.' are presumed to be those of James King, to whose memory there is a marble slab laid in the aisle of the church. G.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY HAVE AN UNWELCOME VISITOR.

The November meeting was held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday. The bells were rung up shortly after 3 p.m., and (except for breaks for tea and the business meeting) ringing continued until 9 p.m. Members and friends were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Felkirk, Headingley (St. Chad's), Holbeck, Idle, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadenaster and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, and the president occupied the chair.

After the minutes had been read and signed, the door of the ringing room was thrown open and a very irate man demanded that ringing should cease or his wife would leave home. When he stopped talking he was asked to leave the belfry and make any complaint he had with regard to the ringing meeting to the Vicar, who had given his permission for the meeting to be held.

The business meeting was then continued and brought to a successful conclusion by the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens and the local company.—Mr. R. Thomas replied (through the secretary) for the local company.

The next meeting will be held at Pudsey in January.

Methods rung were Cambridge Minor, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative and London.

EIGHTY—AND STILL GOING STRONG

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S DOUBLE EVENT.

'Men may come and men may go, but James George goes on for ever,' if some poet, whose name we can't be bothered to remember, will permit us to adapt one of his most impressive lines to meet the needs of the moment. For James George came long before most of us can remember and will go on—if actions and appearances can be relied upon—long after most of us have taken our departure.

On Monday, as all our readers are aware, he celebrated his 80th birthday; on Saturday, as most readers will learn for the first time, he rang his 1,200th peal! What a double event! In this respect he has all previous record holders beaten to a frazzle. At a time of life when most people—if they are not already dead—sit with their feet in the fender and dream, or in their waking moments deplore the misdeeds of their past, Mr. George is dashing about the country,



MR. JAMES GEORGE AT 80.

Photograph taken specially for 'The Ringing World.'

taking all bells as they come and ringing them to peals till the very gudgeons cry out for rest. What with cooking his own breakfast, tidying up the drawing room of 44, Cuckoo Road, and making his own bed, then travelling all day and half the night with just sufficient interval to put another peal in his bag, Mr. George has no time for ruminating on the past, unless it is to pour into an interested ear some story of a new world conquered, and he has no misdeeds—to speak of—to deplore.

This young man of eighty leads a hectic life and cannot understand why those many years his junior cannot keep up the pace with him. He started his peal ringing in 1889, when he was 35 years of age, and since that time has averaged more than one peal a fortnight! Fancy that, over a period of 45 years! This is how his peal ringing has advanced:—

1st peal,	February 16th, 1889
100th peal,	November 20th, 1894
200th peal,	December 31st, 1899
300th peal,	January 13th, 1906
400th peal,	September 22nd, 1908
500th peal,	October 19th, 1912
600th peal,	August 18th, 1917
700th peal,	October 8th, 1921
800th peal,	August 9th, 1924
900th peal,	July 3rd, 1926
1,000th peal,	October 6th, 1928
1,100th peal,	December, 1930
1,200th peal,	November 25th, 1933

It is impossible to recount here all the many great performances which Mr. George has put up. It will be remembered that not long ago—when much nearer 80 than 70—Mr. George rang Painswick tenor for 1½ hours in that lamentable effort, which was to have been a record, but proved to be false. All the heavy bells that have been open to him he has rung to peals, among them Bow tenor (53 cwt.), Southwark (50 cwt.), Norwich (43 cwt.), Cornhill (41 cwt.), Sheffield (40 cwt.), Shrewsbury (40 cwt.) and others little less in weight he has turned to peals, some in Maximus and some in Cinques, and those that are heavier he is still prepared to take on if opportunity offers. On the eve of completing four score years he rang the tenor at Nuneaton to Cambridge Major and the tenor at All Saints', Derby, to Treble Ten. Even on Tuesday 'he was on the box' at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and, at the age of 80 years 1 day, rang the 37 cwt. tenor to his birthday peal—at least, we shall be surprised if he didn't, although we had not heard the result of the attempt at the moment of going to press.

Amid all the many performances of which Mr. George may be proud, there is this to be said without any possibility of equivocation, no man at his age has done the prodigious jobs at the rope end that Mr. George has accomplished, and no man of his years is so active in peal ringing. His total in 1933 is already 50. He began ringing in 'old men's' peals when he was sixty—he is the only survivor of that band—and was one of the veterans' company at Hart Street a few weeks ago. That he will long live to enjoy good health, his youthful outlook on life and to ring many more peals will be the wish of Mr. George's hosts of friends in every corner of the British Isles.

Gentlemen, the toast is: 'Mr. James George, of England!'

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S PEAL LIST.

The following is the detailed list of Mr. James George's 1,200 peals, which have been rung in 46 counties and 388 towers in the British Isles:—

		Tower bells	Handbells
Doubles:—		Rung	Conducted Rung
Grandsire	...	2	—
Minor:—			
In 1 method (including 2 of Cambridge)	7	—	—
In three methods	2	—	—
Triples:—			
Grandsire	...	75	14
Stedman	...	326	4
Union	...	—	1
Plain Bob	...	1	—
Darlston Bob	...	2	—
Major:—			
Grandsire	...	2	—
Plain Bob	...	36(a)	1
Oxford Treble Bob	...	6	—
Kent Treble Bob	...	58(b)	—
Spiced Treble Bob (Ilkeston Variation)	...	1	—
Duffield	...	1	—
Forward	...	2	—
Little Bob	...	1	—
Double Norwich Court Bob	...	62(c)	—
Cambridge Pleasure	...	1	—
Superlative Surprise	...	86	—
Cambridge Surprise	...	37	—
London Surprise	...	11	—
Bristol Surprise (with Treble)	...	6	—
Caters:—			
Grandsire	...	34(d)	1
Stedman	...	152	14
Royal:—			
Grandsire	...	1	—
Aston	...	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob	...	1	—
Kent Treble Bob	...	47(e)	—
Plain Bob	...	10	—
Little Bob	...	1	—
Forward	...	1	—
Cambridge Surprise	...	4	—
Cinques:—			
Grandsire	...	9(f)	—
Stedman	...	145	19
Maximus:—			
Grandsire	...	1	—
Plain Bob	...	2	—
Kent Treble Bob	...	17(g)	—
Granta Treble Bob	...	1	—
Forward	...	1	—
Cambridge Surprise	...	1	—

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(a) Including 6,000. (b) Including 6,336 (both rung in one day). (c) Including 6,720. (d) Including 6,011 and 8,009. (e) Including 6,080 and 7,280. (f) Including 9,261 and 12,231. (g) Including 6,000 and 12,240 (record in the method), to which Mr. George rang the tenor.

During the last year Mr. George has rung 50 peals, including 7,840 and 6,016 Oxford Treble Bob Major, and 6,400 Kent Treble Bob Major. Also two tenors to two peals of Major in one day.

ANOTHER LEICESTERSHIRE PEAL RESTORED.**A GIFT BY THE BARRON TRUST.**

Saturday, November 18th, was a 'red-letter' day for Hathern, near Loughborough, for it saw the completion of the restoration of the Parish Church bells, which for many years had not been rung. When the scheme was recently contemplated, the Bishop's Advisory Committee sent their hon. consultant (Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S.) to report on the condition of the existing five bells. His account as to the shocking conditions in the bell chamber had such an effect on the authorities that the Chancellor of the Diocese gave permit to take the bells down before the faculty was completed.

The oldest bell in the tower is bell No. 4, dated 1618, and the next oldest, bell No. 5, dated 1620, both of these bells having been cast by Henry Oldfield, whose bellfoundry was at Nottingham. The tenor was cast by Edward Arnold in 1792 when the foundry was in Hangman's Lane, Leicester. It is interesting to note that the first Taylor, bellfounder, viz., Robert Taylor, was apprenticed to this Edward Arnold, and undoubtedly must have had a hand in the moulding and casting of this bell. These three old bells bear the following inscriptions, viz.—

No. 4.—Thomas Thorne and Thomas Berrington, 1618.

No. 5.—Thomas Berrington and J. O. Thorne, 1620.

Tenor.—Edward Deane and Thomas Harriman, Churchwardens. Edward Arnold Fecit 1792.

Bells Nos. 2 and 3 were cast by G. Hedderley, of the Nottingham Foundry, in 1791, but these were so badly out of tune and of such poor tone that it was necessary to recast them under the present scheme of restoration. The weight of the tenor bell is 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. and the peal is in the key of G sharp.

The peal now consists of six bells, having been augmented to this number by the addition of a new treble bell generously given by the Barron Bell Trust, who have also defrayed the cost of restoring the five bells.

The bells are now hung with the most up-to-date fittings, including ball bearings, and the decrepit old framework has been replaced by an enormously strong and massive structure built up of cast-iron sections upon a foundation of heavy rolled steel girders, the whole structure being thoroughly braced and tied together.

The new bell and the two recast bells are perfectly tuned on the 'Taylor True-harmonic' system of tuning, and the three largest bells, which have been retained in the peal, without recasting, have been tuned so that the whole peal is now in perfect accord.

In addition to the actual work to the bells themselves, other costly improvements have been carried out in the belfry, including the fitting of copper wire guards to exclude the birds, a new belfry door has been constructed, the tower clock has been overhauled and the roof of the tower has been stripped, relaid and made stronger. All this work, together with the necessary stonemason's work, will cost approximately £120, and this has to be found by the parish.

The whole of the bell work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The procession assembled at the Village Cross and marched to the church headed by the church banner. It consisted of the choir and clergy, the Bishop of Leicester, the Deputy Mayor of Loughborough, the Parochial Church Council, representatives of the Baptist and Methodist Churches and the chairman and clerk of the Parish Council, Mr. E. Denison Taylor (representing the bellfounders), representatives of the Midland Counties Association and the ringers of Hathern Parish Church. When the head of the procession reached the church, the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung. The Rector (the Rev. Douglas Hoole) conducted the service, and the lesson was read by the Rural Dean. During the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the tower, where the formal dedication took place.

Immediately after the dedicatory prayers, the following raised the bells in peal and rang a few rounds as the procession returned to the east end of the church: Ernest Morris treble, Colin Harrison 2, David Collins 3, John Saddington 4, John W. Booth 5, Felix Sutton tenor. The Bishop gave an inspiring address, and the service, which included the hymns, 'Lifted safe within the temple' and 'When morning gilds the skies,' concluded with the Te Deum and the Blessing. Immediately after the service the ringers above mentioned rang the first 720 Bob Minor on the bells.

Tea was served to a large congregation in the schools, after which the bells were kept going to various methods by ringers from Nottingham, Cotgrave, Ilkeston, Loughborough, Shepshed, Sutton Bonnington and other places. Everyone was delighted with the 'go' of the bells, and the addition of the new treble now makes a very fine ring of six.

BELLRINGING LECTURE.

At the request of the local branches of Toe H., a lecture on 'Bells and Bellringing' was given at Wimborne on Wednesday, November 22nd, by the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The chair was taken by Sir James Brooke, K.C.B., and there was a large and deeply interested audience. The lecturer's explanations of method ringing were illustrated by the Poole change ringers under the direction of Mr. F. W. Townsend, and a number of tunes were played by the Rev. C. A. Phillips' party of handbell ringers.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO FORMER BRANCH SECRETARY.**

Mr. F. Rigby, the late hon. secretary of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association, was the recipient on Saturday week of a ringer's gold-pendant in recognition of the services he had rendered to the branch for a number of years.

The presentation took place at a meeting of the branch held at Higher Walton, where there is a very fine octave of bells by Taylor and Co., with tenor of 16½ cwt. Among those who attended the meeting were Mr. T. Duxbury, of Padilham, whose membership of the association dates from 1880, while the Goosnargh veteran, Mr. Wm. Clarkson, a mere youth of 81, also took part in touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Other methods up to London Surprise were also rung, the bells being in full demand all the afternoon.

After tea the president (Canon H. J. Elco) read a letter of apology from the Vicar of Higher Walton (the Rev. W. H. Cooper) and proceeded to make the presentation to Mr. Rigby, referring to the good work he had done during his nine years' service. The President voiced the sentiments felt by all the members towards him, as his unassuming modesty and diligent labours were always apparent.

Mr. Rigby, who was taken entirely by surprise, briefly acknowledged the gift. He said that, although he had never sought reward, the pendant was just such a present as he would have desired.

The next meeting was fixed for December 16th at St. Mark's, Preston, at the request of the authorities of that church, as they desire the advice of Canon Elsee regarding their bells, which are hung at the top of a rather slender tower and go none too well owing to the movement of the structure.

Adjourning to the belfry, the president joined in well-struck touches of Stedman and Double Norwich, and the bells were kept busy till 8.30, when a good fall in peal terminated one of the best meetings held in the district for some time.

MANCHESTER BRANCH AT PENDLETON.

A very pleasant meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Saturday, November 18th. Though not overwhelming in numbers, the gathering was, nevertheless, representative of quite a few towers and several districts.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Fletcher), who, in his address, which would, perhaps, be better described as a 'talk,' made his congregation feel that they were as much a part of the Church as were the organist and choir. That 'feeling' lasted, not just to the end of the service, but throughout the day.

After the service a very enjoyable tea was served in the Schoolroom, where later the business meeting was held. The Vicar took the chair, supported by the branch president (Mr. C. Ollier). The Chairman heartily welcomed the branch to Pendleton. It was the first visit during his incumbency.

Five new members were elected, which number included the chairman and Mr. S. Willsaw, a churchwarden, both of whom, it leaked out later, were celebrating their respective birthdays.

The places chosen for the forthcoming quarter's meetings were as follows: December, Manchester Town Hall; January, Manchester Cathedral; and February, Eccles.

It was asked that the good wishes of the meeting be sent to Mr. Sam Greenhalgh, a member of the local company and one of the well-known Pendleton band of earlier days, who has been confined to bed in Nell Lane Hospital, Withington, for several weeks.

At the close of the meeting a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman for conducting the service, his encouraging address and for the use of the bells and rooms, and also for his services in the chair; also to the ladies and local ringers for providing such an excellent tea and making all the other necessary arrangements.

The day was brought to a close in the usual way, among the bells, the standard methods, Double Norwich and Cambridge being rung.

TUNSTALL RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.**CELEBRATED BY A FAMILY QUARTER-PEAL.**

To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Spice, of Tunstall, Kent, on November 19th, a family quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, P. J. Spice 2, Mrs. G. H. Spice 3, G. H. Spice 4, J. W. Unwin (son-in-law) 5, E. H. Spice 6, W. Spice, sen., 7, W. H. Spice 8. It was conducted by father.

In addition, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, with W. Gorman and G. Kenward taking the places of W. H. Spice and Mrs. E. H. Spice; and 224 of Cambridge Surprise Major and 252 Stedman Triples.

On Monday, November 20th, a peal was rung in honour of the event.

At St. John's Church, Hillingdon, on Sunday, November 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. E. Davey 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, J. J. Pratt 3, R. Warnett 4, R. J. Darvill 5, W. Honor 6, W. H. Coles (conductor) 7, C. Over 8. Rung for evening service and thanksgiving to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Coles, Staplegrave, Somerset, the conductor's parents.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ACTON BELLS RUNG AFTER TWO YEARS' SILENCE.**

On Saturday, November 18th, the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association paid a visit to St. Mary's, Acton. Only a few years ago one of the strongest bands in the district was attached to this tower under the leadership of Mr. Robert Holloway. Owing to his decease and other circumstances, the band dispersed, and during the last four or five years the visits of the association have provided the only occasions on which the bells have been rung. As a result of this last visit, an effort is to be made to recommence at least occasional Sunday ringing.

To ensure that the bells were in good order for the meeting, Messrs. J. Hunnisett and J. A. Trollope visited the tower beforehand, and their labours in this connection were much appreciated. It was a pity they forgot to take along a vacuum cleaner in their equipment!

The bells were rung from half-past three until a quarter to five, when shortened evensong was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. Gough). Tea followed in the Parish Hall, where the Rector was host. Before leaving, he said how pleased he was to have the association visit Acton, and trusted he would see them there again in the future. The feelings of the meeting were voiced by the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope), who referred to old time associations with the tower, and expressed the hope that the bells would be rung more often in the future.

At the subsequent business meeting, the hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) and Mr. Hollier both referred to the passing of Mr. F. W. Etherington, of Twickenham, in September. The deceased gentleman had been a very keen supporter and an honorary member of the association for some years. He had been churchwarden of Twickenham Parish Church for a quarter of a century and was much respected in the town. The company stood in silence as a tribute to his memory, and endorsed the hon. secretary's action in writing to the widow.

Miss E. Bedford and Miss G. Craven, of Uxbridge, and Messrs. Barlow and Hamer, of Harlington, were elected ringing members of the association. The belfry elections of Messrs. T. Price and R. Davis before ringing a peal were ratified.

It was decided to pay a visit to Twickenham in December, probably on the 16th.

The hon. secretary reminded members of the second annual supper which was to take place at Hounslow on January 13th, 1934. Tickets at 3s. each were now available from tower secretaries and members of the committee.

When the business was concluded the tower was again visited and further ringing took place until 8.30. Various methods were rung, including some Spliced Surprise that would not, unfortunately, splice! The attendance during the meeting exceeded forty.

SPICED TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the peal on page 699 of Spiced Treble Bob, the footnote is rather misleading. It would be more correct to say that Oxford is rung when the tenor is coursing the treble down to lead, thus preventing the tenors going in slow. I am sending a 5,184 in the same method by my friend, Mr. Timbrell, and not yet rung.

23456 M W H

53462 1 2

63425 1 2

25346

43526 2

24385 1

64352 1 2

52436

34256 2

Twice repeated.

Contains the 5th and 6th their extents in 5.6.

If Mr. Goby cares to correspond with me, I have in my possession a number of these peals, several with only 4, 5 and 6 in 6ths and most of them not rung.

E. R. MARTIN.

86, Hartington Road, Preston.

NOTICES.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of the Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec. of the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, is now Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Burghclere, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Please notify me for tea, Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

ARMISTICE-TIDE.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, November 11th, for Armistice Day, with half-muffled clappers, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,230 changes): H. Ridgway 1, J. A. Green 2, T. Roberts 3, E. C. Lambert 4, F. Case 5, H. C. Edwards (first in the method) 6, R. Foddy 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for special Armistice service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 1, H. Payne 2, A. Butler 3, T. Thirkell 4, H. Smith 5, A. E. Newman 6, R. Brown 7, N. Curtis 8.

HEADCORN, KENT.—On Sunday, November 12th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band: B. Martin 1, P. Hodgkin 2, O. Bridger 3, G. Foord 4, G. Taylor 5, J. Head (conductor) 6, G. Grant 7, F. Goodenall 8. First quarter-peal by a local band in this church, and the first for the ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 8.

EAST ISLLEY, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, Nov. 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. W. Warwick 1, E. Warwick 2, M. Rosier 3, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 4, T. Curtis 5, W. Hibbert, sen., 6, R. W. Rex 7, W. W. Warwick 8. Rung with clappers half-muffled for the Armistice. Ringers of 3rd, 5th and 7th hail from Peasemore, Beedon and Newbury respectively.

THE LATE MR. J. D. MATTHEWS.

A memorial touch to the late Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths (Mr. J. D. Matthews) was rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, on Saturday, by members of the society, with the bells half-muffled. It consisted of 1,321 Stedman Caters from a peal composed by Mr. Matthews: Arthur N. Hardy 1, Arthur J. Neale 2, Frederick H. Symons 3, George H. Cross 4, Leonard H. Baybutt 5, Thomas Newman (conductor) 6, George A. Card 7, George W. Steere 8, John W. Cornford 9, William Bottrill 10, Cecil J. Matthews 11, Thomas Bevan 12.

At Crayford, Kent, on Tuesday of last week, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung to Mr. Matthews' memory.

At Edmonton on Sunday, November 27th, prior to evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (conductor) 1, Miss L. Wheeler 2, Miss E. Greenall 3, Miss G. Church 4, W. Barlow (first quarter-peal) 5, G. B. Collins 6, J. Parker 7, P. Pearce 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. H. Watson, esteemed verger of the church for 16 years, and the late Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Jarrow on Saturday, November 4th, and, despite the inclement weather, there was a fair attendance of ringers from Braydon, Whickham, Chester-le-Street, Newcastle, Sunderland and West Hartlepool to support the local ringers.

The peal of eight are not at present everything that could be desired, but they were kept going merrily throughout the afternoon and evening. A good hour was spent over the tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the happy talks and reminiscences about bells made the meal a jolly event.

Before returning to the belfry, Mr. J. W. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and this was carried with acclamation.

It was proposed that West Hartlepool be the next place of meeting on December 16th.

Ringings continued until 8 p.m., the methods being Double Norwich, Boh Major and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Mr. Hall, on behalf of the local ringers, said he was delighted that the association had paid a visit to Jarrow, and hoped the visitors had enjoyed the meeting.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not made 20 attendances to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Dec. 7th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, Southwark Cathedral on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Beenham on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Guild members 9d. Non-members 1s.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Dec. 2nd.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our annual social will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Dec. 2nd. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. Social at 6 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (just augmented to 8 by Taylor and Co.) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Good attendance requested.—A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Swansea on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Topsham, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4. Address by the Vicar (Rev. Guy Halliday). Tea 4.45 (free).—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30 (1s. per head). Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Symondsburys and Burton (6).—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Adber, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock at the Battle Axes Hotel.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Chisleton on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—A. W. Deane, 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Stagsden on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Buses leave Bedford St. Peter's 2, 3.30 and 5.30. Everyone heartily welcome. Please pay up your subscription, if not yet paid.—P. C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Low Bentham on Dec. 2nd. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. Meeting at 5.30 p.m.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Bourn on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3-4.30, also 6-7 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Duffil.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8). Tea 1s. each. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at All Saints', Hamer (bells 6) on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

PLYMPTON ST. MARY, DEVON.—The ring of 8 (tenor 25½ cwt.), restored by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Bells available after the service and tea provided (admission 6d.).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Ringing from 2.45. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church House 5.15.—A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Baghet de la Bere). at 5.30. This fine peal of eight has been overhauled by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — WANTED for Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 30 KEEN ringers to attend at St. James's Church, Poolstock. Bells, reputed by experts to be the finest octave in ENGLAND, ready at 3 p.m. Tea, by invitation. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Owing to the *bad* state of the Wigan Parish Church bells the meeting is transferred to Poolstock. — William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. James's Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) will be available at 2 p.m. All ringers are invited. — W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Room at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Soar on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (5) available 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. The usual Garston welcome is assured. —Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Dec. 9th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, free to members, bands and visitors attending. — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Dec. 6th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Apsley End on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday. All sorts and sizes of ringers are welcome, but come prepared to wander off the beaten track.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, December 9th. Tea provided for those who inform me of their intention to be there not later than Wednesday, December 6th. Hoping to end the year with a bumper meeting.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (10) at the Minster available from 2.30 to 4.30 and from 6 p.m. onwards. Service in Minster 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head. Please notify Mr. R. Owen, 8, Long Lane, Beverley, by Dec. 7th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LADIES GUILD. — Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Dec. 6th? — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Claines on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 6th. — F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Usual arrangements. Tea in the Church Room after service. Officers for 1934 to be nominated at this meeting. It is therefore hoped as many as can do so will attend. Please let me have numbers for tea.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division. — The annual meeting will be held at Colchester on Saturday, Dec. 9th. St. Peter's bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. and St. Leonard's (6) from 3 till 4 p.m. Divine service at St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m., will be conducted by the Rev. B. R. Bertin, and in place of an address a talk will be given by the Divisional Master (Mr. Edward P. Duffield). Tea at St. Peter's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. Please notify the undersigned not later than Thursday, Dec. 7th.—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. E. Brooker, Hall Lane, by Wednesday. A good meeting desired. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will take place at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A., at 5 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly inform me by Thursday, Dec. 7th.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A meeting will be held at Cottenham on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All 1933 subscriptions due. Please come and help a band urgently requiring instruction. By helping others we help ourselves.—F. Warrington, Over, Cambs.

SALISBURY GUILD.—N. Dorset Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers cordially invited. Please notify Rev. E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN GUILD.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business in the Schools at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Those requiring tea please notify by previous Tuesday. — P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Bradford, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Amber, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock, Dec. 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea, Allnut's Café, 5.30. All ringers welcome, and a helping hand given to any learner. Book the date—and come.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shirland on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify me how many will require tea by Wednesday, Dec. 6th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Dec. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Short evening song 6.30 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Dec. 9th; commencing at 3 o'clock. As it is expected that there will be a large attendance, please send word so that adequate arrangements may be made for tea.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting will be held on December 13th at Chester-le-Street commencing at 3 p.m. Tea at Church Institute, 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 16th, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. Canon Bryce. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (free) at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than December 14th (all ringers and friends welcome)?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benlilton, Sutton, on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 13th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherham Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall, Moorgate (200 yards from church) at 5 p.m., at a nominal charge. Please notify Mr. T. C. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Rotherham, by Dec. 14th for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me as soon as possible and oblige?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16th, at Bishop's Stortford. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934. Tickets 5s. 6d. Further details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

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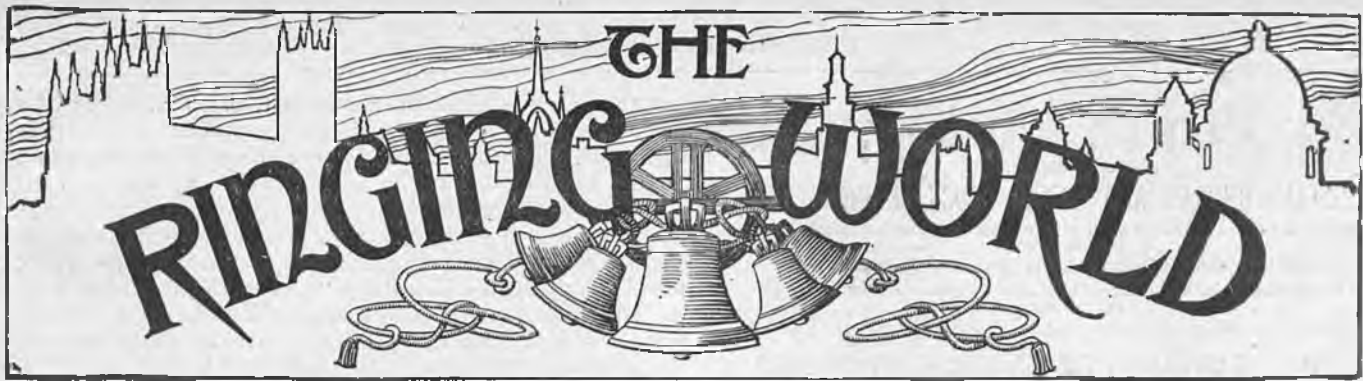
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THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 9
JACK M. CRIPPS ... 5	FREDERICK WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 308).

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

WALTER AYRE Treble	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 6
BEN JARMAN 2	*JOSEPH F. CHATLEY ... 7
FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 8
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 4	THOMAS J. HULL ... 9
GEORGE B. COLLINS ... 5	HAROLD V. FROST ... Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM.

Conducted by H. V. FROST.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. P. Debenham and Mr. W. Ayre.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED HANNIS Treble	GEORGE CONDLICK... .. 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... 2	JOHN AUSTIN... .. 6
SYDNEY E. ROMANS ... 3	ERNEST E. DAVIS... .. 7
JESSE GILLET ... 4	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Williams, who has just passed his 81st birthday. Also to Mr. J. Austin, who reached the age of 70 on the following day.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

OGDEN MOORES Treble	STEPHEN PARRY 5
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR ... 2	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 6
ERNEST MOORES ... 3	HERBERT BARLOW ... 7
SYDNEY GOULDEN ... 4	VERNON SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS.

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM JONES Treble	FREDERICK R. EVANS ... 5
*FRANK MITCHELL ... 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... 6
*PHILLIP CROSS ... 3	WILLIAM CATRALL ... 7
†JOHN M. CAPPER ... 4	ARTHUR TILSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	GEORGE KENWARD ... 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 6
CHARLES USHER 3	ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	*HARCOURT OLIVER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. William Taylor, who had been a member of the parish choir for 75 years, and for many years a member of the association.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 20.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	WALTER WALLACE ... 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The peal was a compliment to Mr. James George on the occasion of his eightieth birthday, the band offering him their hearty congratulations. The band were entertained by him at the conclusion of the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. 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 parts. This was the 1,000th peal by Mr. J. E. Davis, the popular belfry steward of St. Botolph's, and he was heartily congratulated by the band, at the conclusion of the peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST J. KING Treble	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*THOMAS WYATT ... 6
*WILLIAM HARDER ... 3	HARRY MANCHE ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal on the bells, dedicated on November 26th after having been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the 'go' being perfect.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	Cecil NICE ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	ROBERT SWIFT ... 7
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells.

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MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S OLD BOB THREE-PART, No. 102. Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time and completes peals in parts from one to twenty on the odd bob plan rung by the 'Wednesday afternoon' band, which is the first to do so. The 50th different composition of Stedman Triples called by the conductor upon plans differing from the twin-bob plan. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael, Twerton,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALEXANDER EVANS Treble	*ERNEST J. TAYLOR 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	WILLIAM H. CROCKER 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
RICHARD J. COUSINS 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

* First peal of Surprise and first attempt. Mr. T. F. King's 50th peal in this tower.

SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

NORMAN PATTERSON Treble	FRANK AINSLEY 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	*JOHN PICKERING 6
THOMAS STEPHENSON 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 4	THOMAS H. RERVES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. Reeves, of Birmingham.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALBERT COMMINGS Treble	PERCY E. JONES 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	WALTER D. JOLLEY 6
JAMES H. LUCAS 3	FRANK CORKE 7
EDWARD W. BUTLER 4	GEORGE HAIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDWIN BARNETT Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	*EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
*ALFRED G. HILL 3	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
*HARRY HOVERD 4	*THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon Helmore, vice-president of the association and secretary for 38 years, who was 82 on December 2nd.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Thomas for morning service, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Hosgood 1, R. Rundle 2, F. Wills 3, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 4, J. Hosgood 5, B. Hill 6, W. Wills 7, A. H. Goad 8. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Sunday.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL Treble	JOHN BURLS 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 3	EDWARD J. BRER 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, on the occasion of his 82nd birthday, the band wishing him 'many happy returns.'

ST. ANNES-ON-SEA.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

WILLIAM RATCLIFFE Treble	CHARLES SHARPLES 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 2	JOHN H. FOSTER 6
GEORGE MARIES 3	PETER CROOK, JUN. 7
EDWARD IDDON 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by P. CROOK, SEN.

First peal of Spliced Treble Bob by all.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 6162 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble	*NORMAN C. LEWIS 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	WALTER ALLWOOD 6
WILLIAM J. THYNG 3	*ALFRED E. PARSONS 7
*FREDERICK E. PARSONS ... 4	*L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 100).

Conducted by L. W. JACQUES.

* First peal in the method; also first in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 7th.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

ERNEST W. PYE Aged 15 Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT Aged 15 5
RONALD D. WARD Aged 20 2	JOHN H. BOTHAM Aged 21 ... 6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS Aged 19 3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR Aged 20 7
WALTER D. JOLLEY Aged 17 4	ARTHUR P. CANNON Aged 20 Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor. First peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells. This is the youngest band to ring a peal of Major, their ages totalling 147 years. It was intended to ring the peal all 'under 21,' but owing to the indisposition of one of the 'youngsters,' Mr. J. H. Botham kindly stood in.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM SHERATON 5
JOHN A. BROWN 2	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 6
FREDERICK SHERATON 3	WM. JAMES DAVIDSON 7
STEPHEN THOMPSON 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN Tenor

Composed by W. DAY.

Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

Rung to commemorate the establishment of a church in this village 1,050 years ago, and the 50th anniversary of the installation of a peal of bells in the tower of this church. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th are local men, Mr. Pattison from Sunderland, Mr. Thompson from Whickham, and the rest from Newcastle.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
FRED GINN 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
FRED BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 2½ cwt.

DENNIS WRIGHT Treble	MANSFIELD GINN 5
FRED GINN 2	ROBERT SMITH 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	ARTHUR J. GINN 7
FRANK CREASEY 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal by treble ringer, who is the Vicar's son, and stood in at a moment's notice. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Ginn.

ROCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	WALTER ARNOLD 5
GEORGE WIFFEN 2	ALBERT WIFFEN 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	JOHN MARTIN 5
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSER 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES 6
E. MURRELL 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
FRANCIS C. SHORTER 4	HENRY C. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Walter W. Stevens, for many years a ringer and steeplekeeper at this church.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE & LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	CECIL NICE 6
ROBERT SWIFT 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

First peal of spliced Surprise Major in five methods by all the band, in the county and for the association. This composition contains 3,072 London, 576 Bristol, 608 Cambridge, 608 Superlative and 320 Lincolnshire. The Cambridge and Superlative were rung, as far as possible, in alternate courses.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ELKSTONE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WASLEY Treble	WILLIAM WASLEY 3
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	JOHN BALLINGER 4

FREDERICK BLOWING Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Taylor and Co., the 'go' being excellent.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Single Court and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD BARSLEY Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 4
HARVEY E. BURRILL 2	CYRIL R. BURRILL 5
WILLIAM WILKINSON 3	FRANK DWYER Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell. F. Dewey has now completed the circle at this church. Rung as a farewell to Mr. J. Phillips, late secretary of above branch, who is leaving the district.

ASSINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

LAWRENCE POULSON Treble	KRITH W. WHITTALL 4
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 2	FREDERICK POULSON 5
ARTHUR KEEBLE 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

First peal on the bells for the Guild. Rung as a compliment to Mr. David Elliott, who rang his first peal forty years ago on the above date; also as a birthday compliment to A. C. Lester, of Lavenham. This band is from six different parishes.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. DAVIES Treble	JOSEPH R. RAWLINGS 4
IVOR J. RAWLINGS 2	GEORGE R. HANKS 5
FRANK E. SANDFORD 3	THOMAS R. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by G. R. HANKS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Reading, Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles and St. Simon's, four of Plain Bob and ten of Stedman's, each called differently, and twenty of Grandsire with ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

H. JIM RALPH Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 3
E. T. PAUL FIELD 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD 4

WILLIAM C. SHUTE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

First peal in seven methods by all and believed to be the first in the county of Dorset. Rung to mark the completion by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, general secretary of the Guild, of 25 years' ministry as Rector of Kington Magna.

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SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores of Grandsire, 14 of Canterbury Pleasure and 14 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES VICKERY Treble	ROBERT COLLINS 4
JACK E. WOODCOCK 2	PERCY SINDEN 5
ARTHUR WENBAN 3	FREDERICK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SINDEN.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to John P. Cox, who was interred the same day, and who had been associated with the above church for over 40 years. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

CHILTON FOLIAT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*NORMAN W. HAWKINS ... Treble	T. ARTHUR PALMER ... 3
†E. JOHN BERRY 2	LOUIS A. WILSON ... 4
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. Rung to mark the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Palmer. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector (Rev. W. H. Pelham) for his hospitality after the peal. The conductor has now rung peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HALE-WORTH SOCIETY).

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old and April Day, and twelve six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... Treble	ROBERT J. GARDINER ... 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	ARTHUR H. TOOK ... 5
†GEORGE HOWLETT 3	*CECIL C. GOODWIN ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung to celebrate St. Andrew's Day.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine 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, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	FRED HAWKES 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4
*CHARLES WOODS 2	JOSEPH O. LONDON ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First Surprise peal.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 24th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. L. Campton 1, W. Clough 2, E. Clough 3, F. Measures 4, G. Dudley 5, E. Rivitt 6, A. Aldham (conductor) 7, E. Campton 8. First quarter-peal on the bells by a resident band.

UPLYME, DEVON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES H. LATHEY ... 7 reble	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL 4
GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 2	FRANK E. BLACKMORE ... 5
HENRY G. KEELEY 3	WILLIAM C. SHDIE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

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

SEFTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WM. TASKER Treble	*A. WILLIAMS 4
*G. SMITH 2	G. SKELLAND 5
*E. HIGNETT 3	R. GUY Tenor

Conducted by R. GUY.

* First peal. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. First peal as conductor. First peal rung by a local band at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 28, 1933, in Two Hours and One Minute,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*JOHN HALL 1	*RONALD DAKIN 3
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ... 2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 4
ARTHUR SYMONDS 5-6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Witness—C. Underwood.

* First peal.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 28, 1933, in Two Hours and One Minute,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED DOUBLE NORWICH AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR. 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	GEORGE AMBLER 7-8

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by Rowland S. Myers.

First spliced peal on handbells by all the band and by the association.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT 19 NORTH HILL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE M. RASHEROOK ... 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3-4	WILLIAM CHALK 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT 42, CROSSING ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*BASIL REDGWELL 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	*ERNEST W. BRIGHT ... 7-8

Composed by FREDERICK DRING. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method on handbells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. W. Bright.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Bridport on Saturday last, and was a very representative gathering, members being present from Bridport, Beaminster, Bradpole, Burton Bradstock, Chideock, Hawkechurch, Lyme Regis, Loders, Litten Cheney, Symondsburry, Notherbury, Thorncombe and Whitechurch Canonieorum. The bells at Symondsburry and Bridport were used during the afternoon. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. Bartlett, who also preached a very helpful sermon on the ringers' attitude to worship, the lesson being read by the Rev. C. C. Cox.

The usual sumptuous meat tea followed in the Greyhound Hotel and was fully enjoyed by all. The business meeting afterwards was presided over by the Rev. C. Carew Cox (chairman of the branch), who was supported by the Revs. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Guild), L. Bartlett, A. B. Hutton, C. W. d'Ombraim and I. Scott. A warm welcome was given to the Master, and apologies for absence were expressed from Canon Lee, of Whitechurch, and Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis. A suggestion, originating from the latter, that the four Dorset Branches should hold a combined meeting next June at Milton Abbey, as it would be the 1,000th anniversary year of the foundation of the Abbey, was favourably received, and it was agreed that West Dorset would co-operate if such a meeting could be organised.

The officers were all unanimously re-elected, viz.: Rev. C. C. Cox, president; Mr. F. Bugler, Ringing Master; Messrs. W. S. B. Northover and A. Wynter, Assistant Ringing Masters; Mr. C. H. Lathey, hon. secretary and treasurer.

The report showed that two peals had been rung for the branch during the year, and that all the meetings had been well attended. Grants had been made towards the rehanging of Corscombe bells and towards the erection of a double floor to the belfry at Whitechurch. The latter work had been carried out with satisfactory result by the voluntary labour of the local ringers, as also had been the redecoration of Lyme Regis ringing chamber. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £11 1s. 7d., and were duly passed.

Meetings for the ensuing year were arranged to be held at Bradpole, Burton Bradstock and Hawkechurch.

Thanks were expressed to the Rector of Bridport for his welcome and sermon, also to the organist (Mr. Elsworth), and the meeting concluded with a few words of congratulation and encouragement from the Master.

Many members had their first pull on eight bells during the afternoon and evening, and all stages of proficiency were catered for in call changes, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Doubles and Stedman Doubles and Triples.

FAREWELL TO RINGING MASTER.

PRESENTATION TO MR. C. H. WEBB.

A meeting was held in the vestry of St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Croft, Leicestershire, to take farewell of Mr. C. H. Webb, Ringing Master of the tower, who was leaving to reside in Rugby. Among the ringers present were Rev. R. P. Farrow and A. Ballard, of Stoney Stanton, H. Bird and C. Carr, of Broughton Astley, together with the local company.

Canon Casson, Rector of Croft, who presided, thanked Mr. Webb for his services to the church, of which he has been Ringing Master for five years since the bells were augmented from three to six, in May, 1928. The Canon remarked that it was mostly through Mr. Webb that the augmentation was achieved. He then presented Mr. Webb with the book, 'Bells Through the Ages' (Nichols), given by the Rector, churchwardens and ringers of the parish, as a mark of appreciation for his past services.

Mr. Webb expressed thanks for the gift, remarking that he was very proud to be the owner of the companion book by E. Morris, 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' What he had done at Croft was for the love of the church.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow spoke of the good work which Mr. Webb had done in the district, and expressed the hope that they would see him at the Hinckley District meetings as often as possible.

On behalf of the local ringers Mr. Wood said how sorry they would be to lose such an efficient ringer and able captain.

Mr. F. Bailless was elected Ringing Master in succession to Mr. Webb.

A 720 of Bob Minor was rung on the previous Sunday by the local ringers: Sidney Bailless 1, J. H. Bailless 2, W. A. Wood 3, C. H. Webb 4, G. A. Charlton 5, F. Bailless (conductor) 6.

ARMISTICE-TIDE.

On Saturday, November 11th (Armistice Day), a band of ringers, composed entirely of ex-Service men, met at Shifnal to attempt Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled in memory of fallen comrades. Unfortunately, the attempt came to grief. The band was: A. Baker, R.A.M.C., treble; W. Page, R.E., 2; R. Pickering, 6th South Staffs (conductor), 3; C. H. Watts, R.E., 4; A. Woodbine, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, 5; B. Dalton, 3rd Notts and Derby Regt., 6; E. V. Rodenhurst, R.G.A., 7; W. Lago, 7th K.S.L.I., tenor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal attempt in seven Surprise Minor methods, arranged for Mr. Charles Woods, at his native village of Ginton, Northants, on November 30th, was brought to an abrupt conclusion in the last 720 by the clapper of the 2nd falling out. Mr. Woods and the others of the band got some compensation on Saturday, when they rung the peal at Market Deeping, Lincs.

Three lectures on bells in successive days were given by Mr. Albert Walker, Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. He addressed a meeting of the Arnold Club (a headmasters' association) at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, one night, gave a lecture in St. Martin's Church the next day, and on the day following spoke on the subject to St. John's, Sparkhill, Debating Society.

These lectures were illustrated with lantern slides and change ringing on handbells, and the proceedings were further enlivened with tune ringing. In each case the lecture and the ringing were much appreciated. Good propaganda work, this!

The fiftieth anniversary of the installation of a peal of bells in the tower of Chester-le-Street Church was celebrated on Saturday with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. The peal also celebrated the establishment of a church in the village a thousand years earlier.

Of the ringers present when the bells were installed half a century ago only three survive—Mr. C. L. Routledge, who conducted the jubilee peal on Saturday, Mr. Wm. Story, J.P., of Newcastle, and Mr. W. Newton, of Stockton.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who has been associated with Canterbury Cathedral for something like 55 years, and who served the Kent County Association for more than 30 years as its hon. secretary, celebrated his 82nd birthday on Saturday, when he received many congratulations, and peals were rung in his honour.

Mr. James E. Davis, belfry steward of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London, last week joined the select company who have rung one thousand peals. Others who have achieved this record are Mr. W. Pye, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. J. George, Mr. A. H. Pulling, and the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. I. G. Shade and Mr. E. Pye.

Another good performance by a local band. At Sefton, Liverpool, there were four 'first peals' in a peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, and a 'first as conductor.' It was also the first peal by the local company.

This week we record, for the first time we believe, three 'spliced' peals of Major. One is in four Surprise methods, with which we are now becoming fairly familiar, one in five Surprise methods, and a peal on handbells in two methods.

LOUVRES—INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should be grateful if any of your readers could give me full details, together with their experience, of any methods of preventing rain from being driven through belfry louvres (where towers are in very exposed positions), and at the same time not preventing the sound of the bells from being heard as far away as previously. I see a mention of Venetian louvres in the C.C. Report, but can these be worked from the ringing chamber if their framework is not flush with the tower walls?

(REV.) E. V. COX.

Brampford Speke Vicarage, Exeter.

A 'YOUNGSTERS' PEAL.

YOUNGEST BAND TO RING A PEAL OF MAJOR.

St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, will soon be known as the 'tower to suit all ages,' as following the recent veterans' peals a young band have rung a peal of Major on them, as reported in the peal columns. The band contained some very promising ringers, two of whom, Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. E. W. Pye, have fathers whose names are household words in the Exercise. The band greatly appreciated the visit of Mr. F. E. Dawe, who rang in the veterans' peal. He wished them 'Good luck' before starting.

Although they are not quite the youngest band to ring an eight-bell peal, they are the youngest band to ring a peal of Major. The previous 'youngest' was rung at Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk, in 1914, conducted by Mr. G. H. Cross. Their total ages were then 148. The Hart Street band totalled 147. It could have been arranged a bit younger, but two or three were otherwise engaged. The striking in the peal on the whole was good. A slow beat was kept up all through, and when 'That's all' was called, everyone felt very pleased and proud.

URCHFONT BELLS ON BALL BEARINGS.

The bells of St. Michael's Church, Urchfont, near Devizes, have just been rehung on ball bearings. On the completion of the work a party of ringers from Devizes and Melksham assembled there on Monday, November 27th, and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. W. West 1, W. West 2, John Thomas (conductor) 3, G. Winter 4, V. E. Swift 5, S. Hillier 6, F. Green 7, C. D. Heginbotham 8.

The work of rehanging has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry. All the ringers were delighted with the 'go' of the peal, and the great improvement effected.

THE SOCIETY OF JUNIOR CUMBERLANDS

THE OUTCOME OF AN OLD LONDON RINGERS' QUARREL.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Mr. J. Armiger Trollope has been continuing his researches into early ringing history, especially in London, and in a series of articles, of which this is the first, describes the rise and fall of the Junior Cumberlands, among whose most notable members were George Gross, William Shipway and John Noonan.

George Gross was for many years the leading man of the Cumberlands Society, and from 1763, when he rang his first five thousand, until 1784 he conducted nearly all their peals. That was the most brilliant period in the history of the society, and it culminated in the long peal duel and the victory over the College Youths with the 12,000 of Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch. Then there happened a tremendous quarrel. What it was all about we do not now know, nor does it much matter, for such things were common enough in these old London societies; but the upshot was that Gross left the Company and he did not go alone.

With the help of his son and his other supporters he founded a new society, making up the number from certain low class ringers who lived in the East End and who did not belong to any of the leading companies.

The new society was intended as a vantage ground from which Gross could regain his position in the old body, and it was called the 'Junior Society of Cumberland Youths.' Actually it was an entirely independent body and no more a branch of the Cumberlands Society than the Hertford College Youths were a branch of the London College Youths. Its constitution was framed on the usual lines with Master and Stewards elected annually, but it was only in form a democracy; George Gross was the supreme power and it is noticeable that he took the office of Beadle, which was permanent, and not the more showy one of Master, which was held for a year only.

Socially, the new band were lower than the Cumberlands and much lower than the College Youths, but they were all good ringers and from their headquarters, first at the Seven Stars, in Fashion Street, and, later, at the Three Tuns, in Wood Street, both in Spitalfields, they went about ringing peals and touches at various towers where they could find entrance. Judged by our present day standards, their record is nothing to talk about, but it would be a great mistake to judge it so, and, among the eighteenth century band, as ringers, they take quite a prominent place.

Their first peal was Grandsire Caters at West Ham, and during that year they rang seven five-thousands of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Major and Royal. George Gross, of course, called them, and so he did all their peals so long as he was with them, except three that his son called and one called by J. Devine.

In the next year they had a notable recruit. William Shipway, a young cabinet maker, of Bath, was bitten with the craze for ringing. There was a local band capable of ringing Treble Ten, but they were far too slow for the young enthusiast, and he set his face towards London to earn his living there if it might be so, but chiefly to get as much ringing and the best he could. It was natural enough that he should join the Junior Cumberlands, for they were good ringers and were quite ready

to welcome him. The College Youths were far too important and exclusive to receive just anyone who might come knocking at their door, and even the Cumberlands could pick and choose among would-be recruits and were not disposed to accept anyone until he had proved his mettle.

William Shipway, of 1785, was very different from the important person he afterwards became, but he was a great help to the Junior Cumberlands. His first peal with them was 5,248 Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, and the second was Grandsire Cinques at Southwark. During the next three or four years the society rang several interesting peals. One of them was 8,448 Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, at that time supposed to be the extent with the tenors together. Another was 5,440 Double Norwich Court Major at Bethnal Green. This was claimed to be the first peal in the method, but erroneously, for several had already been rung in the Eastern Counties. And, besides, it seems it was not a true peal, for when the Cumberlands rang one in 1788 they claimed it as 'the first true peal ever rang in London in that method.' By that time the London ringers knew that the Norwich men had rung peals of it. Shipway does not include the 5,440 among his performances, and the inference is that it was false and probably false in the ringing rather than the composition.

Among the other notable peals rung by the society during the time Gross was with them are the first five-thousands at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, and St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, the first peal of Plain Tittum Royal ever scored, and a peal of Bob Major at Bethnal Green 'in as many courses as there's Weeks in the Year, as many leads as there's Days in the Year and as many changes as there's Hours in 8 months.' The number was 5,856, and was claimed to be the 'greatest number ever rang in that method with the tenors together.' This claim at first sight seems very doubtful, as many much longer peals had already been rung, but we must remember that the old ringers objected to Singles and would rather part the tenors in a ten thousand than resort to their use. The 'Clavis' has some very sensible remarks to make on this point.

It is rather curious that the preceding peal was one of 6,000 of Bob Major, composed and called by Mr. Jas. Devine. This was claimed to be 'the first of that number ever rang on 8 Bells with the Tenor together.' It looks as if this peal was false, but, if so, why was it booked, since less than a fortnight elapsed between the two performances? Only one man besides Gross and his son rang in both, and we may, perhaps, see here one of the reasons for the quarrel which immediately afterwards split the society in two.

Except for the fact that they could ring, the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths was a far inferior affair to either the College Youths or the old Cumberlands, and from the first the men who had seceded with George Gross began to trickle back. Gross himself was waiting for an excuse to return to his old friends, and presently there came the inevitable quarrel in the new company. It happened in 1788—a most eventful year in the history of the London Exercise. That was the time when the 'Clavis' first appeared; it was the time that Stedman became the most important method practised in London; it was the time when the original Society of College

Youths broke up and disappeared; it was the time the rivalries and contentions between a few leading men were reshuffling the different bands and altering the composition of the different societies. Taking a wide view of history we should probably come to the conclusion that in that year the Exercise reached its highest point in London. From then onwards there was decline, slow and imperceptible at first, but soon rapid and decisive.

The quarrels and jealousies of the time sowed seed, which was to bear fruit later, but the immediate results, so far as the Junior Cumberlands were concerned, was that they lost their founder and leader. Gross returned to the old Cumberlands, but if he expected that he was going back at once to his old position of power and influence he was disappointed. He had delayed a little too long. For John Reeves had come over from the College Youths, driven out as the result of his quarrel with Thomas Blakemore, and Reeves had the advantage that he was one of the only two men in London who knew anything about the composition of Stedman's Principle. Everybody was then wanting to ring that method, the Cumberlands as much as any one else, and so it was Reeves who became their conductor and who was given Gross's old post as Beadle.

There was no love lost between the two men. It seemed to be the regular rule that in these old London societies there was room for only one ambitious leading man at a time. In theory, of course, they were purely democratic, with all the offices open to each member in turn and a fresh Master each year. In practice one man controlled the company at least in the tower, and he had to fight hard to keep his position until a stronger than he came along and took his place.

Besides all this, Gross and Reeves were rival composers, and they claimed the same peals. Quite a number of outstanding peals of Treble Bob are to-day recognised as Reeves' composition. More than one of the best of them Gross claimed as his; the 12,000 of Royal for instance, and when he died his friends put in the peal book that as a Treble Bob composer he surpassed all his contemporaries. Now, John Reeves' best compositions are peals of Treble Bob. Between the two we cannot to-day form any real judgment, but there is the significant fact that not a single peal in Jasper Snowden's collection of Treble Bob has Gross's name attached to it, and Shipway, who knew both men, gave all the disputed compositions to Reeves.

Gross got back to the Cumberlands in time to take a rope in the 5,184 of Stedman Caters at Shoreditch in 1788, but that was the only peal he rang with them so long as Reeves was Beadle and conductor to the company. We know nothing at all of what sort a man Reeves was. From the number of times he changed his society and the frequent disputes he had with other men, it seems likely that while he was a brilliant ringer, composer and conductor, there was some defect in his make-up which prevented him from being popular for very long with any one band. After he left the Cumberlands George Gross came once more into his own, and for the last years of his life he was supreme in that society.

(To be continued.)

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Thursday, November 16th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Roberts 1, G. Bradbury (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, G. Banks 3, T. Benton 4, W. Benton 5, F. Bates 6, A. Williams 7, T. Fowell 8.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

AYLESBURY DEANERY'S GOOD REPORT.

The Aylesbury Deanery Branch of the Devonshire Guild held its annual meeting at Topsham on Saturday, December 2nd, with an attendance of 34 members, comprising bands from five towers in the branch and some visitors from Exeter. The usual Guild service was held in St. Margaret's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. W. G. Halliday), with organ and choir.

The Vicar, in a forceful address, mentioned that he had asked a practical ringer what he ought to say at a ringers' service, and the advice given was, 'Don't give a history of bells and their ancient uses.' So he would only dwell on the nature of the service given by all churchworkers—the stoker, the chorister, the ringer or the parson—who might all have the same aim, and with equal honour each do their bit for the glory of God. He did not believe the pessimistic view that religion was on the downward grade.

The meeting, preceded by a bountiful tea, was held in the assembly room of the Parish Hall, presided over by the chairman of the branch (Rev. E. A. Jullian).

A good report of the year's work was presented, the funds in hand having increased by about 30s.

The chairman and secretary (Mr. R. Brook) were re-elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Lympstone on January 27th.

Three new members were elected, and the chairman extended a welcome to the visitors, also the Rev. T. Mitchell, of Clyst St. George, who was present. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

BELL BROADCASTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is to be hoped that the day is far distant when broadcasting programmes shall be handed over to a central body to be dealt with (be it national or diocesan), and ringers who have any foresight at all should oppose this to the bitter end, for in handing these over to an outside body one can easily see what would happen. A band capable of ringing good Grandsire Triples or Plain Minor would be brushed aside. One can appreciate the wish for only the best to be given, but all depends on what is meant by 'the best.' If good ringing in any method, then all well and good; but with a large number of ringers 'the best' is usually meant Surprise stuff and nothing else. From the public's point of view very few methods sound better than Grandsire Triples or Grandsire Caters, and as these are methods which most bands are capable of striking no difficulty should arise in getting ringers to ring them, and if a band was short-handed it should be left to the tower foreman to be decent enough to ask the best outside help that it is possible to get. This would cut out any prejudices with local bands being ousted to make room for any outside 'cracked Surprise' team who liked to step in and take control. Wellingborough.

P. AMOS.

[If Mr. Amos wishes it to be inferred that we suggested that broadcast ringing should be handed over to any central body he must have misread our article, and we recommend him to peruse it again. —Ed., 'R.W.']

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. CHELTENHAM BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held on Saturday at Prestbury, and proved to be the most successful of the year, over 40 members being present, representing practically every tower in the district. Ringing commenced in the early afternoon, many methods being rung, as well as rounds for the beginners.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Bagot de la Bere, and the address given by the Rev. E. Neale, of Charlton Kings.

The party were then entertained to tea by the Vicar, the meal being served by many willing lady helpers.

At the business meeting a letter was read from the Rector of Bishop's Cleeve applying for admission to the Cheltenham Branch. This being agreed to, all the ringers from Cleeve, also some from Prestbury and Alderton were welcomed as members.

Reference was made to the possibility of holding a summer outing, and it was decided to go forward with this object, final arrangements being deferred until a meeting to be held at Badgeworth in March.

To wind up a very happy meeting, a special touch of Stedman Triples was rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall, of Prestbury, who were celebrating their golden wedding.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Salford, Lancs, on Sunday evening, November 26th, at the Church of the Sacred Trinity, 720 Bob Minor, rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss Maud Taylor, a member of the Parochial Church Council and hon. organist: J. Bolton 1, A. Lees 2, H. Hollingworth 3, F. Stoneley (conductor) 4, H. Lees 5, W. Fitton 6.

At Croft, Leicestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung half-muffled on Sunday, November 26th, by local ringers as a token of respect to Mr. Arthur Cockerill, who was interred the day previous: S. Bailless 1, W. A. Wood 2, J. H. Bailless (conductor) 3, F. Bailless 4, G. A. Charlton 5, A. E. Warwick 6.

LAMBETH PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

EXTENSIVE RESTORATION SCHEME.

After remaining idle for nearly three years, the eight bells at the historical mother church of St. Mary-at-Lambeth were reopened on Sunday morning, November 26th, on the occasion of Civic Sunday.

Prior to the service, a procession of members of the Corporation and representatives of the restoration scheme marched from the Archbishop's Palace to the church. Those taking part in the procession included the Mayor, preceded by the mace-bearer, the town clerk, the Member of Parliament, aldermen, councillors and members of the Public Assistance Committee, the architect for the tower restoration (Mr. Godfrey Allen, surveyor to St. Paul's Cathedral), Mr. E. Denison Taylor (principal of the bellfounders), the Rector, assistant priest, wardens and ringers.

The service took the form of matins, the address being given by the Rector (the Rev. A. L. Jones, M.C.), who spoke of the close connection between the work of the Church and the work of the State as represented by the County Council, and mentioned that it was an advantage to have an annual reminder that the work now carried out from the Town Hall at Brixton was in bygone days done by the Church, when there was but the one parish and the one mother church in Lambeth. Continuing, the preacher stated that this was more than an ordinary Civic Sunday in that they had to offer special thanks for all that had been done in making the tower and bells secure. The ravages of that small but active pest, the death-watch beetle, had entailed the entire removal of the old wooden bellframe and carrying beams and their replacement by a metal frame. The bells were now safe once more and he hoped that in these troublous times their message of peace would not be ignored.

During the singing of the last hymn the local ringers ascended the tower, and a pause was made to allow the bells to be heard in rounds for the first time since relanging.

As the congregation left the church a few more rounds and call changes were rung by the local company, followed by touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob.

A limited number of visitors were present, including Mr. E. Denison Taylor and Mr. R. H. Dove (representing Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough), Messrs. T. H. Taffender, H. Mance, J. Herbert, J. G. Prior and W. Essery (the Master and officials of the London County Association).

The bells have been wonderfully improved by skilful retuning, while the substitution of cast-iron headstocks for the old-fashioned timber ones previously in use has enabled the bells to be properly 'tucked' and the work of ringing to be reduced accordingly. The tenor now weighs 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. and is in E flat. Whereas the bells previously ran 'anti-clockwise,' they are now hung the reverse way, while the lowering of the bells some 8ft. in the tower has effected a further improvement both in a reduced draught of rope and from the point of view of acoustics.

The frame consists of stout H-type castings and rolled steel girders, the latter taking their bearing upon a massive steel grillage, which in turn is carried by a set-off in the walls. Further steel work ties the walls together above the frame, the whole structure being cross-braced in every possible direction, and even a casual glance suffices to show that everything possible has been devised to ensure the permanent safety of both the tower and bells.

The cost of relanging of the bells, the new steelwork, floors etc.,

amounts to over £800, and the authorities are to be congratulated on the completion of a splendid piece of work.

In the sixteenth century Lambeth Parish Church had 'V great belles in the steeple,' and a 'sauns bell.' There is proof that they were rung even in those early days, for in the churchwarden's accounts for 1514-15 three shillings was paid for 'fastening of iij belles y^e wer lowse in the stoks and a stei to the gret bell,' the assumption being that, with stays in use, they were rung up to the 'set' position. The peal of eight

was originally put in by R. Phelps in 1723, but for two hundred years before that the churchwarden's accounts contain many interesting items in connection with the bells. In 1517 2s. 4d. was paid to the 'yewa anyuer' in default of ringing the bells at the 'Kyng's comynge.' In 1554-5 William Smyth was paid 2s. 'for lokyng to the bells and gresying the bell stocks for on yere.' In those days they bought bell ropes by the pound, for they paid 3s. 4d. for '20 pownd of bell roopys.' In 1572 the ringers were paid 12 pence 'for ringing at the overthrowe of the tourcke.'

It was probable that it is Robert Mot, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry who is referred to in 1579, when 12 pence was spent on the bell founder 'in wine and beeaue when he came to give his advice in mending the bell clappers,' for in subsequent years his name appears in the accounts, when he was described as 'Mr. Mote of Whitechappell.'

In 1584 it was agreed at a vestry that there be a collection had amongst the parishioners for the new hanging and casting of the bells, and that the money wanting thereof be paid out of the church, and in 1584-85 the following items appear:—

An oken poule to	
winshe up ye belles	12d.
Mendinge and trim-	
minge all ye bell	
clappers ...	16s. 16d.
A new steeple to	
hoysse upp ye belles	22d.
For ye new castinge	
of 4 bells ...	£18
For a linke in ye	
steeple at hanging ye	
bell ...	4d.

And then comes an item: 'For our diner, churchwardens, bell founder and other honest men of ye parishe at ye payment of ye money receyvinge of his bonde for the strenght of ye sayd belles in warrantie for a yeaere and a daye, 6s. 8d.'

They usually 'did themselves well' on such occasions in the 'good old days.'

There are many such interesting items in the Lambeth churchwarden's accounts, which appear to be some of the most illuminating of their kind to be found anywhere.

A SIMPLE QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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Nine times repeated. S. half-way and end.

If Holt's S. are used, the 2nd is undisturbed throughout.

This quarter-peal was composed by E. H. Bohan, of Australia, in 1899.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Friday, December 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. P. Knights (conductor) 1, G. M. Thorpe 2, R. E. Johnson 3, J. W. Sykes 4, W. Biggin 5, A. Wilson 6. First 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor by all except the conductor.



LAMBETH PARISH CHURCH.

[By courtesy of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.]

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S 80th BIRTHDAY. CELEBRATED BY MANY PEALS.

Mr. James George celebrated his eightieth birthday last week with a series of performances which would have been considered almost staggering in anyone of his years, except James George himself, of whom the Exercise has come to expect these things.

He followed up his peals of Cambridge Surprise Major on the tenor at Nuneaton, and of Treble Ten on the tenor at All Saints', Derby (recorded last week), by ringing the 28! cwt. tenor at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, to a peal of Stedman Triples on his actual birthday, and the 37 cwt. tenor at St. Martin's, Birmingham, to a peal of Stedman Cinques, on the following evening. We have it on the best authority that 'Jimmy rang (the tenor splendidly throughout and finished up as fresh as a daisy.' There could be no better testimony than this to his ability and his wonderful fitness at the age of 80 years. At the conclusion of the peal Mr. George received the congratulations of all the band upon the way in which he had rung the tenor, and their good wishes for 'many happy returns.'

One of his old friends, John Carter, now no longer with us, evidently had faith in Mr. George's ability to become an octogenarian, for as long ago as October, 1923, he composed a peal of 5,080 Stedman Cinques specially for Mr. George's 80th birthday, and this composition was called by Mr. Albert Walker last week at Birmingham, when it was rung for the first time. We have not been told whether special compositions are already in existence for the 90th and the 100th anniversary celebrations. If not, it is time someone saw about it.

The peal at Birmingham, however, was not the greatest of Mr. George's achievements last week for, having in passing, rung a peal of Stedman Triples on Wednesday, on Saturday he rang the 33 cwt. tenor at Wolverhampton to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus! Those who have rung this bell to a peal will best appreciate the merit of this performance. Wolverhampton tenor is not anybody's bell: she is what may be not inaptly described as 'quite a handful,' and Mr. George has reason to feel proud of his achievement.

After the peal Mr. George entertained the band to high tea, and was cordially thanked for his hospitality.

At Liverpool, on Tuesday, November 28th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. G. Horridge 1, J. Wilkinson 2, A. Gorringe 3, G. R. Newton (conductor) 4, E. O. Birkett 5, T. Hammond 6, E. Caunce 7, L. L. Gray 8. This quarter-peal was the composition of Mr. James George, whom the band heartily congratulate on attaining his 80th birthday.

MR. GEORGE'S THANKS.

Mr. George has received so many letters of congratulation upon his 80th birthday that he finds it impossible to reply to them individually. He, however, desires to thank sincerely all those who have sent him such kindly messages.

'JAMES GEORGE OF MERRIE ENGLAND.'

'St. George for Merrie England'—the old Crusaders cried,
As with armour all a-jingle, to the Holy Land they hied.

'Twas George who slew the dragon:

His lance there was a flag on,

And he thrust it well and truly through the fiery reptile's hide.

There's now another hero, a man of national fame;

Another George has risen who has made himself a name.

He, too, has slain a dragon—

His lance may have no flag on—

But he's killed the ancient bogey that old age must end the game.

'James George of Merrie England,' the old boys loudly cry,

And acclaim their youthful leader as he gaily passes by.

'Tis he who slew the dragon,

'Who still can empty' his flagon,

'Who will tackle any tenor, but has never yet said "die."'

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, December 3rd, for evening service at St. Mary's, 1,120 Bob Major: Miss J. Pearce 1, C. J. Wood 2, T. R. Taylor 3, R. J. Stone 4, J. Topp 5, F. W. Rogers 6, J. D. Harris (conductor) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, December 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Tyler 1, F. G. Goddard 2, C. J. Tricker 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, H. W. Lidbetter 5, Miss D. Lidbetter 6, J. P. Kent (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8. Arranged with pleasure for Messrs. Kent and Tyler, of South Hackney, and rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, for the anniversary of the church, on the Sunday, November 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Williams (first quarter) 1, G. Howells (first quarter 'inside') 2, Reg Dobbins 3, H. Dobbins 4, J. Williams 5, W. Dobbins 6, Wallace Dobbins (first quarter as conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Deny's Church for evening service on Sunday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Kitchingside 1, W. J. Hack 2, A. Lewry (first as conductor) 3, H. R. Butcher 4, C. Brasier 5, E. Bishop, sen., 6, F. Hammond 7, H. Hinson 8. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Butcher, daughter of the ringer of the 4th, and to the conductor.

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First rung at Bushey,
November 23rd, 1933.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

By the kind permission of Rev. Canon Clarke, a Canterbury District by-meeting was held at Faversham on Saturday. Although the number of ringers present was comparatively small, the representation was good, the following towers being represented: Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphage, Sittingbourne, Queenborough, Littlebourne, Wickham, Sturry, Tunstall, Egerton, Ashford, and the local tower. A shortened form of ringing service was held at St. Saviour's Church, which was conducted by Canon Clarke. Subsequently adjourning to the Parish Room, the ringers were entertained to a splendid tea by the Vicar.

In replying to a vote of thanks for his kind hospitality, Canon Clarke said he welcomed the association to Faversham and hoped that his own band of ringers would join the association by the beginning of the year.

Votes of thanks were also accorded to Mr. T. H. Harman, the local secretary, for his help in making the meeting a successful one, and also to the ladies who had prepared and helped with the tea. Afterwards handbells were produced, and various well-struck touches were enjoyed by the company.

During the afternoon a congratulatory telegram was dispatched from the meeting to Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who was celebrating his 82nd birthday.

Ringings were afterwards continued until half-past eight.

The next meeting of the district will be held at Wingham in February.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week the North Notts Association held a bi-monthly meeting at Sutton-on-Trent, when ringers and friends attended from Edwinstowe, Bolsover, Treeton, Sheffield, Stamford, Folkingham, Nottingham, Southwell, Gamston, Ordsall and a full company of local ringers. The bells were kept going through the afternoon and evening to a great variety of methods, both on six and eight bells. Catering for tea was undertaken by a party of ladies, who were thanked for doing their part so well.

The Rev. T. J. H. Eling, Vicar of Sutton-on-Trent, presided over the business meeting, and was supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall.

After a short discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting at West Retford on Saturday, December 16th.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, in proposing a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make an enjoyable day, said: 'You need not say to the Vicar, "When can we come again?" because he is always asking, "When are you coming again?" and this spirit always attracted many visitors.'

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.—On Advent Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by James George): S. Ewer 1, W. Bunce, jun., 2, P. Thrift 3, W. Bunce, sen., 4, J. Bunce 5, T. Collins (conductor) 6, H. Ivo 7, F. Collins 8.

THE CUMBERLAND TOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I have the opportunity of replying, finally, I sincerely hope, to the letter from Mr. Tyson Hogarth which appeared in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of November 24th.

Without being in any sense egoistic, I think that I am entitled to resent and correct a personal attack, however cleverly veiled, and that is all Mr. Hogarth's letter of September 22nd amounted to. Any doubt as to that is removed by his last letter. In this he pleads that he is going to correct my many misstatements, but his corrections are conspicuous by their absence.

With regard to the confidential letter of mine which Mr. Hogarth refers to, this was about the formation of a local Diocesan Guild, a matter in which he and I were much in sympathy, and I dealt with ways and means to be adopted with the view of getting interest in his scheme. It had no bearing whatsoever on the subject under discussion. However, if he so desires, he can use the letter in any way he wishes.

So far as Mr. Hogarth's letters to myself are concerned, I note that he withholds the permission to quote which I requested, but of that there is now no necessity, for in his latest effort he performs a complete 'volte face' from his letter of September 22nd, and I assume his antagonism to peal ringing has now vanished.

With regard to tower arrangements, does Mr. Hogarth suggest that I am lying when I have twice categorically stated that the general peal arrangements were made before the tour commenced? His letters leave no other inference possible. May I once again emphasise that we had to alter our plan at Keswick owing to the inability of Mr. George to be with us. I might also make it clear that I was personally acquainted with what methods had been rung in the various towers in Cumberland, without having need to enquire, and was already aware that the only peal of Stedman, rung in the county, had been obtained at Carlisle Cathedral by a Newcastle band of ringers.

Touching on his accusation of 'whirlwind departures,' may I point out to him and also to Mr. Brownrigg that we could not obtain the accommodation we required in Keswick, consequently we had made sleeping arrangements in another town. We arrived at Keswick at approximately 3 p.m., and only left to get the last train to our destination after 9 p.m., so that I fail to see where the rush came in, particularly as we all looked up Mr. Hogarth, and both he and Mr. Brownrigg were cordially invited to join us for the period of our short stay.

I personally regret that Mr. Hogarth has made the correspondence so acrimonious, so I shall not take him up on what he avows he has heard at other towers, only to assure him that if he is correct they must speak with two sets of voices, as all my letters from the various places we visited express nothing but pleasure to us, and the only note of discord has come from Mr. Hogarth, now ably seconded by Mr. Brownrigg.

Apologies Sunday trading, my reference had no personal import, as evidenced by my correction of the omission in 'The Ringing World.'

With regard to the missionary work Mr. Hogarth speaks of, here I am wholeheartedly in sympathy with him, and shall follow with interest anything he does in that line, or perhaps he would like to collaborate with me in helping beginners with a first peal, in which case I shall be glad to hear from him.

And now just a word re the letter from Mr. Brownrigg. I am afraid that he has got his facts marshalled wrongly, or possibly his memory is at fault. Did he express any desire for help, and is it not a fact that he could have rung with the party had he been able or so desired? I should like to express my own sincere apologies to the readers of 'The Ringing World' for my share in this unfortunate controversy, which has been imposed upon me, for, as I stated in my letter of September 23rd, I hold the view that it need not have entered into the columns of our journal.

I am in agreement with the protest of Mr. J. F. Pellos and with this explanation have finished with the subject.

I would like to commend to the notice of Mr. Hogarth and Mr. Brownrigg the excellent leading articles in your issues of September 22nd and October 13th, and feel certain that an earnest digest of the contents therein will end this unedifying personal mud-slinging.

EDWIN JENNINGS.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KEIGHLEY.—At St. Andrew's Parish Church for evening service on Sunday, November 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. W. Jennison 1, H. Green 2, E. Green 3, J. Robertshaw (first quarter in method) 4, J. Hall 5, H. Atkinson 6, R. Bottomley (conductor) 7, J. Coulton 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, November 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for evening service: W. Kitchingside 1, J. Hack 2, H. Hammond 3, A. Lewery 4, F. Hammond 5, E. Bishop, sen., 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, H. Hinson 8.

ALSAGER.—On November 5th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Dickinson 1, B. Fernyough 2, G. W. Whalley 3, T. A. Meredith 4, A. Thompson 5, J. Brassington 6, D. R. Whalley (conductor) 7, R. Moseley 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not made 20 attendances 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, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. The usual Garston welcome is assured. —Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Dec. 9th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, free to members, bands and visitors attending. — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Apsley End on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday. All sorts and sizes of ringers are welcome, but come prepared to wander off the beaten track.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Hoping to end the year with a bumper meeting.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (10) at the Minster available from 2.30 to 4.30 and from 6 p.m. onwards. Service in Minster 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Usual arrangements. Tea in the Church Room after service. Officers for 1934 to be nominated at this meeting. It is therefore hoped as many as can do so will attend. Please let me have numbers for tea.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Colchester on Saturday, Dec. 9th. St. Peter's bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. and St. Leonard's (6) from 3 till 4 p.m. Divine service at St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m., will be conducted by the Rev. B. R. Bertin, and in place of an address a talk will be given by the Divisional Master (Mr. Edward P. Duffield). Tea at St. Peter's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. —James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

LADIES GUILD. — Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will take place at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A., at 5 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A meeting will be held at Cottenham on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All 1933 subscriptions due. Please come and help a band urgently requiring instruction. By helping others we help ourselves.—F. Warrington, Over, Cambs.

SALISBURY GUILD.—N. Dorset Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers cordially invited. Please notify Rev. E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN GUILD.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business in the Schools at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. — P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Burghclere, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Please notify me for tea, Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Dec. 9th; commencing at 3 o'clock. As it is expected that there will be a large attendance, please send word so that adequate arrangements may be made for tea.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hardwick on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. A good bus service from Aylesbury. All ringers welcome. — F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — A meeting has been arranged for Saturday, Dec. 9th, at St. Mary's (R.C.), Chorley. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Bradford, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Amber, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock, Dec. 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea, Allnut's Café, 5.30. All ringers welcome, and a helping hand given to any learner. Book the date—and come.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Dec. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Short even-song 6.30 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting will be held on December 13th at Chester-le-Street commencing at 3 p.m. Tea at Church Institute, 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 16th, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. Canon Bryce. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (free) at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than December 14th (all ringers and friends welcome)? —W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benlilton, Sutton, on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 13th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherham Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall, Moorgate (200 yards from church) at 5 p.m., at a nominal charge. Please notify Mr. T. C. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Rotherham, by Dec. 14th for same. — F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. —The district annual meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me as soon as possible and oblige? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16th, at Bishop's Stortford. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, Dec. 16th. St. Oswald's (10) available from 2.30 p.m., and St. Aidan's (8) after tea. Tea, 5 p.m., in St. Oswald's Mission Hall, Dale Street. All are welcome, so come in crowds.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Durham Street, West Hartlepool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Willoughby on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Dec. 16th., when the bells of All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8) and Bengoe (8) will be open. Service, tea and business meeting. All will be heartily welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at West Retford on Saturday, December 16th. Good attendance requested. Tea for those who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, December 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District).—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday December 16th (by kind permission of the President, Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane). Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Evensong at 5. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, Church Street, at 5.30. Have you bought your ticket for the supper yet? All members of the Committee have them. The date is January 13th, 1934.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Sandbach (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Please note that the list of meetings to be held during 1934 is compiled at this gathering. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before December 13th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, on Tuesday, Dec. 26th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in Waters Lane Mission Room. The bells of both St. Woolos' and All Saints' available from 2 o'clock.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alterryn View, Newport, Mon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934. Tickets 5s. 6d. Further details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

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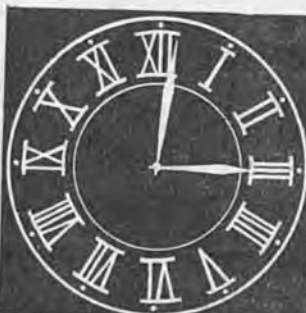
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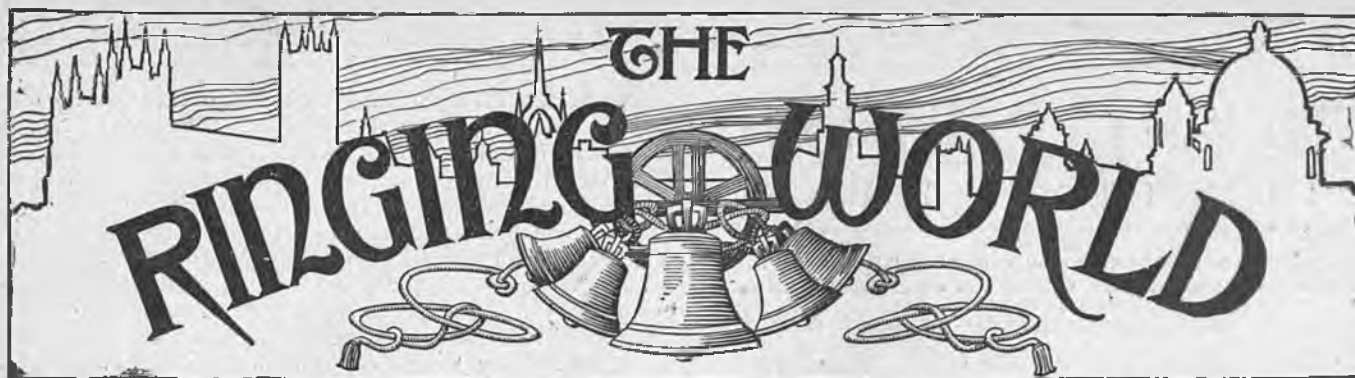
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*CHARLES J. GARDINER 5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 11
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GEORGE R. PYE 2	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. 7
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* First peal. First peal on the bells since their recasting. Rung to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the chancel, which was rededicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on December 13th.

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On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT Treble	EDWARD HUGHES 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	*FREDERICK WHIPP 6
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT 7
HUBERT E. TAYLOR 4	JOHN BEESLEY Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First attempt for a peal of Triples.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb.

GEORGE HUGHES Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
JOHN BASS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS Treble	†FREDERICK BULLOCK 5
TOM FORD 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
†FRANK MILLARD 3	GEORGE DAY 7
†LESLIE BAINHAM 4	HARRY BULLOCK Tenor

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN LEE Treble	T. WILFRED TAFFENDER 5
*MISS E. E. HARDCASTLE 2	JOHN W. EUSTON 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
FRANK JENNINGS 4	RUEBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First Surprise peal.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JACKSON PICKUP Treble	†ARNOLD BRUNTON 5
FRED HINDLE 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
NORMAN KENYON 3	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	*WILLIAM CATLOW Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. William Bellwood, who was instituted and inducted to the above parish the previous day.

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*FRANK J. GREEN Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE 5
†JOHN A. GREEN 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 6
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 3	ALBERT J. GREEN 7
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Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 5
EDWIN A. BARRETT 2	HARRY A. HOVERD 6
JAMES E. DAVIS 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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JOHN J. LAMB 2	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 6
†ALLISON PURDOM 3	JAMES HURRELL 7
HARRY HOSKINS 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES Tenor

Composed by I. G. SHADE. Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES.

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MIDDLETON'S.

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A. H. CARTER 3	†FRANK W. LLOYD 7
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MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... 2	RALPH PARTON 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM 7
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 4	JONATHAN PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Specially arranged and rung to enable Mrs. Humphrey to ring her first peal of Stedman on the bells of the church she attended when a resident of Erdington.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. in D.

GEORGE HOWCHIN Treble	*WILLIAM J. LEE 5
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... 2	GEORGE T. PEGNALL 6
*GEORGE MAYERS 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
ROSSELL W. CURSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Bob Major. Arranged as a birthday compliment to W. J. Lee, of Great Yarmouth, and his daughter, whose birthdays occur on this date.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation).

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*HAROLD G. ATKINS Treble	H. JAMES TURNER 5
CHARLES WEBB 2	WILLIAM J. CARTWRIGHT ... 6
JOHN F. ATKINS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
*ERNEST G. FLETCHER ... 4	JOHN E. EATON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Christopher Gibbs, the towerkeeper at Selly Oak, and a member of the local band, who was killed in a motor-cycle accident while on his way to ringing practice on November 29th last.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MRS. W. E. TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
GEORGE H. LIMMER ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	B. THELWALL HARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal. Seventeenth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Wellings.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS LINCOLN Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
CHARLES W. BURTON ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
PERCY GREEN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHERWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, in honour of the 55th anniversary of their wedding (December 5th, 1878).

ROCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in D.

G. DENNIS DRIGHTON Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	CYRIL WILSON 6
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3	PEARL INSKIP 7
STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by Wm. J. WHITMORE.

WOKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
MRS. C. HAZELDEN 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Composed by W. HYDE INGLESANT.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH

Rung to celebrate the 30th anniversaries of the weddings of all the ringers, who, five years before, rang a 'silver wedding' peal together. First peal on the bells since they were retuned and the 6th recast as the Guild's memorial to the first hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
EDWARD J. BEER 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	LEONARD H. BAYBUTT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by the society, on the bells and by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th. First blow in the method by the ringer of the 2nd.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	ROBERT SWIFT 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN DEARLOVE.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD OF RINGERS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

P.C. JOHN MULLINER, Manchester City Police Treble	
P.S. PETER CROOK, Bolton Borough Police 2	
P.C. WILLIAM PYE, Manchester City Police 3	
Chief-Insp. JAMES MELDRUM, Liverpool City Police 4	
P.C. DONALD BROWN, Manchester City Police 5	
P.C. FREDERICK PAGE, Manchester City Police 6	
P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER, Liverpool City Police 7	
P.C. GEORGE R. PYE, Manchester City Police Tenor	

Conducted by P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER.

Rung to celebrate the christening of the conductor's niece, Barbara, daughter of P.C. Herbert Williams (Liverpool City Police) and Mrs. Williams, which event took place the following day.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Exercise, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Double Court, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 of Bob Minor.

H. E. SEAGER Treble	E. J. SHYNN 4
V. W. MRLLS 2	E. J. SEAGER 5
L. W. SHYNN 3	P. C. SAVER Tenor

Conducted by P. C. SAVER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. Brookes, who was laid to rest that day, and who was a member of the choir for over 50 years.

MORECAMBE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HERBERT PALMER Treble	ALAN W. CASSON 4
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
ERNEST SWAIN 3	NICHOLAS NEWBY Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of one of the ringers, Mr. George E. Braithwaite.

MINSTERWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS 4
TOM WORRALL 2	WILLIAM JONES 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	HARRY NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer on attaining his 75th birthday.

DELWYN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 240's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE E. HUMPHRIES ... Treble	THOMAS E. STEAD 4
JAMES T. RANDLE 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
LESLIE EVANS 3	THOMAS R. ECKLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung to mark the bicentenary of the bells, 1733-1933. G. E. Humphries and T. R. Eckley rang their first and only previous peal 8½ years ago on these bells.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	PERCY HOLMES 4
CECIL J. MAYER 2	WILLIAM A. BETTLES 5
KENNETH W. MAYER 3	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

First peal in four methods by the ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES J. PRICE Treble	JAMES HUGHES 4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 2	*WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
HUBERT JONES 3	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal.

HILPERTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Treble	A. OWEN WRINTMORE ... 4
REGINALD H. NEWTON ... 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 5
WILLIAM C. WEST 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band and on the bells. The conductor has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Annable's London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

RONALD H. BULLEN ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

A birthday compliment to the conductor, and a farewell to Ronald H. Bullen, who was leaving the district for Lowestoft.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

F. CANTER Treble	F. SIMMONDS 4
E. JEFFERIES 2	H. BARNETT 5
H. PHELPS 3	F. PONTING Tenor

Conducted by F. PONTING.

First peal in seven methods by all except ringer of 5th. First in seven methods for the association. All are members of the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of 4th.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN SADDINGTON ... Treble	JOHN W. BOOTH 4
FELIX SUTTON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells since augmentation by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. This is the 118th tower in the Leicester Diocese where the conductor has rung peals of 5,000 and over.

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On Wednesday, December 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.
SIDNEY HILLIER Treble REGINALD H. NEWTON ... 4
CHAS. D. HEGINBOTHOM ... 2 FRANK GREEN ... 5
*PERCY HARDING ... 3 WILLIAM C. WEST ... Tenor
Conducted by W. C. WEST.

* First attempt for Minor.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.
WILLIAM E. JAINE Treble FREDERICK A. JAINE ... 4
THOMAS E. STEAD ... 2 LESLIE EVANS ... 5
WILFRED E. BROOKES ... 3 THOMAS ECKLEY ... Tenor
Conducted by L. EVANS.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 21st birthday. He is believed to be the youngest member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild to conduct a peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.
*WILLIAM LONG Treble JOHN McLEAN ... 4
*JAMES E. BURLS ... 2 EDWIN JENNINGS ... 5
*NICHOLS NEWBY ... 3 GEORGE E. BRAITHEWAITE ... Tenor
Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal in three methods. Rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. W. Y. Potter, M.A., for ten years Vicar of this parish, who died on Thursday, the 7th inst.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, London, Hanley, Milton, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge.
JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. Treble ANDREW MARSHALL ... 4
THOMAS FULLER ... 2 JAMES BASSETT ... 5
ALBERT RELFE ... 3 JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... Tenor
Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. B. Luck and Miss M. Fullbrook, which took place at Canterbury on the above date. First peal in seven methods by the tenor ringer, who only started Surprise ringing this year.

CAMBERWELL.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, November 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: Miss A. Fisher (Aldershot) (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, Miss H. F. Mills (Aldershot) 2, Miss B. M. Mills 3, F. E. Hawthorne 4, A. W. Durham 5, D. G. Barnard 6, E. J. King (conductor) 7, W. H. Thomas 8, T. H. Taffender 9, G. H. Daynes 10.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—For evensong on Sunday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Roland Perkins 1, S. Smith 2, B. Fisher 3, Roger Perkins 4, W. Cook 5, W. Freeman 6, P. Boswell 7, L. W. Jacques (conductor) 8. Arranged for the conductor, who was on a visit from Mansfield.

TAUNTON.—At the Church of St. James for harvest thanksgiving on Sunday, October 1st, by the St. James' Guild, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Walker 1, A. Walker 2, H. W. Burden 3, A. H. Reed 4, W. H. Pole 5, J. Hunt 6, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 7, J. Roy 8. Longest touch of Triples by ringers 1 and 2.

A NORTHANTS AUGMENTATION.

A GENEROUS GIFT TO WELFORD CHURCH.

In 1919 the peal of five bells at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Welford, were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in a new frame with provision for three new bells. Thursday, November 30th, 1933, saw the completion of this work, when three new trebles, presented by Mr. T. H. Scrimshire, of Welford, in memory of his two sisters, were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

Each bell bears the following inscription: In memory of my sisters Ann and Alice. Presented by T. H. Scrimshire, 1933. F. C. Woodhouse, Vicar. F. Lovell, W. G. Brown, Churchwardens.

Service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Woodhouse), commenced with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' Psalm 122 was sung, and the lesson was read by the Rural Dean (Canon Gornall). After the lesson the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' was sung while the Bishop, clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the belfry. Immediately after the prayers of dedication, and as the procession returned, a few rounds were rung by the following: W. Perkins 1, F. Wilford 2, W. Wood 3, E. Bott 4, E. A. Marsh 5, Dr. F. S. Poole 6, G. A. Hollick 7, F. E. Hollick 8.

A striking address by the Bishop was appreciated by all, and with the hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' and the Blessing, the service concluded.

As the congregation left the church a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by W. Wood 1, F. Wilford 2, E. A. Marsh 3, Dr. F. S. Poole 4, A. Smart 5, F. Ball 6, W. Perkins (conductor) 7, G. A. Hollick 8. The bells were then at the disposal of visitors, and various methods were rung.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. were represented by Mr. J. Oldham, and all agreed that the work had been carried out in an efficient manner, the tone and 'go' of the three new bells being all that could be desired, and an excellent 'splice' effected.

On Saturday, December 2nd, a quarterly meeting of the Guildsborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held for the purpose of a ringers' opening. Branch members attended from Husbands Bosworth, South Kilworth, Stamford-on-Avon and the local band, together with the branch president (the Rev. T. W. Long) and visiting ringers from Northampton, Wigston Magna, Higham Ferrers, Coventry, Leicester, Market Harborough, Burbage, Lutterworth and Folkingham (Lincs).

The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening in the various standard methods.

In the absence of the Vicar, service was conducted by the branch president.

Tea was partaken of at the Shoulder-of-Mutton Inn, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the January meeting was arranged for Guildsborough. The Chairman said he was sorry to see such a poor number of branch members present, but welcomed the visitors, some of whom had come long distances, and hoped they would spend a pleasant evening in ringing on the newly-augmented peal. After the usual votes of thanks had been accorded, a return was made to the belfry, where a pleasant meeting terminated about 8 p.m.

G. A. H.

WEDDING.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, North Mimms, Herts, rang out merrily on Saturday, December 2nd, when Miss Catherine Ruth Nash, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Nash, was married to Mr. Donald Pinder, of Hatfield, Herts. The brother of the bridegroom acted as best man and the bride was given away by her father. The service was fully choral, the hymns sung being 'Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us' and 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden.' The Rev. Leonard Buxton (Vicar) performed the ceremony and afterwards gave an appropriate address, in which he bid the newly-wedded couple 'God-speed and good luck' for the future, sentiments which were heartily reciprocated by those present.

A very happy company afterwards assembled in the Scout Hut nearby, where the wedding breakfast was served, and the bride and bridegroom received further congratulations and good wishes from the many friends assembled. It was fitting that Mr. A. Shepherd, the president of the Hertford County Association, was able to be present, not only as a very sincere friend of the family, but as representing a great body of ringers in Herts and Middlesex, among whom Mr. and Mrs. Nash are worthily esteemed, and who rejoice with them in the consummation of a very happy event. Mr. Nash is the popular hon. secretary of the St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association.

'A SIMPLE QUARTER-PEAL.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to ringers to know that the quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples appearing in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' and given as having been composed by E. H. Behan in 1899, was published in 'The Bell News' of June 17th, 1892 (No. 11). The composer was W. A. Tyler, of Willesden. If the single is called at the first lead in the 5th part, the part end will be 24356 and the 2nd still undisturbed throughout, without using a Holt's single.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.**

A very pleasant quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Bletchley on Saturday, December 2nd, when about 40 members were present, representing the following towers: Bletchley, Bradwell, Beachampton, Hanslope, Newport Pagnell, Newton Longville, Simpson, Stony Stratford, Weston Underwood and Woughton. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Bennitt), and a very inspiring address was given by the Rev. D. R. James, Vicar of Great Bucknill. Tea, provided in the Schoolroom, was followed by the usual business meeting, the president of the branch (the Rev. Adeane Byard, Vicar of Newport Pagnell) taking the chair.

The Chairman extended a very hearty welcome to the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who unexpectedly paid his first visit to the North Bucks Branch.

The hon. secretary (Mr. W. Sear) read the minutes of the last meeting, which were accepted, and one or two points arising were fully discussed.

The secretary made an appeal on behalf of the Little Holwood Bell Fund. He explained the position and the sum of £3 3s. was voted.

One new tower, with eight members, was proposed and accepted.

A general discussion on monthly meetings took place and was referred to the next meeting for further consideration as to the best way such a plan could be worked.

The Deputy Master addressed the meeting, expressing his pleasure and appreciation at seeing such a good gathering on his first visit to North Bucks. He wished the branch every success and continued progress.

The usual votes of thanks were extended to the Rev. F. W. Bennitt for making arrangements for the service, to the Rev. D. R. James for his address, and to the ladies for providing tea.

The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

On Wednesday evening, December 6th, as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Pearson, secretary of the Banbury Branch of the Oxfordshire Diocesan Guild, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung at St. Mary's Church, Banbury. The ringers, who were all local men and regular Sunday service ringers, were: R. Higham 1, W. Watson 2, W. Tandy 3, F. Selwyn 4, E. Pearson 5, L. J. Malings 6, T. Impey 7, H. Impey (conductor) 8, J. Simons 9, W. Aston 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by the ringers of the 6th and tenor bells.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**EXETER BRANCH PROGRESS.**

The Exeter Branch of the Devonshire Guild held its annual meeting at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 9th, when there was an attendance of 61 members and visitors. Service was held at St. Sidwell's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Lanyon Owen), who gave an excellent address. Mr. D. J. Reed was at the organ.

Tea was held at St. Sidwell's Institute, and was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. C. G. Glass in the chair, supported by the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox), the Rev. H. Lanyon Owen, the Rev. Rhys James and the general hon. secretary (Mr. T. Laver).

The secretary and treasurer's report showed an increase in membership and in the funds of the branch since last year's report.

The chairman, secretary and assistant secretary were all re-elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Crediton on February 10th, subject to the Vicar's approval.

The President congratulated the chairman on having such a lot of young members in the branch and the secretary upon the manner in which he had compiled his report on the year's work. He also wished the branch every success, and hoped they would continue to prosper, not only in the way of membership, but also in ringing higher methods.

The Chairman thanked the Rector of St. Sidwell's for the service and his excellent address, the organist and all those who had helped to make the meeting a success. Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, also Stedman Doubles and Triples, were rung at the city towers during the evening.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BLACKBURN BRANCH SOCIAL.**

The Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association held its 18th annual social gathering on Saturday, December 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley. During the afternoon mixed bands of ringers rang touches in various methods. All the ringers and their relatives and friends met in Mitre Street School for tea, which was served by ladies connected with the local tower. Preceding the social the Vicar (the Rev. B. E. Hughes, M.A.) extended a hearty welcome to all present, and hoped they had enjoyed the excellent tea provided.

A good concert was given by the Zipps Concert Party, and this was followed by dancing.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sunday, October 8th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. W. Pugsley 1, E. W. Marsh 2, G. Godard 3, W. G. Lavers 4, W. G. Hiscott (conductor) 5, R. J. Baldry 6, J. Woodley 7, F. W. Baldry 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A very mixed band, hailing from Congresbury, Bristol, London and Newport, had on Wednesday week a great disappointment, when a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief at Mangotsfield, Gloucestershire, only a few changes from home, owing to the rope of the second bell breaking. The conductor was Mr. John Thomas, of London.

Frank J. Green, at the age of only 12 years, has just rung his first peal, at Wicken, Northants.

An interesting performance of 80 years ago was 'the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung on handbells retained in hand, which was performed in the presence of 19 members of the College Youths and Cumberland Societies,' on December 19th, 1853, by four members of the Cumberland Youths: John Cox 1-2, Thomas Powell 3-4, Henry W. Haley 5-6, Thomas Brittan 7-8. Several of the witnesses, the old record adds, had the figures of the peal before them, and ticked off the sixes as they were rung.

On December 18th, 1823, members of the Junior College Youths rang at Newington 'a true and excellent peal of Grandsire Triples on Stedman's principle . . . the greatest performance ever achieved upon any peal of bells in the Kingdom.' The peal contained 598 bobs and 122 singles, 'and is the most perfect of the kind ever produced, but has never been rung until the present occasion, when every bob and single was regularly called and made.'

Thus 'The Times' of that day. The report adds something which is a great testimony to the perseverance of the band. 'Two years have elapsed,' it is remarked, 'since the society first attempted to ring this peal, during which time they have assembled every Thursday evening to perform it, and in the various unsuccessful attempts which have been made they have rung upwards of 200,000 changes in this most difficult of all the systems in the art of ringing.'

THE YOUNGEST PEAL BAND.

In connection with the 'youngsters' peal recorded in our last issue, Mr. C. H. Kippin, hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, writes that the youngest eight-bell peal band all belonged to Beddington, and they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples in their own tower in 1926. They were all under 21 and the total years of their ages numbered 145.

The band which rang the peal of Major at St. Olave's, Hart Street, totalled 147 years.

BELL BROADCASTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read your footnote re the above, I hasten to say that in no part of my letter did I give any intimation that you did suggest that broadcast ringing should be dealt with by a central body. On the other hand, there is a number of ringers who think that broadcasting should be controlled by a central body, but, instead of saying so straight out, they hint at it in a kind of indirect way.

Mr. Groombridge's suggested instruction by a Central Council committee would, we should ultimately find, lead to the whole thing being taken over by the Central Council, and God help broadcast ringing if that ever came about. Some, I know, will say it would be all to the good; but, as I said last week, one can see a lot of friction being caused by this, and, therefore, I fail to see where the best interests of the art would be served by it being controlled by any other than the local bands.

I hold no biased opinion with regard to Surprise ringing, and would say at the outset, 'By all means give a selection of Surprise ringing if the broadcast is to be from a tower where a Surprise band exists.' On the other hand, a Grandsire band should have the same privilege of giving a selection when the broadcasting is from their tower; but such a privilege one can see being denied to them if these programmes were controlled by a central body.

Where the Central Council or such a body could do good would be to advise the B.B.C. to give MORE bell broadcasts, AND GIVE THEM FROM BETTER TOWERS! Gransley, for instance, has three bells that are cracked. Instead of these, why not Kettering (back eight) or Rothwell? Daventry has a very musical octave; why does not someone push for a broadcast of these? Other peals worthy of mention are St. John's, Leicester (10), St. Margaret's, Leicester (12), Claybrooke, near Rugby (8), Oakham (8), Bromham, Beds (6), and Monk's Kirby, near Rugby (8).

Wellingborough.

P. AMOS.

[Does Mr. Amos realise that bell broadcasts on Sunday evenings are only incidental to the broadcast service? There are hundreds of peals of bells, besides those which he mentions, which would be better for broadcasting than some of those we hear over the ether, but the B.B.C. would not entertain a Sunday evening bell broadcast from any church unless it be the prelude to a service. It is not the bells which would decide the place of service, but the place of service which decides the broadcast of bells.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World'.]

FAMOUS DEVON BELLS.

RESTORATION AT PLYMPTON ST. MARY.
CROYDON FIRM CONGRATULATED.

The Plymptons—St. Mary and St. Maurice—have several claims to fame—the birthplace of England's greatest portrait painter, Sir Joshua Reynolds; a borough that returned two members to Parliament for several centuries until disfranchised in 1832, of which borough Reynolds became Mayor and which included the distinguished architect, Sir Christopher Wren, among its representatives in the Commons; a wonderful priory dating from the early part of the 12th century, which priory was preceded by a Saxon college, whose foundation is known to have been earlier than 904; and a castle of Celtic or British type. These are things of the past. But at Plympton St. Mary there stands to-day a noble Parish Church with a tower of massive proportions, 91ft. up from ground to battlements, and having corner pinnacles 20ft. high. The tower is worthily equipped with a ring of eight bells, whose tenor is 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in D. It was long popularly supposed to be 31 cwt. Two of the bells, the fourth and tenor, date from 1614; the fifth and seventh from 1725; the third, 1766; the treble and second, 1868, when the sixth was recast. The three last mentioned were the work of Warner and Sons; the others were made by members of the famous Purdue family. Among the inscriptions are the names of Treby, Parker (now represented by the Earls of Morley) and Strode, indicating gifts by notable residents.

MARIE STRODE'S TENOR.

Several traditions are associated with the tenor, which has conspicuous quality. One is that Marie Strode, who is described in the inscription as 'the founder of this bell,' threw 'a lapful of silver' into the metal. That would have been a misfortune. It is more probable that she put in some blocks of tin, but the spectators of the casting, which seems to have been in the churchyard, thought, perhaps, that the lady would not be content with anything less than silver. George Purdue, the actual founder, evidently ensured the correct processes, for the bell was described by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe (who during 1864 and 1865 examined the bells in 457 towers in Devon) as 'very splendid.' Another tradition connected with the tenor is conveyed by the lines:—

'What makes me ring so loud?
'Twas Lady Marie Catherine Strode.'

This Lady Marie or Mary was the first wife of Sir William Strode, who was one of the Members of Parliament for the borough, and she is thus described on a monument in the church:—

'Mary, incarnate virtue, soule and skin
Both pure, whom death not life convinced of sin,
Had daughters like seven Pleiades, but shee
Was a prime star of greatest charitie.'

She had three sons as well as seven daughters. The second son, William, who successively represented Plympton and Bere Alston (another of the old 'pocket' boroughs) in the Commons, was one of the five members whom Charles I. attempted to arrest on a charge of high treason in 1642, and thereby precipitated the Civil War.

'GIRT DEBEN PASSEN.'

There was change ringing on the old six bells in 1864, when Mr. H. R. Trelawny's band from Calstock (Cornwall) rang 'six different peals of six-score Grandsire Doubles.' In 1895, when a party organised by the late Rev. Maitland Kelly (for many years president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers) went to Plympton St. Mary for a peal on the augmented ring, the local men asserted that neither the 7th nor the tenor could be rung single-handed for one hour; they themselves had double ropes and two men for each of the big bells. But they 'hedged' a little when the Giant of Cadbury (now Canon Coleridge and highly esteemed by his fellow Dimplings), the 'star' campanologist of his time (James W. Washbrook), the champion Stedman Tripler (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) and the jovial Master of St. Martin's, Salisbury (William Gifford) came under their ken. With four such hefty back-enders, the Plympton prophets thought the visitors 'mit du eet.' And 'du eet' they did, for a well-struck peal of Stedman Triples was duly scored, Washbrook conducting from the seventh and the 'terrible girt passen' slogging through the tenor with rare rhythm. The visitors clinched their reputation by ringing a peal of Double Norwich on the bells of the neighbouring parish of Plympton St. Maurice, where the tenor, however, is just under 12 cwt. 'Us niver shud a' bleev'd sich things eef us had'n bin yur and 'urd eet,' was the comment made in the parishes on the performances, with the smug addition, 'An' thay cud'n a bin dude'd eef min ad'n ad thic thear girt Doben passen.'

'MAGNIFICENT.'

The whole of the bells have been recently rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Their work has included the installation of a new iron A frame, which is carried on steel girders; equipping the bells with iron headstocks and all the latest improvements in fittings; and just sufficient tuning to add to the musical qualities of the peal. They have also restored the clock. At the opening, which took place on December 2nd, the Bishop of Exeter officiated, and a large congregation contained about 200 ringers. The service was followed by a presentation by the Bishop on behalf of parishioners to Engineer Captain P. Olford (who has been one of the churchwardens, but now resides at Harrogate), in recognition of his great help in

parochial work during the last five years, and especially as regards the installation of heating plant for the church and furtherance of the scheme for restoration of the bells. The Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Bull) and Col. F. R. Phillips, D.S.O. (churchwardens), paid tributes to the services of Capt. Olford, who, in replying, said he had inspected the work done in the bell chamber, and, knowing something about engineering, felt he must congratulate Mr. Cyril Johnston (who was present) and the members of his staff on the magnificent piece of engineering they had carried out. The gift to the Captain consisted of a handsome silver salver and a beautifully bound and illuminated album containing the names of subscribers.

Among the places represented by ringers were the Plymptons, Plymouth (three or four towers), Exeter, Yealmpton, Dawlish, Newton Abbot, Totnes, Tavistock, Lamerton, Saltash, St. Budeaux, Ugborough, West Bickleigh, Modbury, Kingsteigton, Shaugh, Cornwood and Bramford Speke. Most of the bands were round ringers, but there was a good sprinkling of 'scientific' men, who included the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild. All expressed themselves delighted with the 'go' of the bells, and eulogised the enhancement effected by the tuning of some of the units.

The bells and their weights are as follow:—

No. 1.—Note D. The gift of Henry Hele Treby. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1868. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

No. 2.—C sharp. In memory of Henry Hele Treby from many friends. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1868. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

No. 3.—B. John Parker Senior, John Parker Junr. and Mount Parker Esqrs. 1766. R. Honny: W. Wayatt. C.W.: I.P.: F.A.P.M. 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21b.

No. 4.—A. G:P: Anno Domini. 1614. 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

No. 5.—G. John Parker Esqr. Trism.: Avant: Gent: John: Pearse: C.H.Wardens: C.P. 1754. 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

No. 6.—F sharp. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1868. 13 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

No. 7.—E. John Parker and Francis Parker Esquires. Stephen Cudlip: Richard Tehemah: Wardens: C.P. 1725. 19 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

No. 8.—D. Marie: Strode: the: founder: of: this bell: Anno Domini: 1614: G:P: 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

Total weight: 100 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

A. W. S.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORGANISED RINGING AT WESTERN DIVISION MEETINGS.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Bradford, on Saturday, December 9th. In spite of cold and unsettled weather, about 40 members were present from the following towers: Armley, Burley, Brighouse, Batley, Biratall, Calverley, Denholme, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Idle, Keighley, Leeds, Low Moor, Pudsey, Rothwell, Queensbury and Shipley, together with visitors from the Northern Division and the local company. The bells were kept going in various methods from Treble Bob Major to London Surprise, several members also getting their first touch of Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Caters.

The business meeting was held in the Captain Street Schools, Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president) being in the chair.

The question of organised ringing, raised at the Ilkley meeting, was discussed by the committee, and, after hearing the evidence, it was resolved that the case in point was one of exceptional circumstances, but for future occasions, in the absence of the Ringing Master, the duties must fall on the senior member of the committee.

Mr. G. W. Creasey, of Gainsborough, was elected a member of the association.

On the motion of Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. J. Cotterell, it was resolved to accept the invitation of the Army company to hold the annual meeting at that tower on Saturday, March 10th, 1934.

A vote of thanks to the Provost, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. V. Bairdow and cordially adopted.—Mr. J. Broadley suitably replied on behalf of the local company.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcester and Districts Association was held at Claines on Saturday, December 9th. About 40 members were present, representing 14 towers of the branch, and including visitors from Bromsgrove, Badsey, Evesham and Willersley.

The bells were 'got going' at 3 o'clock, and at the service which followed an excellent address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Clinch).

Tea was then partaken of, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, at the Claines Institute.

At the subsequent meeting all the branch officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and Kempsey was chosen as the place for the spring meeting.

After the meeting closed the tower was again visited, where many touches were successfully brought round. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Stedman Triples and Cambridge and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

THE GREAT BELL OF LAMBETH.

VICISSITUDES OF AN OLD TENOR.

The restoration of the bells of the ancient Parish Church of St. Mary, Lambeth, recalls the fact that even in the distant past those who were responsible for the care of the bells were not unmindful of their responsibilities. The church has some well-preserved documents which throw a light on the transactions of the 16th and 17th centuries, and during that period the tenor bell seems to have given a good deal of trouble.

But first of all what about this? Two penny nails—3d. This item figures in the churchwardens' accounts in the year 1602-3 and seems to strike a humorous note. Was the churchwarden who made the entry a wag or was his book-keeping at fault? This is the extract as it appears in Stahlschmidt's 'Church Bells of Surrey':—

1602-3.—Item payde for ij peny nayles that mended the wheeles that wer taken asunder. iiij d.

There were five bells in the tower at this time, and they were there before the inventory taken in the reign of Edward VI., which records 'five great belles in the stople.' In 1584-5 there is an item for 'ye new castings of iiij belles.' These were probably the front four, for about 14 years later the tenor was recast by Robert Mott, who established himself at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1570.

Two years after the recasting of the four bells, one of them apparently went back to the foundry for some purpose, for in 1586-7 Mr. Mote, of Whitechappell, was paid 16/8 'for ye bell bringinge home and for ye clapper and bawdricke,' and 21 pence was paid 'for makinge ye drinke when they brought home ye Bell and other honest men with them.'

The entries will regard to the recasting of the tenor are interesting. This is how they read:—

Item the old greates belle that was broken in the tyme of Roger Winslo Richard Thorpe and John Lucas beyng churchwardens in the yeare of oure Lorde 1598 did containe in waighte xiiij c one quarter xxij li.

Item also the newe greates belle that now ys in the stepell do the waye xv c a half and xxi li.

Item also for new castenge careinge hangeng and all other charges to be allowed and he to have a xj s the hundred viii li

Item also yt was agreed that he shold have for the over plusse of mettell that he put into the bell viij d the pound so theare was put in more then was in the old bell bi one hundred and xxvij li iiij li xii s viij d

Item for the new clapper for the new great bell wayeing lviij li at vj d the pound xxix s

Item for the newe workyngs of the clapper that was in the old great Belle x s

In the following year (1599-1600) are entries showing two of the contributions received towards the recasting, one from the parish and the other from the Archbishop of Canterbury, who gave 40 shillings.

Red. of the pish towards the charges of the greates bell vj li ijs id

Red. more of my Lordes grace towards the same bell xl s

Then come other records of payments in the same year:—

Item payd for a quittans the xxiiij day of Auguste when we payd master mote viij li the fyrst tyme vj d

Item paid for carydge of to brase pulles and a great capell rope from Motes howse at Whitechappell to Lambeth Church for to truse the great bell and when we had donne wyth yt for caredg home agane from Lambeth Church to Master Mot's howse xviij d

Item paid for the brussinge of the great belle and for nayles the xxv day of awguste iiij s

Item paide to Mr. Mote for the new bell xiiij li xi s viij d

Something about this 'great bell' or its hanging must have been unsatisfactory, for in the year 1602, a payment of 12 pence was made on September 8th, 'when the great bell was pulled downe to laborers that did help to make them drinke.' Sixteen pence was 'payde to a carpenter that looke off the wheeles and altered the frame'—it was then that threepence was paid for two penny nails—and later, on November 13th and 14th, a carpenter was paid 8s. 6d. 'when the great bell came home and mending the third bell wheele and for boords and nayles that was occupied those three dayes.' A bricklayer and his labourer were also paid 2/4 'for one dayes worke' on November 13th.

In March, 1604, the great bell was once more taken down, and 2s. was paid to 'them that did helpe.'

Presumably it must have been again recast, for in the following year's accounts, although probably still in the year 1604, Parkes, the smith, was paid 6s. 10d. for 'worke which he did about the bells and the clocke when the new bell was finished and the frame,' and the 'bell carpenter' received 12s. 6d. for mending three of the bells that were 'lose in the stockes and the goodgings when the greates bell was set into the frame.'

Mr. Moet received 40s. on September 7th 'in part paiement of his byll for the bell,' and on the same day, at a cost of 6d., a bill was executed 'betweene Mr. Moet and the parishes.' On October 18th Mr. Moete was paid £5 for the great bell in the presence of John Howard and James Johnson and others, and a further £5 on January 5th in the presence of Thomas Purcas and Edward Davis.

The vicissitudes of the 'great bell' of Lambeth were, however, not yet at an end. In 1609-10 it was again recast, for there is in the accounts an item of £3 7s. 'for the mettall that was put into the great bell,' and £11 'paid in part for the casting of the great bell,' 10d. 'for breade and beare' at the taking down of the bell and 18d. at its hanging up. Fifty shilling was paid 'for the taking downe and hanging up agayne of the great bell,' and later in the same year there appears to have been another mishap, for 21s. 6d. was paid 'for newe hanging agayne of the great bell and a new godgen the old bing broken.'

That, apparently, was not the end of the troublous times through which this old bell passed, for the accounts indicate that there was yet another recasting. Having in 1614-15 paid for recasting the 3rd bell, and 'for hanging up of the 3rd bell and to the ringers,' 13s. 4d., the parish in 1615-16 raised a subscription for the repair of the church and recasting the 3rd and great bells, and in the same year paid William Carter, Bellfounder, £11 'for the casting of the great Bell or Tenor.'

In 1617 the churchwardens discharged some old debts in regard to the bells:—

Payde to Philipp Walton an olde debte being for the hanging up of the third bell in 1613 £1 13s. 4d.

Payde to Walter Barton for an olde debte owenge to Carter the Bellfounder for casting of the third bell £4

And so the ancient history of the old bells comes to an end, and there is a gap until 1723, when Richard Phelps recast them into a new peal of eight.

There is another item of interest in these age old accounts. Mats for the bell ropes to drop on are no new thing. 'Mats to the bells' were provided at a cost of 2s. for the belfry at Lambeth in 1593, and again, in 1615, 'matts for safegarde of the bell roapes' cost eighteen-pence.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION MEET AT LAMBETH.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at the Church of St. Mary, Lambeth, on Saturday, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. A. Llewellyn Jones). Soon after 3 o'clock the newly-tuned and restored peal of eight were set going under the direction of the hon. secretary, rounds for beginners being the first item. After a touch of Stedman, the Master arrived and took charge of the proceedings, and several touches in various methods were rung with more or less success. The attendance had by this time become rather large, but all tastes were catered for. As tea time drew near it seemed as if the 'defaulters,' of whom there were quite a few, would have to go without, but they managed to get accommodated, largely at the expense of those who, fortunately, would 'spring a penny' for a postcard.

Tea was held at the new Archbishop Davidson Institute, near the church, built on the site of the Old Brew House. Quite a few remarks were passed as to the contrast in the two buildings, and the fact that a huge fireplace used to give warmth in the old building, very 'homey' and sociable. Are modern radiators things to sit round and chat? One does not see many doing it. After tea more ringing was indulged in, anything up to and including London being rung. Later the business, mostly routine, was transacted. Two new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Hardy and Wyatt, of the local band, who have worked so hard to help forward the restoration scheme, in connection with which it may be said the account in the current number of 'The Ringing World' as to the go of the bells, the tuning and the engineering only do the contractors justice.

Ring was brought to a close at 8.30, when the gathering of 50 or 60 which had attended during the afternoon and evening dispersed—mostly with collars up. J. H.

STOKE-ON-TRENT RINGER'S JUBILEE.

Mr. S. Churton, the leader of St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent, ringers, has completed 50 years' service as a ringer. He has been leader for 33 years. In 1921 his brother ringers at Stoke presented him with a gold chain and bell pendant on his completing 21 years as leader. Mr. Churton was at one time Eight-Bell Ringing Master and for a great number of years instructor on eight bells to the North Staffordshire Association. He has rung 30 peals, of which he has conducted 15 in various methods.

Although he has not taken part in any peals for some time, he takes a great interest when a peal is arranged by the younger members.

Mr. Churton took part in the first peal of Stedman Triples in North Staffs, and also conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples on Stoke bells. In addition he has taken part in the first peals in other towers. He is still very regular in his attendance at the belfry, and it is hoped he will long be spared to continue his good work.

RESTORATION SCHEME COMPLETED. SOLIHULL CELEBRATION.



SOLIHULL PARISH CHURCH.

The completion of the renovation of the chancel of Solihull Church, Warwickshire, was consummated on Wednesday, when the work was rededicated by the Bishop of Birmingham. The restoration of the bells was part of the big scheme undertaken by the parish, and they were recast and rehung as a peal of ten. This portion of the work was carried out some time ago, but the first peal on the bells was rung on Saturday, as part of the celebration in connection with the completion of the chancel.

THE LOUGHBOROUGH COCKEREL.

On Saturday, November 24th, Leicester lads and Loughborough men met together for a 'cock supper,' and a most enjoyable evening was spent. It was a happy sight to see four and twenty ringers discussing six birds and two joints, with spiced 'veg,' and the keenest of critics did full justice.

After supper the more daring ones of the company burst into song, and voices seldom heard in the belfry were crooning bedtime stories. The company were entertained to violin solos by Mr. Collins, sen., with Miss Collins at the piano.

Ten o'clock came all too soon, and the Leicester party regretfully left the carcasses to the care of Loughborough. Leicester was reached by Iron Road or borrowed ride.

Thanks were proposed by Mr. James Harris to Mr. David Collins and Miss Collins and other Loughborough friends for making the gathering possible. Such an evening could not but end in harmony, and more of them would do much to cement the brotherhood of the ringing fraternity.

The Loughborough Cock has gone to Pot
And ducks are in the Queue;
Myself, I'm GAME for anything,
But draw the line at Stew.

A FLAT.

THIRTY YEARS WEDDED.

PEAL BAND'S UNIQUE DISTINCTION.

Five years ago at Ewell, Surrey, eight ringers rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major as a collective celebration of their silver weddings. It was a unique gathering.

On Saturday the same eight ringers met at Woking and rang the same peal to commemorate 30 years of wedded life completed in the year 1933. That performance is also unique. It was not possible to make the attempt at Ewell, owing to the bells being out of order.

Some of the band had not seen others in the interval, and it was a happy experience to find them all in good health and 'none the worse for wear.' The peal, delayed in the start for an hour, owing to one of the ringers missing a train connection, went off without a hitch, and, naturally, gave great satisfaction to the participants.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden have added to their records by sharing in this performance. They were the first married couple to ring together in both tower bell and handbell peals, they took part in the first peal rung by husbands and wives, and were the first married pair to ring 50 peals together.

After the peal on Saturday the ringers had tea (a very late tea) together, and the 'wedding cake'—decorated with the dates '1903-1933'—was cut with due ceremony. Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith was present, but it was a matter of regret that from various causes the remainder of the 'better halves' could not join the company. However, their share of the cake was dispatched to them in the care of their respective spouses, so that, as one gentleman put it, they could sleep with it under their pillow and dream of their next husband. Among those who were present at tea were Mr. J. Brackley (captain) and Mr. D. Munday (hon. secretary of the local ringers), who were cordially thanked for having made arrangements for the peal.

It is not uninteresting to note that four of the ringers could claim the title of 'grandfather,' three of them having gained that distinction since the silver wedding celebration.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ILCHESTER DEANERY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Yeovil on Saturday week and was well attended. Service was held in the fine old church, the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. S. Harrison) officiating. Subsequently tea, provided by Mrs. John Goodchild and a committee of ladies, was served in the Schoolroom.

Preb. G. W. Saunders, supported by the Rev. J. E. S. Harrison, presided at the meeting at the outset, but vacated the chair for the election of officers.

The secretary (Mr. F. Farrant) proposed the re-election of Preb. Saunders as president, and took the opportunity of congratulating him on recently being appointed to the Prebendal stall of Timberscombe.—Mr. J. E. Baker seconded the proposition, and endorsed the congratulations.

Preb. Saunders, in accepting the office for another year, expressed his thanks for their congratulations.

Mr. T. Setter, of Yeovil, was elected as Ringing Master. Mr. F. Farrant was re-elected secretary, and to represent the branch on the General Committee.

The President thanked the Vicar of Yeovil for his welcome and for the use of the bells, etc., and the Vicar, replying, said they would be welcome on any future occasion at Yeovil.

Montacute, North Perrott, Langport and Kingsbury were the places chosen for the quarterly meetings.

New members were elected as follows: C. Willmott, A. Samways, R. Trask, A. Peach, D. Willmott, S. Rodford and D. Rodford, of North Perrott; Mrs. Rendall, Miss Turner and S. Hawkins, of Hardington; and J. Lock, of Somerton.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Goodchild and the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea.

Ringers were present from Yeovil, Ilminster, Taunton, Castle Cary, Langport, Martock, Trowbridge, Stoke-under-Ham, Norton-sub-Hamdon, Montacute, Somerton, North Cadbury, Hardington, Mandeville, North Perrott, Templecombe and Buckland Newton.

Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were some of the methods rung during the afternoon and evening. All taking part in the ringing were pleased with the excellent 'go' of the bells, and to have the opportunity of ringing on such a fine peal.

CHRISTCHURCH BAND'S SUCCESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' all those, and they are many, who have written to congratulate the Christchurch band on their success in ringing their first peal on the twelve bells. This peal was rung at the second attempt, the first attempt being on April 24th last, when we got to within 800 of the finish, after ringing just on 2½ hours. We often ring 1,320 for the Sunday evening service, and I shall be pleased to arrange such for any ringers who may be in the district if they will drop me a card.

G. PRISTON.

3, Waterloo Place,
Christchurch, Hants.

TRAGIC DEATH OF SELLY OAK RINGER. ACCIDENT ON WAY TO RINGING PRACTICE.

On Wednesday, November 29th, Mr. Christopher Gibbs, one of Selly Oak's most promising ringers, met his death in very tragic circumstances. He was on his way to practice at St. Mary's Church on his motor-cycle when he was involved in an accident at the entrance to the Church Drive. Another motor-cyclist crashed into him broadside, throwing him some 15 to 20 yards and inflicting severe injuries from which he died about three hours after being admitted to Selly Oak Hospital.

Chris Gibbs will be missed very much at St. Mary's, where he was tower keeper. He joined the band when it was reorganised on the restoration of the bells about two years ago. Although he could only ring call-changes then, he rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples 'inside') on October 28th last, and was beginning to ring Stedman very well.

He was 34 years of age, and a native of Somerton in Somerset, from whence he came about 14 to 15 years ago.

He was an excellent tower keeper, as was evidenced by the improvements in the belfry which he brought about. He was a member of the Worcestershire Association and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

The funeral took place on December 4th at his home town in Somerset.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PROPOSED JOINT MEETING FOR DORSET AT MILTON ABBEY.

The ringers of St. James' Church, Poole, fulfilled most cordially an act of fellowship on Saturday, December 2nd, when they welcomed the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild to their tower for its annual meeting. The good work that the local band has achieved is something noteworthy among the whole community. Its progress is almost certainly due to the keen and untiring efforts of Mr. F. W. Townsend (Ringing Master), admirably supported by Mr. J. I. Davis. It is easy to understand that here is a band working earnestly for the art and sacrificing much to achieve its true objects, ready to greet any who care to venture among them, and in preference standing aside to enable the visitor to share in the ringing. The learner finds his steps made less steep through combined assistance. The Ringing Master has established among the juniors a company of qualified handbell ringers, who deserve meritorious mention, and, as a proof of what service can be rendered, one should view the ringing chamber, which has been perfected by these young people.

A very helpful address was given at the meeting by the Rev. C. A. Phillips (secretary and treasurer to the branch), who urged ringers to be ready to perform some kind deed among others and put self second. They should work first for God. He recalled the ideal inscription on a bell at Whitchurch Canoncorum: 'Come when I call, come to church all. Come to serve God, or come not at all.'

Tea was afterwards provided in the Church House by the kindness of Mr. J. I. Davis (the local correspondent), who was assisted by Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Rose, Miss Davis and Miss Marshall. The Rev. Canon E. C. Eddrup, of Corfe Mullen, presided at the meeting which followed.

Reviewing the work of the year, the Rev. C. A. Phillips said continued progress and good fellowship characterised it. Meetings had been held during the year at Wimborne St. Giles, Kingston, Swanage and Poole, and practices were held at Wareham, the Lytchetts, St. Giles', Wyke Regis and Cranborne, and evening practices took place at Wimborne and Poole. At Wimborne they bade farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Elliot, and met the Rev. C. C. Cox, of West Dorset. A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Lytchett by the local band.

The report was adopted with a satisfactory financial statement, and high tribute and thanks were accorded Mr. Davis and Mr. Townsend. The Rector of Poole was also heartily thanked for the hospitality offered. New members admitted were Mr. William Young and Mr. E. T. Griffin, of Yeovil.

Mr. C. H. Jennings proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, that the whole of the officers and members of the Wimborne, Dorchester, West and North Dorset branches should be invited to a united gathering at Milton Abbey, which was the best meeting place he (Mr. Jennings) could conceive, and it would be the 1,000th anniversary year of the Abbey foundation.

On the motion of Mr. Martin Stewart, it was decided to send hearty congratulations to the Christchurch ringers on their recent performance in scoring the first twelve-bell peal at the Priory Church, and he commented on the happy relations which had always existed between the two branches.

The officers of the branch were re-elected en bloc. It may be added that the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards (hon. secretary of the Guild) was to have given the address, but was unable to attend because of celebrations in his parish of Kingston Magna to mark his completion of 25 years as Rector.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Hector 1, A. Manning (conductor) 2, E. Measures 3, W. Wallington 4, R. March 5, J. Chester 6, N. Bolton 7, F. Wallington 8.

BELLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. THE STORY OF A VANISHED PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder if a few lines from far away Vancouver would be amiss? At any rate, I am taking the liberty to correct a little error in that long and interesting article by 'W. H. F.' on the bells of Cumberland. The passage I allude to appears in the issue of September 22nd on page 602. Referring to bells given by the late Baroness Burdett Coutts, 'W. H. F.' said, 'Speaking from memory, I believe the Baroness also in 1861 presented the bells to Vancouver, B.C., thus indirectly helping the first peal in the Dominion, 1911, a jubilee peal.'

A letter written by myself and published in 'The Ringing World' of August 16th, and continued on August 25th, 1918, gives a full and correct history of these bells and the peal rung on them—a coronation, not a jubilee peal. But the reference to the bells at New Westminster, B.C., given by the late Baroness, prompts me to give you the history of those bells, gathered both from my personal knowledge and from what I have been told by those who, at one time, rang them.

Some 75 years ago, British Columbia was an almost unknown wilderness of mountains, its southern boundary being ill defined, as arrests were being made as far north as Langley on the Fraser river by the United States officials. Vancouver Island was a separate Crown Colony, with Sir James Douglas as Governor, and practically no authority on the mainland, but in the gold rush to Cariboo from California he took upon himself, with Colonel Begby as magistrate, to administer British justice and law. First Hope, then Port Langley and later New Westminster in turn became the capital. New Westminster was but a very small settlement in those days, and there was considerable controversy as to the name it should be known by. Finally it received its name from the late Queen Victoria, and, therefore, was called New Westminster, the Royal City. The late Baroness was a great friend of Queen Victoria and decided to give an iron church to the new city, which was duly sent to the capital of British Columbia. Meanwhile, Vancouver Island was incorporated in British Columbia and the capital moved to Victoria. The little iron church was held in that city, instead of being transhipped to New Westminster. When word of this reached the Baroness, she said she would send another to New Westminster, but, on being informed that that city had already built a substantial church and tower, decided to send out a beautiful peal of bells instead.

On arrival at Victoria (in those days everything was transhipped at Victoria), those bells were held, but, after a costly law suit, were finally sent on to New Westminster and erected and hung in a wooden frame in the churchyard, and rung in rounds by what ringers could be found. There was never any change ringing done on them, and after two years, the frame becoming unsafe, they were taken down and housed in a sort of wooden house in the yard—all except one, which was hung in the tower.

Mr. J. B. Cherry, brother to the late Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, was a resident in New Westminster, and offered to hang the bells in the tower for 500 dollars, but for some reason his offer was not accepted and the bells were left in their hut and finally destroyed in the great fire of Westminster, which also burned the church, the tower falling with the one bell, which, though somewhat pitted, survived the conflagration and is the only one left.

The Baroness, on being informed of their condition, was asked her pleasure with regard to them, it being probably expected that she would have them recast, but her answer was short and severe, viz.: 'You have had a splendid peal of bells and kept them in a box for 40 years, not even thinking enough of them to put them in the tower, therefore, I have no further pleasure in them whatsoever.'

The metal was finally sold to some San Francisco firm and the money used to restore the church.

On climbing up to the belfry, I found the one bell hung on a clumsy wooden frame, with a stout piece of pipe for gudgeons and a home-made wheel. The bell itself is inscribed with the donor's name and date, cast by Mears. There are also seven clappers with clapper staples attached, which I measured, and, from what I can guess, the remnant of the peal is the third of a ring of eight, tenor probably about 1½ tons. I wrote to the Baroness to see if I could get her interested in sending another peal for a splendid tower on the side of the hill overlooking the river, but her secretary replied that she was then very ill, and, as a matter of fact, in a few days had passed away.

A. O. LIMPUS.

208, Union Street, Vancouver, B.C.

[In Mears' list the weight of the tenor at New Westminster is given as 26 cwt., and the total weight of the peal as 103 cwt.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World'.]

FOR DEDICATION SERVICE.

At Christ Church, Alsager, on Wednesday, December 6th, for a special service when the memorial tablet to the memory of two earnest churchworkers (the late Mr. G. E. Barker and the late Mrs. S. E. Edwards) was dedicated and electric lighting which had been installed in the church was officially opened a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: F. Moseley 1, B. Fernyough 2, H. Dixon 3, A. Thompson 4, G. W. Whalley 5, E. Poole (first quarter-peal 'inside') 6, D. R. Whalley (conductor) 7, R. Moseley 8.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT NETHERTON.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, December 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, Worcestershire, and was fairly well attended. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and were kept merrily going until service was held in church. The Guild's special form of service was used, and was conducted by the Vicar of Netherton (the Rev. E. L. Warren), who also gave a very interesting address.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Church House, where an excellent tea was in readiness, generously provided by the churchwardens (Messrs. E. Baker and F. W. Jordan).

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar occupied the chair, supported by his wardens, Mr. J. Goodman, jun. (Ringing Master), Mr. S. J. Hughes (treasurer) and the secretary (Mr. H. Shoppard).

The Chairman announced apologies from the Rev. K. F. Morris (Netherton), Mr. H. Mason, Mr. John Price and Mr. T. Hemmings. He said how pleased he was to meet the Guild, and, on behalf of himself, the wardens and Church Council, he gave them a hearty welcome to Netherton.

After business of a routine character had been disposed of, several new members were added to the roll, including the churchwardens, who readily consented to their names being added to the list of honorary members.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting, which is the annual one, at Dudley on Saturday, March 3rd, 1934. It was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Netherton, the necessary arrangements being left with the genial captain of St. Andrew's ringers.

It was agreed that the secretary (Mr. H. Shoppard) send a letter of condolence and sympathy to Mrs. Thomas, widow of the late Rev. P. C. Thomas, late Vicar of Clent, who died recently.

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. S. J. Hughes and seconded by Mr. John Goodman, jun., best thanks were given to the Vicar of Netherton for readily granting permission to hold the meeting at his church, also conducting the service and for his admirable and interesting address, for the use of the tower and bells and for the use of the Church House in which to hold the meeting and tea. Grateful thanks were also given to the churchwardens for providing the bounteous tea and for their presence and support; to Mr. Malcolm Melville for the musical part of the service; to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea. Mr. Albert Prestidge was also thanked for his part in making the necessary arrangements, as were all those who had assisted in any way in making the meeting a happy and successful one. The Vicar responded on behalf of himself and all others concerned.

Several of the members afterwards returned to the belfry and kept the bells going in various methods, and so ended a happy and enjoyable afternoon.

THE PEAL AT HANLEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate the band who rang the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal upon ringing the first in the method for the North Staffs Association, but the claim of being the first in the county must fail, as ten members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal at Walsall on November 29th, 1913, conducted by

T. J. ELTON.

The conductor, Mr. J. Worth, has since written withdrawing the claim which was made, but saying that it was the first peal of Oxford Royal in the Potteries.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES ANDERSON.

CHESTER-LE-STREET'S THIRD LOSS THIS YEAR.

The Chester-le-Street band has suffered its third loss this year by the death of Mr. James Anderson, who had been a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association since 1883.

He rang in the first 720 of Minor by local ringers in 1887, and also in the first 5,040 of Minor in 1896, and in the first peal of Major on the bells of Chester-le-Street in 1910.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, December 5th, the service being conducted by the Rector (Canon F. W. Jackson), and Mr. J. A. Brown, one of the ringers, being at the organ. In addition to his brother ringers, many were present from Tanfield and Houghton-le-Spring, and during the evening several half-muffled touches were rung on the bells as a mark of respect for an old friend and esteemed colleague.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2nd, a combined practice was held at St. David's Church, Bangor. Ringers from Rhyl, Llandudno, Portmadoc and the local band were present, and three hours' good practice was put in in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Rhyl, on Saturday, January 13th.

DEATH OF MR. H. P. HARMAN. FORMER PROMINENT BROMLEY RINGER.

The death has occurred at Bromley, Kent, of Mr. Herbert Palfrey Harman, who was formerly well known as an active ringer in Kent and the London area. Mr. Harman had been in indifferent health for a considerable time, and had done no ringing for about 15 years. On Monday week he left business in the afternoon and collapsed. He passed away the same evening at the Bromley and District Hospital, whither he had been taken.

Mr. Harman, who was 65 years of age and leaves a widow and a family of nine children in bereavement, had carried on the business of photographer, established by his father. He had always taken an active interest in local affairs, having been an enthusiastic volunteer, deputy superintendent of the Voluntary Fire Brigade, a special constable and a leading member of Bromley Literary Institute. He also played cricket formerly with Bromley Cricket Club, and was a member of Bromley Bowling Club and other social organisations.

The funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church, Bromley, on Saturday, when Mr. F. Groombridge represented the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Kent County Association, and Mr. G. H. Kite, at one time a ringer at Bromley Parish Church, was also present.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary for evensong on the dedication festival, Sunday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Robinson 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, A. S. Roberts 3, Miss L. Willoughby (conductor) 4, H. Williams 5, F. W. Marshall 6, W. H. Southard 7, W. H. Sleeman 8. Rung after meeting one short for Grandsire Caters, Howard Stephens kindly standing out.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.—At Christ Church, on November 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major by Trowbridge band: J. Bilby 1, W. Loud 2, N. Andrews 3, C. Raison 4, J. Francis 5, W. Baxter 6, S. Hector (conductor) 7, C. Andrews 8. Trowbridge bells being out of order, the band has the invitation to other towns, which is greatly appreciated.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, November 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, S. Webb 2, D. A. S. Symonds 3, A. Symonds 4, L. Pryke 5, W. Jarvis 6, M. T. Symonds 7, W. F. Corney 8. First quarter of Bob Major by S. Webb, who with W. F. Corney hails from South Woodford.

ISLEWORTH.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, October 1st, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Olive Ashbrook 1, W. Ellingham 2, C. F. Winney 3, F. G. Goddard 4, Miss Doris Lidbetter 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6, F. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8. At the close of service 233 Grandsire Triples with same band.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—For All Saints' Day, on November 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Williams 1, M. Harris 2, P. Cruickshank 3, F. W. Beer 4, F. O. Mogford (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, F. Day 6, C. J. Ford 7, A. J. Coles 8. First quarter by all except the ringers of 2nd and 5th. Second ringer from Gloucester, 3rd and 4th from Bilton and conductor from Pensford.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church on Wednesday, November 1st, All Saints' Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Bullock 1, T. Ford 2, J. James 3, L. Baynham 4, F. Bullock 5, G. Day 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, O. Amos 8. Rung for the 35th anniversary service of the opening and dedication of All Saints' Church. First quarter-peal for the ringers of the 3rd and 4th. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Wednesday, November 1st, the 15th anniversary of Canon R. C. S. Jones' residence as Vicar of Fairford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Law 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, S. J. Worsfold 3, W. A. Law (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 4, H. R. Acok 5, E. Cooper 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, S. R. Stevens 8. The quarter-peal was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

DARLEY DALE.—For evening service on Sunday, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Allsop 1, W. Blagshaw 2, B. Allsop 3, J. H. Paulson 4, H. E. Taylor 5, J. Marshall 6, G. H. Paulson 7, H. Austin 8. Composed and conducted by H. E. Taylor, all the calls being singles. Arranged for Mr. J. Marshall, who was on a visit.

ECCLES.—On Sunday, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Parkinson 1, Leonard Brookes 2, John Myles 3, John Wood 4, N. Heaps 5, S. Boothman 6, F. Colley 7, J. Stimson 8. Arranged and conducted by N. Heaps. Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Benyon, sister of the ringer of the second, also for the harvest festival.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for evensong, the St. Mary's Society rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), composed by Gabriel Lindoff: F. Savwell 1, T. W. Robinson 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. R. Millway 4, E. J. Walker 5, R. T. Clark 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. T. Ellender 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. T. Clark.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not made 20 attendances to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th and Southwark Cathedral on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 16th, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. Canon Bryce. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (free) at 5.15 p.m.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benilton, Sutton, on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherham Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall, Moorgate (200 yards from church) at 5 p.m., at a nominal charge.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. —The district annual meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me as soon as possible and oblige? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16th, at Bishop's Stortford. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. — P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Willoughby on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Dec. 16th., when the bells of All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8) and Bengoe (8) will be open. Service, tea and business meeting. All will be heartily welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, Dec. 16th. St. Oswald's (10) available from 2.30 p.m., and St. Aidan's (8) after tea. Tea, 5 p.m., in St. Oswald's Mission Hall, Dale Street. All are welcome, so come in crowds.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Durham Street, West Hartlepool.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at West Retford on Saturday, December 16th. Good attendance requested. Tea for those who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, December 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District).—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, December 16th (by kind permission of the President, Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane). Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Evensong at 5. Tea at St. Mary's Hall, Church Street, at 5.30. Have you bought your ticket for the supper yet? All members of the Committee have them. The date is January 13th, 1934.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Sandbach (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Please note that the list of meetings to be held during 1934 is compiled at this gathering.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, on Tuesday, Dec. 26th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in Waters Lane Mission Room. The bells of both St. Woolos' and All Saints' available from 2 o'clock.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, December 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 1934. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. These bells will go to any method.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934. Tickets 5s. 6d. Further details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Annual Dinner, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 1934, 6 p.m. Chairman, Mr. Frank Skidmore; chief guest, Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bristol. Tickets, 5s. 6d., from Messrs. J. Hawkins (London), A. Walker (Birmingham), S. Palmer (Sheffield), J. Austin (Gloucester), J. Dyke (Bath), T. King (Bath) and officers, stewards of B.U.R.G., or direct from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at 6 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church by early arrivals.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Miss H. F. Mills, hon. sec. of the Southern Division of the Ladies' Guild, is now 'Maidencombe,' Northbrook Road, Aldershot.—Mr. R. H. Bullen has removed from Langley, Bucks, to 18, Pakefield Street, Lowestoft (South), Suffolk.

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A special effort is being made at Christchurch, New Zealand, to create increased interest in bellringing at the Cathedral, where there is already a band under the mastership of Mr. G. H. Claydon. More recruits are being sought, and recently an article appeared in one of the local newspapers appealing for more ringers. It describes the bells (a peal of ten by Messrs. Taylor and Co.) and many of the attractions of ringing; but with the layman's customary misunderstanding of ringing terms, some of the statements make amusing reading. For instance, we learn that one set of English ringers holds the amazing record of 18,027 peals, by ringing continuously for 12 hours 18 minutes, and that the Rev. F. E. Robinson during his life rang 15,000 peals; 'he rang three times a week and described his hobby as "the finest of medicines,"' 'The more simple peals,' the readers are told, 'are those favoured by learners; collectively they are known as "Churchyard" peals.' But this by the way. It is entirely forgivable in the good cause which the writer had in view.

More to the point is the following: 'The present master ringer, Mr. Claydon, is an experienced English ringer, and his enthusiasm for the art knows no bounds. His anxiety to increase the membership and improve the financial position of the Society of Bellringers is based on a knowledge of the beauty of the Cathedral bells and the desire to let Christchurch people know their real worth. Members of the society are keen, too, to be able to provide adequate facilities for several peals, which it is hoped to arrange for the visit of Sister Jutson, of the Flying Column of the Church Army, who is a clever peal ringer, and who will be visiting Christchurch next month.

'Mr. Claydon has 11 men ringers under his control, and he is anxious for many more, and for women members, particularly in view of Sister Jutson's visit. Additional ringers would greatly improve the bellringing, he said, and would give the finances a very necessary fillip.'

Miss Kathleen Jutson was formerly of Peterborough.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for morning service, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, G. E. Plater 3, W. J. Bowden 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 1,265 Stedman Caters: Mrs. Tomlinson 1, J. G. Nash 2, W. Pickworth 3, E. H. King 4, W. J. Bowden 5, G. E. Plater 6, H. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8, J. E. Miller 9, A. G. Crane 10.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday evening, October 15th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes): F. Hannington 1, E. Coles 2, W. Heath 3, E. Hunt 4, J. Davies 5, F. Chamberlain 6, T. Woods 7, P. Heath 8, E. Coomes 9, J. Phillips (conductor) 10.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, October 15th, at the Church of All Saints and St. Martin, 1,280 Stedman Triples: W. Simmonds 1, A. Gammon 2, Miss M. E. Reynolds 3, A. Badder 4, R. Green 5, W. F. Judge 6, J. P. Pelloe (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, E. G. Vingo (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung in celebration of Mr. W. Simmonds' birthday.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—At Holy Trinity Church for morning service on Sunday, October 15th, 720 Bob Minor with tenor covering: J. W. Jeffrey 1, F. R. Hounsell 2, G. Woods 3, C. L. Mitchell (conductor) 4, T. Mitchell 5, G. Apps 6, A. E. Mitchell 7. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. A. Yeates, who was a lady ringer during the war period.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 8th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes): R. B. King 1, W. Paul 2, H. L. Long 3, S. H. Hoare 4, C. N. Lemon 5, R. G. Bell 6, G. E. Howchin 7, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 8. First quarter of London on the bells and by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6. All are regular service ringers. Rung to mark the opening of a ten days' mission at this church, conducted by Canon S. M. Warner, of Eastbourne.

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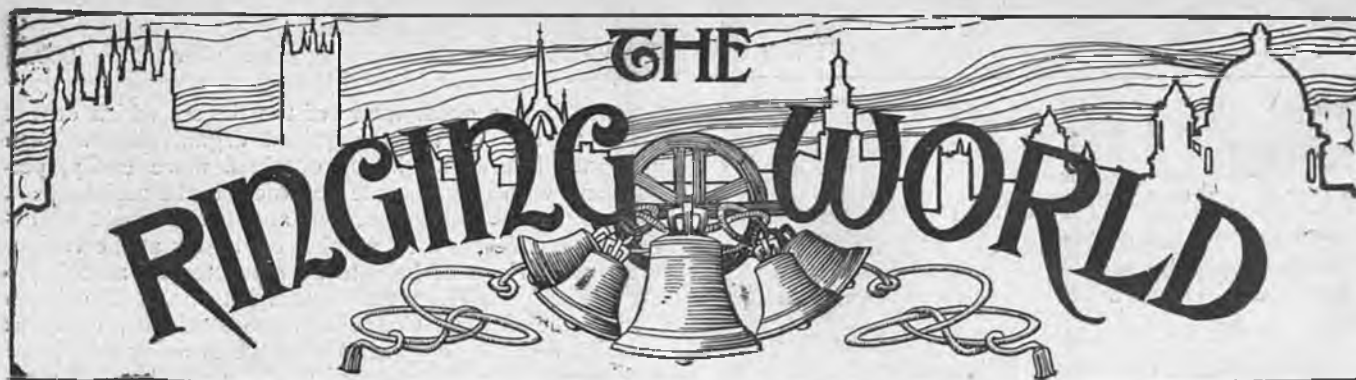
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COUNTING HEADS.

How many church bellringers are there in this country? That is a question often asked. In the Church of England's official year book, just published for 1932, the number is given as 46,121. This total, however, presumably includes those who chime the bells in churches where there is no 'peal,' or where there is no band of ringers, such as is generally recognised in the Exercise. How many people there are, therefore, who can properly be termed ringers, is problematical. How many of them are change ringers or attached to towers where change ringing is practised is more problematic still, but it would be extremely interesting to know. Some day, perhaps, the Central Council will be able to tackle the subject, in co-operation with the associations, so that something in the nature of reliable statistics can be compiled. The difficulties, however, are by no means small, on account of the very considerable number of ringers who are not members of any organised society, but as far as the members of the affiliated associations are concerned there would be little trouble to carry out a scheme which the Central Council's secretary has evolved, provided the assistance of three or four helpers in each association was forthcoming. Such a census would be illuminating, showing, as it would, not only how many ringers the Council represents, but how far the associations have been able to create a practical interest in their own organisations.

To ensure the success of any scheme for enumerating the ringers who remain outside the organised societies would not be so easy a task; and yet it would provide valuable information. It would reveal the ground which the associations still have left to cover, for it may be taken for granted, we think, that the majority of those who remain aloof are not change ringers, and that there is work to be done to educate them in this direction. The counting of heads among all bell ringers would also prove useful in other directions, for the question of numbers has cropped up more than once, for instance, in the endeavour to obtain cheap railway travelling facilities for ringing purposes, and no one has been able definitely to answer the query. The work which would be involved would not present an impossible task if only the ringers themselves could be relied upon to co-operate, but the difficulty in all these things is the apathy which is displayed among ringers of this type. It is apathy, in the first place, which keeps them out of the associations, and only those who have had the trouble of trying to get information out of ringers generally realise what a tiresome business it would probably be to get reliable

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statistics from a great many of the towers which do not belong to any of the recognised organisations. The aggregate figures might be obtained more easily, perhaps, and with approximate accuracy, if the assistance of Rural Deans or other diocesan authorities could be obtained to enable the total number of ringers at the various towers with rings of bells to be extracted by association or guild officials from the annual returns, and collated through the Central Council. Such statistics, compiled annually, would be of great assistance in many ways, and would prove a valuable record to show whether bell ringing was maintaining its position and gaining or losing devotees year by year.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	JOHN HOLMAN ... 6
*JOHN GILBERT ... 2	JOHN THORPE ... 7
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LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. E. SYMONDS.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal on ten bells. Ringers of 1 and 5 from Leeds, 2, 3 and 4 from Handsworth, 6, 7 and 8 from Sheffield, 9 from Loughborough, 10 from Bradford.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*MISS ETHEL COLLIER ... Treble	*JAMES COLLIER ... 6
*MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	WILLIAM BIBBY ... 7
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK ... 3	†WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 8
*MISS ANNIE POTTER ... 4	JOHN POTTER ... 9
*MRS. MARY A. TONGE ... 5	PETER CROOK ... Tenor

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Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

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Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK NEALE ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 5
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Tenor 18 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
ROBERT WALLWORK 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
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JOHN POTTER 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

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First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer. J. Potter and C. Gudgeon have now 'circled' the tower.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
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(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STONEHOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOHN GLUYAS Treble	WILLIAM HAMLYN 5
*H. FREDERICK MYERS 2	A. WILLIAM MYERS 6
ALFRED MITCHELMORE 3	†SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY 7
G. HARRY MYERS 4	THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Major as conductor. Mr. G. H. Myers has completed the 'circle' in this tower and is the first to do so. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Allwork), who is leaving for Broadclyst, near Exeter. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at St. Andrew's.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, December 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR H. BEAMISH Treble	†HENRY H. FEARN 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	WILLIAM C. RHODES 6
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH 3	HARRY HARRIS 7
*MALCOLM C. C. MCIVILLE 4	ERNEST STONE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH

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

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S NO. 10.

VERNON SYKES Treble	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 3
STEPHEN PARRY 2	HARRY MELLOR 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
HERBERT DEVONPORT 4	HERBERT BARLOW Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRED DUNKERLEY Treble	†JOSEPH LITTLER 5
HARRY PARKER 2	STANLEY HARRISON 6
*WILFRED J. MOSS 3	*CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4	NORMAN HEAPS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
†HAROLD SHOCK 2	WALTER MASTERS 6
†ERNEST A. TURNER 3	*THOMAS HEMMING 7
†GEORGE DAVIES 4	†REGINALD ALLPORT Tenor

Conducted by T. HEMMING.

* 100th peal together. † First peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE MAYERS Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON 5
*ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS 2	RUSSELL W. CURSON 6
CHARLES H. MOORE 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	WALTER FARROW Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside' and first attempt.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

ON THE GABRIEL EIGHT. g

Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS Treble	WALTER FARROW 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	WILLIAM E. BASON 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	ALBERT G. WARNES 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER Treble	WILLIAM LIDBETTER 5
JAMES H. HUNNISETT 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
A. MARK STACEY 3	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 7
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NEWHEY, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

STEPHEN PARRY Treble	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM 6
VERNON SYKES 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
HERBERT BARLOW 4	HARRY MELLOR Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—For remembrance service, on Nov. 11th at St. Peter's Church, with the bells half-muffled, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: William Hyman (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss B. Stadden 2, Miss H. Orchard 3, Mrs. W. Edwards 4, Miss G. Stadden 5, F. Smith 6, A. E. Colburn (conductor) 7, R. Porter (first quarter-peal on eight bells) 8.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 12, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

* HAROLD DYSON Treble	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... 5
JOHN H. LENTON 2	THOMAS HOLDER 6
WILLIAM PEARSON 3	CHARLES BROWN 7
HARRY C. WALTERS 4	HARRY BROWN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

* HERBERT FULCHER Treble	* WILLIAM FLATT 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	* RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES ROOPE 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
EDWIN BARNETT 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

The above replaces a peal rung on January 31st, which was afterwards discovered to be false. E. A. Barnett has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. The 11th peal on the bells by J. H. Cheesman and the 50th by T. Groombridge, jun.

CHURCH, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	FRED HINDLE 5
* ARNOLD BRUNTON 2	JOSEPH TOMLINSON 6
* NORMAN KENYON 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN BROWN 4	* JAMES PARR Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

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

WITLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

WILLIAM M. STONE ... Treble	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	* CHARLES STEPHENS 6
JOHN P. PELLOR 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4	WILFRED BARTLETT Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal and first attempt.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	JOSEPH S. CARTER 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal rung in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS LOCK Treble	JOHN H. BOTHAM 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
ERNEST W. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Mr. Lock has twice completed the 'circle' in this tower.

KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT ... Treble	CHARLES F. AUSTIN 5
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 6
EDWARD W. BIFFEN 3	HERBERT J. HOLE 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS 4	ARTHUR H. GOAD Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

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

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
REGINALD CHANCE 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
JOHN BASS 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

REGINALD CHANCE ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
JOHN BASS 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (TRANSPosed). Tenor 21½ cwt.

JAMES WOODYATT ... Treble	DENNIS SAYERS 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
RALPH SAYERS 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 7
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 4	FREDERICK G. YATES Tenor

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

Rung on the occasion of the annual supper, given by Mr. E. P. Thomas, to the Claines band and friends from St. John's.

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WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS ... Treble	*ERNEST MINGAY ... 5
*JOHN REDGWELL ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
PERCY GREEN ... 3	GEORGE GREEN ... 7
ARTHUR HEAD ... 4	*WILLIAM S. BUTLER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells. The monthly peal for the division. Rung as a birthday compliment to P. Green and Mrs. W. S. Butler, wife of the tenor ringer.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. BAXENDALE ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
SAMUEL WARD ... 2	GEORGE AMBLER ... 6
J. CECIL BOOTH ... 3	J. ERNEST PROCTOR ... 7
S. ROWLAND MYERS ... 4	JOHN AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal in the method, on the bells and by all the ringers. The conductor's 150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble man and to commemorate the 27th anniversary of the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
*JOHN GRIFFITHS ... 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 6
ROLAND PARK ... 3	JAMES MORGAN ... 7
GEORGE R. JONES ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal of Surprise. First Surprise peal as conductor. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Thomas, the oldest ringing member of the Chester Guild.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble	JOHN R. BREARLY ... 5
*WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 2	JOHN MARSHALL ... 6
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 3	† J. HYLTON SYKES ... 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 4	THOMAS E. LEE ... Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Oxford. This peal was rung to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells and the birthdays of the ringer of the 4th and Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. SWIFT ... Treble	GEORGE J. WINTER ... 5
VINCENT E. SWIFT ... 2	*TREVOR B. HOLLOWAY ... 6
*REGINALD H. NEWTON ... 3	*A. OWEN WINTMORE ... 7
*FRANK A. PENN ... 4	WILLIAM C. WEST ... Tenor

Composed by LATE SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. C. WEST

* First peal of Major. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Hillier on the 40th anniversary of their wedding, they having been married at this church on Saturday, December 16th, 1893. Mr. Hillier is the able and popular Ringing Master of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, 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.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	*KENNETH C. GRACE ... 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the jubilee of the first extent of Minor in the method in the county, which was conducted by the composer.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

S. PERCY MERSON ... Treble	*WILLIAM A. SIVIER ... 5
*WALTER H. POOLE ... 2	ARTHUR H. REED ... 6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 3	*JACK ROY ... 7
WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... 4	JAMES HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung to celebrate W. A. Sivier's birthday. First peal of Major on the bells.

BURLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*GEORGE W. SLACK ... Treble	HAROLD WALKER ... 5
ROBERT THOMAS ... 2	G. CECIL WALLACE ... 6
LEONARD DRAKE ... 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 7
*G. WILFRED SLACK ... 4	JOHN W. SCHOFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

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

OLNEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HENRY W. GAYTON ... Treble	GEORGE M. EITE ... 5
*ARTHUR A. FREEMAN ... 2	WILLIAM FREEMAN ... 6
BERNARD FISHER ... 3	L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... 7
FRANK BOSWELL ... 4	HENRY STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by L. W. JACQUES.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being perfect.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Treble	GEORGE W. PIPER ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... 2	JOHN S. MORTON ... 6
*MISS MARGARET PACK ... 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

HORNOCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, December 5th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: G. L. Joyce 1, S. Miles (first quarter in the method) 2, J. V. Cross 3, E. Hawkins 4, G. Playle 5, J. Dale 6, J. Blay 7, J. Cornford (conductor) 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ROBERT W. LINGWOOD ... Treble	GEORGE A. COOKE ... 4
*MISS JESSIE R. COOKE ... 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 5
*ROBERT W. COOKE ... 3	Cecil V. EBBERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by Cecil V. EBBERSON.

* First peal in four methods.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Kent; (2) London Scholars' Pleasure; (3) Sandal; (4) Overton; (5) Kingston; (6) London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Kingston; (7) Oxford.

*I. SMITH ... Treble	*A. RICHARDSON ... 4
E. ELLISON ... 2	*G. ASHMORE ... 5
J. SMITH ... 3	J. MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. MILNER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 7½ cwt.

MISS DAPHNE J. MOIR ... Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 3
HERBERT T. EASTBROOK ... 2	*ARCHIBALD S. TOSSELAND ... 4
LEONARD TOSSELAND ... Tenor	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal 'inside.'

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 4
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 2	W. H. J. HOOTON ... 5
†PERCY A. ALDHAM ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods.

ST. OSYTH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(N.-E. DIVISION).

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.) in G.

*URBAN G. GARDINER ... Treble	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 2	AMOS R. GARDINER ... 5
*EDWARD M. BLYTH ... 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringers of 1, 3 and 5 belong to the local band. A birthday peal for the ringer of the treble. This is the first peal ever brought round on this ancient ring of six.

ST. BUDEAUX, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(S.-W. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BUDEAUX AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

ALLAN WEATHERLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM F. OATWAY ... 4
SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 2	WILLIAM HAMMON ... 5
*EDWARD C. YEO ... 3	GEORGE R. MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. OATWAY.

* First peal away from tenor. First attempt for a peal as conductor.

EMPINGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk, London, York, Chester, Carlisle, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4
HORACE M. DAY ... 2	ROGER W. DANIELS ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by R. W. DANIELS.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells and in the county. Quickest peal on the bells.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT).

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one of Woodbine, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ALBERT E. ROWE ... Treble	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... 4
LEONARD A. TIDY ... 2	EDWARD E. TIDY ... 5
H. F. HYLTON TIDY ... 3	JOHN O. WALLER ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal and rung at the first attempt.

DYMOK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 4
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 2	WILLIAM POSTON ... 5
ERNEST COX ... 3	CHARLES H. COX ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

The Rector and parishioners believe this to be the first peal rung on these bells.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Thursday, November 30th, on St. Andrew's Day, a quarter-peal of Minor was rung, being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 360 of Kent, and 180 of Plain Bob (1,260 changes): H. Tidy 1, F. Bodmin 2, W. Tidy 3, A. Rowe 4, A. Everest 5, E. Tidy (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On Monday, December 4th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. I. Aslett 1, G. Ackerman (first 720) 2, W. H. Chandler 3, E. J. Pepler 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, W. G. Chandler 6.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On November 29th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples at St. Peter's Church: G. Page 1, W. Palmer 2, T. Page (conductor) 3, W. Cross 4, T. Hamlin 5, H. Davies 6, F. Lasbury 7, G. Wines 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, 6th and 7th.

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SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes.

At 57, FISKERTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. FOSTER 1-2 | *ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 3-4

EDWARD FOSTER 5-6

Conducted by G. E. FOSTER.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal as conductor. Rung as a first birthday compliment to the son of the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, December 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK W. PERRENS 1-2 | *ALBERT WALKER 7-8

*GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4 | FRANK E. PERVIN 9-10

ALBERT E. NORMAN 5-6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Non-conducted.

Referee—James George.

Witnesses—Thomas H. Reeves, F. W. Walker and others.

* 100th peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells. This peal was rung 'silent.' The position for the ringers of the first five pairs of bells was drawn out of a hat, Mr. George officiating.

A FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

At Newcastle, Staffs, on Friday, December 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: M. Buckley 1, D. Steel 2, F. Forster 3, A. Moore 4, C. H. Page 5, J. Williams 6, A. Thompson (conductor) 7, J. Weatherhill 8. This was the first attempt by the conductor to call a quarter-peal of Stedman, and it was the first quarter-peal of Stedman by all the hand except the 5th ringer. It was rung after an attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples had come to grief after 40 minutes' ringing owing to a rope breaking.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

The North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild has endorsed the proposal that the four Dorset branches of the Guild should hold a joint meeting at Milton Abbas in June next in connection with the millennium celebrations of the Abbey. This decision was taken at the annual meeting of the branch, held at Gillingham on Saturday, December 8th. There was an attendance of about 50, including members from Bishop's Caundle, Bourton, Fontmell Magna, Gillingham, Kingston Magna, Long Burton, Mere, Okeford Fitzpaine, Sherborne, Stourton, Siltan and Zeals, and visitors from Bruton, Buckland Newton, Cucklington, Evershot, Evercreach, Longbridge Deverill, Stoke Trister, Templecombe and Warminster.

A service was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. G. Newman, Rural Dean), who also gave a helpful address. Taking for his text the words, 'So run, that ye may obtain,' he exhorted the members to persevere in their work for God and in their daily lives, encouraged in the knowledge that the race is not only to the swift, but that the prize is shared only by those who, in the face of adversity, plod steadfastly on and finish the course that is set before them.

An excellent tea was afterwards served in the Vicarage Schoolroom. This was followed by the annual business meeting, at which the Rev. F. L. Edwards (general secretary of the Guild) presided.

The election of officers for 1934 resulted as follows: Chairman, the Rev. W. M. Askwith (Vicar of Sherborne); vice-chairman, the Rev. F. L. Edwards; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Shute; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Ralph.

The Chairman expressed regret at the impending departure of the Rev. E. V. Roe, who had so ably served the branch as secretary and treasurer during the past two years, and, on behalf of the members, wished him God-speed in his future home.

The suggested joint meeting at Milton Abbas met with warm approval, and it was decided to co-operate with the other branches in giving effect to the proposal.

Eight new members were elected, and the meeting concluded with thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and for his stimulating address; to Mrs. W. E. Samways for presiding at the organ; to Mr. Hunt, the organ blower; and to Mr. Brown and all who had assisted in making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

The bells were kept busy during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Plain Bob Doubles, Minor and Major.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'A Merry Christmas'
to all our readers.

The two new bells to be added to make a ring of twelve at Towkesbury Abbey in memory of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies have just been cast at the Loughborough bell foundry. Mrs. Davies was present to witness the casting. The other ten bells are at the foundry. The old trebles are being recast and the rest tuned.

Incidentally, Mrs. Davies has an interesting connection with Plympton, where, as recorded in our last issue, the bells have recently been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. A branch of her family reside there and have in their possession many portraits of ancestors painted by the great Sir Joshua Reynolds, who, as our report stated, was born in the parish and became its Mayor. One other such portrait hangs in Mrs. Davies' home. It is that of her great-great-great-grandfather, who was, in his time, Rector of St. Andrew's, Plymouth.

And apropos St. Andrew's, Plymouth, a band of Sunday service ringers from that church rang a peal of Bob Major at St. George's, Stonehouse, on December 6th, as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Allwork), who was leaving to take up the living of Broadclyst, near Exeter. It is an interesting coincidence that the conductor of the farewell peal (Mr. T. G. Myers) rang his first peal—the treble in Grandsire Triples—twelve years ago to welcome the Rev. A. T. Allwork as the new Vicar of St. George's.

It is cheering to read that at Fairfield, Buxton, three ringers, in their first peal, rang six different Treble Bob methods, including three spliced in one 720. It reminds one of the days when nearly all six-bell peals were in seven methods, and the 'first pealer' had to be prepared to ring seven if he wanted a peal at all. To-day many six-bell ringers content themselves with peals in one method.

Two peals rung by the same band in two different towns within the space of six and a half hours is not bad going. It may not be a record, but it cannot be far off. The peals were rung at Clent and Hagley, Worcestershire, and were Bristol and London Surprise.

Mr. Edward Hudson, of Sharow, writes to correct an error in the report of the dedication of Birstwith bells, in which he stated that the peal was hung in two tiers. This, he now points out, is incorrect, the bells being all on one level. The error arose through a slight misunderstanding.

When the Bradfield Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Beenham, it was noticed that the hon. secretary (Mr. T. W. Palmer) did not long remain among the party, but when the whisper went round the belfry that he had that day become the proud father of a son, no further explanation of his brief visit was necessary, and hearty congratulations were offered.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

POST REPORTS AT ONCE.

Owing to the Christmas holidays falling in next week, correspondents are requested to forward notices and reports AT ONCE.

Reports of peals rung to-morrow (Saturday) should be dispatched the same night, or, in any case, not later than Sunday, so that they may appear next Friday. They should not be withheld for publication in a subsequent week, as this procedure only causes congestion in our columns, and, in future, such reports will not be given precedence over those of subsequent performances which are forwarded promptly.

Master E. A. Barnett has added yet further to his capabilities as a ringer by joining the ranks of composers. A peal of Double Norwich which he composed was rung at Crayford on Friday, and as he is only just 15 we imagine he must be the youngest ringer to have composed a peal.

The name of the ringer of the 2nd was Edwin A. Barnett and the ringer of the 7th Thomas Groombridge, jun., in the peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at St. John the Baptist, Erith, on December 7th, and not Barrett and Groombridge, sen., respectively, as published in our last issue.

A very interesting peal was rung at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, when for the first time five fathers and five daughters rang a peal on ten bells. Already an eight-bell peal had been rung by four daughters and their fathers; it only remains now for six ladies with their fathers to ring a peal on twelve bells to equal any performance put up by fathers and sons.

THE SOCIETY OF JUNIOR CUMBERLANDS

JOHN NOONAN AND HIS PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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When Gross left the Junior Cumberlands his son went with him, and so did Shipway and the more reputable members. What was left was, socially, the very dregs of the London Exercise—people that the leading societies would not have at any price. But they could ring, and they had among them a young man, William Williams by name, with a distinct talent for leadership. He had rung in Gross' last peal; perhaps he led the revolt. At any rate, he profited by it and stepped into the vacant office of Beadle and position of influence. What he was, what he was like, we do not know, for no memory or tradition of him survived among London ringers. If a man is to be judged by the company he keeps, perhaps not much can be said for him. And yet one who for over thirty years held together such a lot as the Junior Cumberlands must have had some more than ordinary qualities in him.

One incident helps to show the sort of people they were. The society owned a small amount of property—a set of handbells and some books—but their chief treasure was the peal book. This was a large and splendid volume, richly bound in crimson morocco, gold embossed, gilt edged, and silver-mounted. At this day it is probably the finest peal book in existence. With its hand-made paper and excellent ink, it will probably be read long after the printed pages on which this generation depends for immortality, have crumbled into dust.

One day the members took this precious book, sold it or pawned it and spent the proceeds on a drunken frolic. That was too much. There were still members who felt the shame of such a thing. They held a meeting, reconstructed the company, purged it of its baser elements and made a fresh start.

The peal book was recovered, but sadly torn and mutilated. Some of the records had disappeared, including that of the 8,448 Treble Bob Major rung in 1787. It was carefully restored and a silver plate was fixed to it with the following inscription:—

'To the memory of the present Junior Society of Cumberland Youths be it inscrib'd. The late Property of the Society, which was so shamefully embezzled by some of the Former Members, was retriev'd in a spirited and Manly manner by the Present Society on the ever Memorable 6th of November, 1797.'

It is to be feared that the reformed company was no great improvement on the old one.

The schism of 1788 had, of course, much weakened the society for peal ringing, but it was not long before they began again to score five thousands. How soon it happened we cannot tell, because not only were the records mutilated, but the entries in the peal book were made in a very casual and haphazard manner. Some of the performances were not written in till years afterwards and quite out of due order; and some, doubtless, not at all. But by 1793 they were ringing peals and from that time onwards they held their own as the equals of any peal ringing band in London, or, for that matter, in England. This was due to two men, William Williams and John Noonan, who seem to have been free from the jealousy which was so usual and did so much harm among these old ringers. Noonan was a Birmingham man and a

shoemaker. In the course of his trade he made a pair of boots for Joshua Short, the man who rang Aston tenor and called the 15,360 of Bob Major in 1793. After he was paid for his work Noonan went off to London, like Shipway before him, to seek his fortune as a ringer, and he, too, joined the Junior Cumberlands.

There was something about the shoemaking trade that made its professors meditative and introspective men, and as he mended shoes Noonan thought much on ringing and its problems. John Holt before him had been a cobbler, and he, by common consent, was the greatest man in the history of ringing. Fame had come to him because he had solved a problem that others declared insoluble and had produced the first true peal of Grand-sire Triples. Why should not he—Noonan—too, do something to leave a name as great? Why not? There was to hand a problem just as important—nay, more important than the one that faced Holt, and if patience and industry would solve it he would not fail for lack of them.

Ever since William Jones and his band had visited Norwich, Stedman was the fashionable method in London. All the leading bands were ringing it and peals of Caters and Cinques had been achieved. But as yet there was no five thousand of Triples, and, indeed, the experts said that such a thing was unattainable. True, two men at Norwich seventy years before had claimed, each of them, that they had composed and rung a true peal and had put up boards to record their claims, as any visitor to Mancroft or Coslany could see. But the London men no more believed that Melchior and Crane had composed true peals of Stedman Triples than they did that John Garthorn had produced a true peal of Grandsire Triples before Holt had. So far as the Stedman was concerned they had doubtless some reason for their scepticism. Reeves and Blakemore had talked with men who had known and rung with Crane, who had died only ten years before. Perhaps they had seen his figures. Anyhow, men had learned that Stedman Triples has difficulties in composition such as at first were not dreamt of. They had learnt that you cannot get peals of it in full courses as you can in Bob Major and most other methods. Only one way seemed possible and that was by ringing Stedman Doubles on the first five bells and keeping the hind pair dodging, which meant calling bobs at every six except when every now and then you wanted to alter your two dodging bells. It was a plan which did not appeal to the older men. It produced, as the 'Clavis' said, music extremely disagreeable; besides, purists held that double bobs were not allowable in this system. Noonan, however, found that if he was to get his peal at all that was the plan he must use. It has the advantage that you can divide the 5,040 changes into eighty-four courses all independent of each other. With our present day knowledge of the laws of composition, and especially of the law of the Q Sets, we can see that there is no particular difficulty, when once you have got them, in joining these eighty-four courses into one block. Eighty-three can be joined together by omitting one hundred and twenty-three bobs; and the other can be added by means of two Singles, either ordinary or in-course. So your peal would contain 715 bobs, 2 singles and 123 omits.

But Noonan knew nothing about Q Sets. He had to set about his job by experimenting, by trial and error. It took him years of thought, and not till he had, as he

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A BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE.

'SILENT' STEDMAN CINQUES AT BIRMINGHAM.

A brilliant performance was put up at Birmingham last Friday, when a silent peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells. It was not only 'non-conducted,' but, until they met, none of the band, except the gentleman reserved for the tenors, knew which pair of bells he was to ring. The numbers went into a hat and the ringers rang as they were drawn; each man was thus strictly on his merits as a conductor as well as a ringer. It was, we are told, a perfect peal, which was, perhaps, to be expected with such a band, and one of which even they have every right to be proud.

The peal was arranged in order that Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. George Swain might ring together their one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells. This in itself was a unique event, and those who know the hospitality dispensed at 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, will need no reassurance of the statement that the achievement was duly celebrated after the peal.

The composition was a 5,019, with 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 taking their turn as treble's-place bell, and the peal was refereed by Mr. James George, who gave the word 'Go,' ticked off each course end as it turned up, and called 'Stand' at the finish, so that not one syllable was spoken by any of the ringers from beginning to end of the ringing. There were other witnesses of the performance (including Mr. T. H. Reeves, hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, under whose auspices the peal was rung), and the peal was certainly the finest ever achieved on handbells by any of those taking part in it—which is saying a great deal.

The referee's comment on the peal was: An excellent peal and will never be beaten for striking for a silent peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand.'

The following is the composition of the peal, a 5,019 by John Carter:—

2314567890z 5 6 19

*21645378z90

214356	2
413256	— 2
316254	— 3
314256	8 3
412356	— 2
216354	— 3
612453	— 1
514263	— 2
412563	— 2
215463	— 2

*2153648709z

213465	2
314265	— 2
415263	— 3
413265	8 3
312465	— 2
214365	— 2

Bobs at 1.2.3.6.8.11.12.15.16.20.21.

+ Bobs at 2.5.6.8.13.14.15.19.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION TO HAVE ANOTHER PEAL OF TEN.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Rotherham on Saturday, when about 30 members were present to ring this fine peal of ten bells. The towers represented were Ecclesfield, Wath, Barnsley, Conisborough, Norton, Eastwood, Arksey, Sheffield (Cathedral and All Saints') and Rammoor. A variety of methods were rung previous to tea and gave several an opportunity of having a 'go' on ten bells, some for the first time.

At present Rotherham has the only peal of ten in the Southern Division, but members were pleased to hear during the day that the faculty for the recasting, rehanging and the adding of two trebles to the peal at St. John's, Rammoor, had been received, and work on them was to be started at once. It is hoped that the new peal of ten will be available about Easter.

Tea was provided by the local company in the Parish Room, and at the business meeting which followed the Rev. Canon Morgan presided.

Mr. N. Chaddock, of Eastwood, was elected a member of the association, and, subject to the necessary permission being obtained, it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the division at Sheffield Cathedral on the second Saturday in March, 1934, and to hold it jointly with the Sheffield and District Society.

Replying to votes of thanks to himself, the churchwardens and to the ladies for their help at tea, Canon Morgan hoped that now the louveres had been built up and the sound of the bells deadened a bit, it would be possible to have more meetings at his church. He assured them of a hearty welcome at any time. Apropos of the noise, he vouched for the following being true: On one occasion, when the local ringers were having a practice, a licensee and a friend of his sent a message across requesting him to have the bells stopped, as they were interfering with customers' conversation in the bar!

BELL BROADCASTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. P. Amos, I have looked up the back numbers of 'The Ringing World' and studied both your leading article and my own letter, but fail to find any suggestion in them that any central body should control the broadcasts on Sunday evenings. One has only to make a pretence at thinking to realise how ridiculous the suggestion is. As Mr. Amos has already given us two discourses on the subject, without any prompting from your columns, it seems to me that the idea has emanated from him, and I ask, why does he keep hammering at it if he doesn't like it?

I should not have troubled to reply had he not attempted this week to saddle me with the responsibility, as I know many ringers are heartily 'fed up' with some of the correspondence which has been obscured by side issues in the past and dragged on until you have had to apply the closure yourself. For this reason I intend this to be my last letter on this subject.

To clear any doubts Mr. Amos or others may have on my attitude, may I refer them to your issue of November 24th to re-read my protest against INDIFFERENT STRIKING, and they will find no mention of Surprise, Grandsire or any method except the 'stone' from Buckfast Abbey, which I still contend was a lesson in striking. And I would like to add that one bad striker can just as effectually ruin a touch of Grandsire as a touch of Surprise.

I am pleased to notice that Mr. Amos holds no biased opinions on Surprise ringing, and suggest that he give the matter a rest. Those who have the ambition and the opportunity will still score Surprise peals occasionally, in spite of adverse criticism, and doubtless improve their striking by the experience so gained.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Crayford.

TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC.

Sir,—Without trespassing too much on your columns, I feel it is necessary to give a reply to your query in your last issue re the above. I am fully aware that these broadcasts are (up to the present) only incidental to a broadcast service; but are we not talking of educating the public to a better liking of bells? That being so, is it absolutely necessary to wait until there is a service at a church before a broadcast is given to enlighten the public on this art of ours? The B.B.C. is generally willing to broadcast almost every other subject over the ether, and there is no reason to believe that they would not be willing to allow a lecture now and again on bells if it were put to them. It is a recognised fact that broadcasting can be done from any spot; therefore, why not a lecture at some of the places I mentioned in my last letter and conclude with a touch on the bells? We heard a similar thing to this not so very long ago from the Loughborough Bell Foundry, and that, I know, was a great success as far as the public was concerned. In almost every county there are towers with bells far better than those we usually hear over the ether at present, and bells which would educate the public to a better liking of them: For comparison, Birmingham Cathedral, with St. John's, Leicester, or Loughborough Parish Church; or, for six bells, Cransley, with Bromham, Beds? There must be scores of ways of educating the public on the subject of bells and bellringing besides giving them the usual 'milk and water' stuff from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields that we so often hear.

P. AMOS.

DEATH OF MRS. A. E. JENNINGS.

SALISBURY GUILD BRANCH SECRETARY'S BEREAVEMENT.

His many friends in the ringing Exercise and particularly in the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, for which he has laboured so zealously as hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch, will deeply sympathise with Mr. C. H. Jennings in the death of his wife, Mrs. Ada Eunice Jennings, who passed away somewhat suddenly on Wednesday, December 13th, at her home, Allington, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis. Mrs. Jennings had a seizure and never again recovered consciousness.

All who had met Mrs. Jennings and knew her cheerful nature and friendly spirit will feel a real sense of loss. Any ringer who was lucky enough to stay at Allington, while ringing in the district, was assured of a homely welcome and interest from one who well understood ringers and followed their activities with keen insight. Mrs. Jennings was herself an associate member of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Wyke Regis, and among the large gathering who attended to pay their last tribute of respect were ringers from many parts of Dorset. The Wyke Regis band of ringers sent a floral cross, and wreaths were sent by the Dorchester and Wimborne branches of the Guild, St. Peter's Society, Dorchester, and Mr. Martin Stewart. After the funeral service muffled touches were rung on the bells of Wyke Regis Parish Church.

Not only has this heavy bereavement fallen unexpectedly upon Mr. Jennings and his family on the eve of the festive season, but just as arrangements were being completed for another happy occasion. Mr. Jennings' eldest daughter is to be married on December 27th, but the event will now be celebrated in a very quiet manner. Two peals of Stedman Triples which were to have been attempted, and which were arranged by ringing friends, have been abandoned.

ONE THOUSAND PEALS.

MR. JAMES E. DAVIS REACHES A FOUR FIGURE TOTAL.

Even in these days of prolific peal ringing, an individual score of a thousand peals is a great achievement and sufficiently rare to mark it as one of distinction. Until a week or two ago only half a dozen living ringers could claim a peal record running into four figures, and only nine altogether had achieved such a total. As recorded a fortnight since, however, Mr. James E. Davis, belfry steward of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, has now joined the select circle, and a perusal of his peal list will show in what a great variety of methods—and particularly of Surprise methods—he has made up his big total. Eliminating about eight years which, in the course of his ringing life, Mr. Davis has spent on war service, in the South African War 1900-01 and the Great War from 1914 onward for five and a half years, it has taken him approximately 35 years to reach his four-figure aggregate. An average of nearly 30 peals a year over such a long period is not bad going, but it has only taken him about 15 years to ring his last 500 peals.



MR. JAMES E. DAVIS.

Born in the parish of St. James', Bermondsey, on May 1st, 1867, Mr. Davis learnt to handle a bell at St. George's, Camberwell, but shortly afterwards went to live in Deptford, where he joined the St. John's Society, with whom he learnt the rudiments of change ringing, and rang his first peal: Grandsire Triples, on April 19th, 1891. His first peal as conductor was Holt's Original in February, 1893. Later he rang in a peal at St. John's, Waterloo Road, in which this composition was rung non-conducted, such an achievement being at that time, and still, one of the greatest of all ringing performances.

Mr. Davis was the last elected Master of the old Waterloo Society, but although the society itself expired, its headquarters having been removed from Waterloo Road to Vassal Road, Brixton, Mr. Davis did not let the practices at St. John's, Waterloo Road, lapse. He gathered together a band who met regularly and made rapid progress in the higher methods. A great many peals were rung at this church until the war put an end to ringing in London.

Besides ringing at Waterloo Road, Mr. Davis had a long connection with ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, where he was for a time steeplekeeper. At the Coronation of King George V. he was one of the band selected for ringing at Westminster Abbey, and holds the

medal given to all, from the late Archbishop of Canterbury downwards, who took part in that historic ceremony.

Since the restoration of the bells at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Mr. Davis has been belfry steward at that church, and the activity at this tower has been marked by the many peals rung. Incidentally it may be noted that, while the tower is in the heart of London, ringing takes place under ideal conditions, for in the street the bells, when ringing, are hardly audible.

In the South African War, Mr. Davis served with the East Surrey Regt., mostly under Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, while in the Great War he served with the Royal Engineers.

The following is his list of 1,000 peals:—

	Rang	Conducted
Doubles:—		
Grandsire and Plain Bob	1	—
Triples:—		
Grandsire	29(a)	7
Stedman	62	—
Caters:—		
Grandsire	17	—
Stedman	104	30
Major:—		
Plain Bob	10	—
Treble Bob	39	12
Double Oxford	1	—
Waterloo	1	—
Duffield	1	1
Forward	1	1
Grandsire	1	—
Double Norwich	166	109
Real Double Norwich	2	—
Superlative Surprise	72	11
Cambridge Surprise	110	25
New Cambridge Surprise	8	2
London Surprise	43	—
Bristol Surprise	86	9
Norfolk Surprise	11	4
New Cumberland Surprise	5	—
Brighton Surprise	1	—
Belgrave Surprise	2	—
Rutland Surprise	1	—
Pudsey Surprise	4	1
Yorkshire Surprise	6	1
Lincolnshire Surprise	4	1
Two 'Spliced' Surprise Methods	1	—
Four 'Spliced' Surprise Methods	6	—
Royal:—		
Treble Bob	33	16
Duffield	1	—
Forward	1	—
Double Norwich	6	—
Cambridge Surprise	71(b)	11
Yorkshire Surprise	4	—
Pudsey Surprise	1	—
Middlesex Surprise	4	—
Cinques:—		
Stedman	45	—
Maximus:—		
Treble Bob	4	—
Plain Bob	1	—
Cambridge Surprise	29(c)	—
Superlative Surprise	3	—
Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise	2	—
	1,000	241

(a) Includes Holt's Original rung non-conducted. (b) Includes 10,400 Cambridge Royal. (c) Includes 7,392 Cambridge Maximus at Bow, Cheapside. The peals were rung in 197 towers.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, on Sunday, Dec. 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. M. E. Williams, wife of Mr. J. Williams, who passed away at the early age of 40 in Gorseinon Hospital. She will be sadly missed, as she was a very hard worker for the ringers and friends: J. Hanson 1, G. Howells 2, Reg Dobbins 3, H. Dobbins 4, T. Willis 5, W. Dobbins 6, Wallace Dobbins (conductor) 7, C. Pettitt 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Ealing, Middlesex, on Sunday evening, December 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Harding 1, B. C. S. Turner 2, A. M. Stacey 3, J. E. Churchill 4, E. W. Coulson 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, J. H. Hunnisett (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Sharp), who died the day before.

AN INTERESTING JUBILEE.

KENT TREBLE BOB IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

Fifty years ago last Saturday the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in the county of Bucks. It was conducted by Mr. Joseph J. Parker, who is still the leader of the ringers at Farnham Royal, despite his more than 80 years. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on Saturday to commemorate the jubilee, on



MR. JOSEPH J. PARKER.

the bells which Mr. Parker loves so well, and, although he did not take part in the ringing, he was associated with the peal as composer.

Mr. Parker has contributed in the past immensely to the service of the Exercise, and his contributions to Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples alone have given him a place among composers which few can equal, while he was also a pioneer of change ringing in Buckinghamshire.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT AT BEVERLEY.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Beverley on Saturday, December 9th, and was attended by about 35 ringers from Beverley (the Minster and St. Mary's), Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, Withernsea, York and Barton (Lincolnshire).

Service was held in the Minster, at which the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Rigg, D.D.) gave the address. He gave an account of some of the inscriptions to be found on church bells in various parts of the country. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided.

Mr. Thomas W. Robbins, of Eserick, was elected a member, and it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Selby, subject to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Solloway) giving his permission.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and local company were responded to by the Vicar, who expressed his pleasure in welcoming the association to Beverley. A complaint about St. Mary's bells at Beverley, it was reported, had been settled by the person who had complained apologising, and also deciding to learn to become a ringer himself. The Beverley ringers were congratulated on winning over their 'enemies' to their own side.

A letter of thanks was read by the secretary, from Campsall, near Doncaster, thanking the members for the contribution they made of £1 1s. 5d., collected at the last meeting at Middleton-on-the-Wolds.

Further ringing on tower and handbells terminated a very good meeting. The methods rung were Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Caters and Triples, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Bob Major and Minor.

DEATH OF STOCKPORT STEEPLEKEEPER.

We regret to record the death, which took place on Sunday, December 3rd, of Mr. William Gordon, of 37, Norwood Road, Stockport, who passed away at the age of 64 years.

Mr. Gordon was steeplekeeper at St. Mary's Church, Market Place, Stockport, having held that office for about 20 years. His father held this position before him, and there are still five of the Gordon family left in the band.

The bells of St. Mary's Church were rung muffled on Monday and Tuesday, and the interment took place on Wednesday, December 6th, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. G. Calthrop). After the graveside service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by A. S. Gordon 1-2, A. Barnes 3-4, B. Thorp 5-6, H. Meakin 7-8.

Mr. Gordon was a prominent member of the Chester Diocesan Guild and a publisher of handbell music.

MORE YOUNG RINGERS.

BOYS AND GIRLS AT NOTTS VILLAGE CHURCH.

On Saturday, December 9th, ringers from Grantham, Bottesford and Croxton Kessell assembled, at the kind invitation of the Rev. C. J. Sturton, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the restoration of Orston bells and to become acquainted with his young ringers—four girls and five boys, whose ages average about 13 years. They have all been taught to handle a bell during the last two months. One of the girls rang several courses of Grandsire Doubles, and one boy rang the tenor to 120 Stedman Doubles. All the others rang rounds and call changes very well.

This out-of-the-way Notts village has now got a Sunday service band that should soon be in the news. Most of them also sing in the choir.

The visitors rang various methods of Minor and Doubles. The Rev. Sturton kindly entertained all to tea, 20 sitting down, after which there was handbell ringing, songs and games. A second visit was made to the church for further ringing until the visitors had to run for their train.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. C. J. Sturton for his hospitality, and wishes for the future success of the young ringers were expressed. Mr. Sturton is training them with the help of Mr. T. Caunt.

FIRST SURPRISE MINOR PEAL IN RUTLAND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On Saturday last, December 16th, the first Surprise Minor peal in the county of Rutland was rung at Empingham, perfectly struck, and conducted by Mr. R. W. Daniels. It was his first peal as conductor and first attempt. Has any other ringer called seven Surprise methods in his first as conductor?

H. M. DAY.

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said, filled as many sheets of papers with figures as would have papered the inside of Saint Giles' Church, did he succeed.

The peal was rung on May 22nd, 1799, at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields. Noonan sat in the tower and called it from his manuscript, following the precedent of John Holt and the Original. When they had finished the ringers thought, and quite rightly, that they had done something out of the ordinary, and had helped to make ringing history, and we may be sure they went across to the White Lion or round to the Angel and made a night of it. Afterwards an excellent board was put up in the belfry which thus records the performance.

CUMBERLAND YOUTHS JUNIOR SOCIETY. 1799. MAY 22.

This Tablet is dedicated to the above Society in Commemoration of a performance not to be surpassed by any that profess the Magnetic Art. Namely the whole peal of tripples on Steadman's principle containing 5040 changes in 2 hours and 50 minutes.

This intricate but truly admirable Composition for a series of years being industriously pursued by all Composers of eminence in this noble Science and by all Pronounced impracticable, was at length with 732 Bobs and 22 Doubles acquired by the Celebrated Mr. John Noonan, who Conducted the above Unparalleled masterpiece of Campanistatian Fame.

Shipway gave the composition in his book, but in such a cryptic way that it cannot be read. He says it contained 710 bobs, 108 omits and 22 singles. This differs from the numbers given on the board and beyond the patent fact that it was on the multi-bob plan there is little hope that we shall ever know what actually was rung.

(To be continued.)

THE LATE REV. R. H. WHITFORD. MEMORIAL AT ST. COLUMB CHURCH.

A peal board is being erected at St. Columb Parish Church, Cornwall, in memory of the late Rev. R. H. Whitford, of Bristol, by his sister, Mrs. Rhys, of St. Columb. It records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in May, 1931. The Rev. R. H. Whitford had come to Cornwall for many years for an annual holiday and had frequently expressed a wish to ring a peal at his birthplace. At last the difficulty of col-



THE LATE REV. R. H. WHITFORD
as chairman of Bristol United Ringing Guilds.

lecting a band at St. Columb was overcome and the peal was rung. Strangely, it proved to be his last peal, and even on that occasion he remarked that he was 'not too well.' A few weeks later he underwent the operation which was the beginning of his long and painful illness, and he passed away just twelve months afterwards, in May, 1932.

The peal board is of English oak and the lettering has been carved by hand. It was designed and executed by Mr. A. Jago, who is the crossbearer at Truro Cathedral.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. MANY UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A very successful meeting of the North-Western District was held at All Saints', Benhlilton, on Saturday, when some 35 members attended during the afternoon and evening from Ashted, Banstead, Benhlilton, Beddington, Carshalton, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Ewell, Feltham, Guildford, Leatherhead, Merton, Mitcham and Streatham. Some very useful practice was obtained in a good variety of methods during the afternoon. Tea was served at the Rendezvous Cafe close to the church, 31 sitting down to an excellent repast.

The business meeting followed tea, and Mr. F. G. Woodiss was elected to the chair in the absence of the District Master, who was prevented from attending the meeting on account of pressure of work. Mr. Woodiss delivered a message from the Vicar of Benhlilton apologising for his absence and hoping the association would have a very enjoyable meeting.

The election of one new member was ratified.

The meeting congratulated the Benhlilton company on their success in ringing a local peal of Grandsire Triples, all agreeing it was a very praiseworthy achievement.

The district secretary reported that there were still a large number of 1933 subscriptions unpaid. He hopes any of the defaulters reading this account will send them on without delay.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. Cyril Smith for making such excellent arrangements.

The bells were again rung during the evening, and everyone had the opportunity of practice in all the standard methods, including four Surprise methods separately and also spiced. The ringing throughout the afternoon and evening was quite up to the usual standard of the district, and thus the last meeting of the year proved a very enjoyable one.

The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 27th, 1934, and members are asked to book the date.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Maidstone, on November 30th, a date touch of 1,933 Stedman Caters was rung at All Saints' Church: J. Spille 1, E. Spille 2, A. E. Gasson 3, W. T. Gracie 4, F. Leeson 5, L. Head (composer and conductor) 6, H. Travers 7, H. Coast 8, B. Baker 9, C. Dunn 10.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. DISTRICT MEETINGS 'WELL WORTH WHILE.'

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, December 16th. There was a fair attendance of ringers, and St. Oswald's beautiful peal of ten was kept going during the afternoon.

A good tea awaited the ringers in St. Oswald's Mission Hall, and 'ample justice' was done to the meal. A short meeting followed, Mr. J. W. Parker, in the absence of the vice-president, being in the chair.

After the loyal toast, Mr. T. Metcalfe proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars and churchwardens of St. Oswald's and St. Aidan's for the use of the bells, and said that St. Oswald's bells were greatly improved since they were rehung on ball bearings two years ago. He ventured to say they were even better now than they were nearly 27 years ago when they were first put in, and great credit was due to the Vicar and churchwardens for keeping the bells in such condition.

The Rev. T. H. Lilburn, in reply to the vote of thanks, said he was delighted to have the ringers at his church, and hoped they would be spared for many years to come in their splendid work.

Mr. J. Titt proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing tea, and said they were doing a noble work for ringers which was certainly appreciated.—Miss Gladys Robson suitably replied. She remarked that the ladies always enjoyed the work and were always ready when meetings were held in West Hartlepool to do their little bit.

Mr. Parker welcomed the non-ringers to the meeting and was pleased that the curate, Mr. Price, and the Vicar's warden, Mr. W. Wallace, were present. It was the interest that these gentlemen showed which greatly helped ringers in their work.—Mr. Wallace said it was a great pleasure to him to be present at the meeting, and hoped to be present on future occasions. He gave an interesting talk on the various events for which bells were rung.

The next meeting of the district will be held jointly with the Western District at Gateshead on February 24th.

St. Aidan's Church was next visited, and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich. Although the attendance was not large, the ringing was quite a success, and proof that the district meetings are well worth while.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. BRADFIELD DEANERY AT BEENHAM.

The Bradfield Deanery Branch held a quarterly meeting at Beenham on Saturday, December 2nd. Several good touches were brought round in the afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rev. Marshall (Vicar), and tea was served in the Victory Hall, where the atmosphere inside was much more pleasant than that out of doors. The Rev. H. C. Wilder (chairman of the branch) presided, and was supported by the Vicar. Twenty-three visitors and members were present, the towers represented being Beenham, Bradfield, Bramley (Hants), Burnham (Bucks), Newbury, Peasemore, Reading (St. Laurence's and St. Mary's), Streatley, Sulham, Swindon, Tilehurst and Theale. This was a very good attendance considering the position of the village and the state of the weather, and was a great encouragement to the branch officers.

After tea the tower was again visited and further good ringing took place. Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Spiced, Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung.

Many thanks are due to the Beenham friends for looking after the comfort of the visitors on such a cold day. The gentleman who signs himself as 'Henry VIII.' is assured of a welcome at the Deanery meetings.

The next meeting, the annual, will be held at Englefield on Saturday, April 14th. Due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT'S BEST MEETING OF THE YEAR.

The best attended meeting of the year held by the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild took place at St. Martin's, Dorking, on December 9th. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and at 4.30 the Vicar (Canon E. J. Newill) conducted the Guild's service in the Lady Chapel. At the tea, held in the Church Room, the Vicar presided, and he also took the chair at the ensuing business meeting. The retiring officers were all renominated, Mr. F. G. Woodiss also being nominated as a representative on the General Executive Committee.

Mr. Whiting raised the question of having the choirboys to help with the service at the annual meeting of the district, and it was left to the secretary to see what could be arranged.

No other business being forthcoming, the secretary reminded members that under the new rule all subscriptions should be paid by December 31st, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, also to the organist, and to Miss Cottrell for making the arrangements for the meeting. The tower was again visited, where everybody was certain of getting a 'warm-up.' Methods ranged from 'rounds' to a course of London Surprise, nearly 30 ringers having a 'pull.' They came from Banstead, Cobham, Forest Hill, Leatherhead, Newdigate, Reigate, Warrnam, Weybridge and the local band during the afternoon and evening.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MALVERN LINK.—On Sunday, December 17th, for morning service at St. Matthias' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Chance 1, J. Wall 2, E. G. Barber 3, F. Stanton 4, E. E. Barber 5, T. Gardner 6, R. G. Knowles (conductor) 7, F. Hill 8. Longest length of Triples by ringers of 2, 3, 6 and tenor.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, December 17th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Ashbrook 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss D. Lidbetter 3, John Lee 4, H. W. Lidbetter 5, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 6, J. W. Euston 7, H. Brooks 8.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, December 17th, for carol service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Tyler 1, W. Sparrow 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, C. F. Winney 4, F. G. Goddard 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gush 8.

TAUNTON.—At St. James' Church on Sunday, December 17th, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples by the St. James' Guild: J. Hunt 1, A. A. Walker 2, W. H. Poole 3, A. H. Reed (conductor) 4, W. Pridde (longest touch of Stedman) 5, J. Roy 6, W. G. Gigg 7, W. Warren (longest touch) 8.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 10th, at the Church of St. Michael, for the fourth anniversary of the rehanging of the bells, a quarter-peal of St. Simon's (1,260 changes): S. Bates 1, H. Richardson 2, V. Matthews 3, Miss Grant-Ives 4, J. Garlick (conductor) 5.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church on December 10th for morning service, 1,248 London Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, G. E. Plater 3, W. J. Bowden 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong 8.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Sunday evening, December 10th, at the Church of St. Owen, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. White 1, S. Foskett 2, C. Mortimer 3, F. C. Tysoe 4, A. Everest 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor), tenor (234 cwt.). Kindly arranged for the conductor, from Forest Hill, London.

MILNROW, LANCs.—On Sunday evening, December 10th, for special S.P.G. service, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major: H. Hamar 1, W. Berry (conductor) 2, S. Parry 3, G. Staff 4, S. W. Dunn 5, J. Ogden (first quarter) 6, A. Buckley 7, J. H. O. Massey 8.

BRADFORD.—On Sunday, December 10th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes): H. Buckley 1, J. W. Cundall 2, E. Raynor 3, G. Titterton 4, E. Wheaton 5, A. Gill 6, J. H. Mawson 7, J. Cotterell (conductor) 8, T. Smith 9, J. Broadley 10. Longest length of Stedman Caters by E. Raynor and T. Smith. All are members of the Cathedral company.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, Truro, on Sunday, December 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Penrose 1, C. Lanson (first quarter on a working bell) 2, J. Sedgley 3, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 4, H. Williams 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, R. A. Watts 7, W. H. Southard 8. Rung on Advent Sunday.—On Tuesday, December 5th, for practice, two courses of Stedman Triples: Miss E. J. C. Angwin 1, Miss L. Willoughby 2, A. S. Roberts 3, W. E. Minors 4, H. Williams 5, W. H. Southard 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, C. Lanson 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evening, December 3rd, for the dedication festival, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major by the following Sunday service ringers: G. Harris 1, E. Truman 2, T. Davison 3, J. Hawkins 4, S. Wiltshire 5, H. Marsh 6, C. Lovelock 7, F. Lambeth 8.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Manning (conductor) 1, F. Wallington 2, A. Bolton 3, W. Hector 4, R. March 5, N. Bolton 6, F. Staniforth 7, W. Wallington 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman, at first attempt, by A. Bolton.

HADDENHAM, ISLE OF ELY.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, November 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Norwich Surprise Minor: H. Collins 1, H. Sharpe 2, S. Shipp 3, J. Lawrence 4, M. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. First touch of Norwich by 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th ringers.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Nicholas for evening service, Sunday, November 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,285 changes): T. G. Horridge 1, T. R. Butler 2, W. Fisher 3, T. Hammond 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, E. Counce 6, E. C. Birkett 7, E. Drumphrey 8, L. L. Gray 9, H. Roberts 10.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Giles on Sunday evening, October 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: L. Baker 1, A. W. Osborne 2, R. G. Cross 3, L. T. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, H. A. Osborne 6, A. Jeffery (conductor) 7, R. Sawyer 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of the treble and 3rd.

LYME REGIS.—At the Parish Church on September 17th for evening service, 1,284 Bob Major: W. Lambert 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, H. Keeley 3, C. W. H. Powell 4, F. Price 5, G. Whitmore 6, F. Blackmore 7, W. Shute (first quarter-peal of Bob Major as conductor) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for all except ringers of 1 and 8. First on the bells.

BOLTON.—At All Souls' Church on Sunday, September 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for the farewell service of the Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Harris), who is leaving Bolton: E. Pike 1, Jack Kay (conductor) 2, C. Pike 3, C. Brownlow 4, R. Holden 5, H. Johnson 6, E. Markland 7, N. Critchley 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not made 20 attendances to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at 6 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church by early arrivals.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, on Tuesday, Dec. 26th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in Waters Lane Mission Room. The bells of both St. Woolos' and All Saints' available from 2 o'clock.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, December 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 1934. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. These bells will go to any method.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Address by the Vicar (Canon M. S. Newland). Tea and business meeting to follow. It is hoped to arrange a concert for the members after the business meeting. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, and oblige? The secretary takes this opportunity of wishing all the members of the branch the season's greetings.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

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. 6th. 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, 11.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A mid-week meeting in Cambridge on Thursday, Jan. 11th. Bells of St. Mary the Great (12) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. Ringing at St. Benedict's Church 6 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. The Lord Bishop of Guildford will preside. Ringing at St. Nicolas' Church (10 bells) 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. The Ven. Archdeacon Howson will preach, and he invites all present to tea at the Institute after service. Please notify Mr. Walter Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, Liverpool, for tea. Members of the Wigan Branch are especially invited to this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Bushey, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Particulars of arrangements next week. Best wishes to all.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Annual Dinner, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 1934, 6 p.m. Chairman, Mr. Frank Skidmore; chief guest, Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bristol. Tickets, 5s. 6d., from Messrs. J. Hawkins (London), A. Walker (Birmingham), S. Palmer (Sheffield), J. Austin (Gloucester), J. Dyke (Bath), T. King (Bath) and officers, stewards of B.U.R.G., or direct from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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GREETINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude I. Davies and Gwladys wish to convey the season's greetings to their many friends.—Caeleon, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool, 16.

DEATH.

JENNINGS.—On Dec. 13th, at Allington, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, Dorset, Ada Eunice, beloved wife of C. H. Jennings, passed peacefully away.

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BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.—At Christ Church on Sunday, November 12th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 360 each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent, and 180 Oxford Bob: D. Lea 1, D. Parry 2, H. Hancock 3, J. Martin 4, J. Brown (conductor) 5, E. Bennett 6. Rung for a special remembrance service.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, November 11th, at the Church of St. Michael, for Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), 11 different callings, rung half-muffled: S. Bates 1, V. Matthews 2, Miss Grant-Ives (conductor) 3, H. Richardson 4, J. Garlick 5.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Thursday, September 14th, for the evening service of the patronal festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Double (1,260 changes): A. Paulley 1, Miss P. J. Palmer 2, B. Groves 3, H. D. W. Bishop (conductor) 4, E. T. P. Field 5, W. Gosney 6. First quarter-peal of Grandsire for the ringers of 1 and 2. —On Sunday, September 24th, for evensong of harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Paulley 1, Miss P. J. Palmer 2, A. Chant 3, P. Field 4, C. Chant 5, W. Trevett (first quarter) 6. After service, 720 of Grandsire Doubles: A. Paulley 1, A. Chant 2, C. Chant 3, P. Field 4, P. Chant (first 720 of Grandsire) 5, W. Trevett 6.

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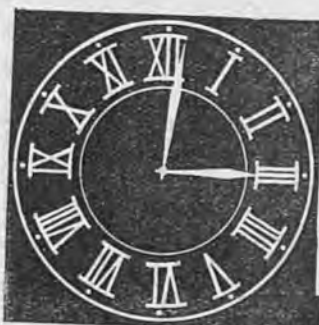
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LESSONS OF 1933.

As the year closes—and this is the last issue of 'The Ringing World' for 1933—one's thoughts inevitably turn in retrospective endeavour to sum up the gains and losses of the past twelve months and to compare the balance sheet with those of previous years. The past, it is true, cannot be recalled or altered in one iota, but a survey of it can be useful if it leads to a greater and a brighter future. The year that is so soon to be relegated to history has been for the art of ringing, as far as we can compare it, no better and no worse than many another before it. There have been isolated instances of advance, but these have been offset with distinct losses and indications in some quarters of a stagnation which seems inherent in the Exercise and yet ought to be eradicated.

It is by no means certain that numerically the Exercise is making progress. As we pointed out last week, reliable statistics for comparison are impossible to come by at present, but a careful study of the happenings throughout the year fail to show that gains have been more than enough, if that, to offset the losses. Bands have a real difficulty in keeping up to strength, and from many quarters there comes a cry that new blood is not to be found in sufficient quantities to fill the gaps, let alone to increase the belfry personnel. It may be the fault of the methods employed—because here and there there comes the cheering announcement that no trouble is experienced in keeping up the supply of ringers—it may be the right sources are not tapped.* If from the lessons of the past year fresh channels can be opened up to bring in a growing volume of new life, the Exercise will have made one gain, at any rate, from a not over prosperous period.

We do not view the fact that there has been a falling off in peal ringing with any alarm. It is most unlikely that the peals for 1933 will come within at least 200 of the number rung in 1932; but that matters not at all as long as more new ringers and new conductors are to be found among those who take part and the standard of the ringing is raised both in striking and the level of the methods rung. Peal ringing is a pleasant pastime, but it entirely loses its value if these factors find no place in them. It would be for the good of ringing if those in a position to do so would seek out more ringers who have yet to ring their first peal and help them to that stage, which, with the majority of ringers at any rate, is the high water mark of interest and enthusiasm and which is more likely than anything else to carry them along on the tide of ambition.

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And what of the stagnation! It is not too much to say that hundreds of bands to-day are where they were, in the ringing sense, at this time last year. There is a lack of enterprise which brings on a state of apathy, even almost of atrophy and keeps innumerable ringers in the same groove year after year. Often, we are afraid, this is due to a leader who is either incompetent or indifferent, and the rest of the band suffer accordingly. There are many men nominally at the head of the belfry who are palpably unfitted for the task and ringing will make no progress in those places until they are removed. But there is another form of stagnation and that is the misplaced satisfaction of men who are content to go on ringing peals in one and the same method year after year. There are many of these to be found—men without enterprise or ambition, and they are as much responsible for lack of progress as the apathetic leaders to which we have referred. There is room for many New Year resolutions among members of the Exercise. We hope that where they are needed they will be made and kept in 1934—although we are hardly optimistic enough to believe that they will be.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 20, 1933, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	ALFRED PYE 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG 8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 9
SYDNEY TAYLOR 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

HARRY R. ROPER Treble	JOHN F. TILLET 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	WILLIAM MADGWICK 8
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
HOBART E. SMITH 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 11
GEORGE A. FLEMING 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Harold E. Symonds, Master of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society for 1933, to Miss Violet Harding, with the best wishes of his brother ringers for their future happiness.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	JOSEPH MARKS 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR 2	ERNEST BRETT 7
HARRY HOSKINS 3	HORACE BELCHER 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 5	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn Sanders, daughter of the ringer of the 9th.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ERNEST W. PYE Treble	FREDERICK DIGBY 6
ALFRED PYE 2	ERNEST BRETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
*ERNEST W. FURBANK 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.
LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE 2	JOSEPH MARKS 6
JOHN T. KENTISH 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ERNEST BRETT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

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

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, December 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	CECIL B. BALLARD 5
ROBERT EDWARDS 2	CYRIL W. A. BROWN 6
HARRY BAKER 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN 7
CHARLES TRIBE 4	JOSEPH NEVE Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

First peal 'inside' by C. B. Ballard, who is to be congratulated on the way he rang throughout.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS 5
EDWARD HORTIN 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
THOMAS J. ELTON 4	BERT HORTON Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF WAVENEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First in the method by all and on the bells, making the 22nd Surprise method since April 28th, 1930, in this tower by the Sunday service ringers.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On December 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for evening service: A. Hopkins 1, H. Sear 2, A. Crane 3, H. V. Sear (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 4, F. Stanton 5, F. Vickers 6, W. Sear 7, E. Smith 8. First quarter-peal by A. Hopkins at first attempt. He started ringing at Easter.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED DONKERLEY Treble	JOHN RADCLIFFE 5
ERNEST GARSIDE 2	*RALPH WALKER 6
JOHN CLAYTON 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
HARRY PICKLES 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by J. H. PLATT.

Conducted by FRED DONKERLEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Harrison and Mr. Walter W. Wolstencroft, both of Ashton-under-Lyne.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. 5
EDWARD WEBSTER 2	*WILLIAM EDW. BAKENDALE 6
WALTER GORTON 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
HAROLD GORTON 4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate Mr. W. Gorton's 50 years as a ringer.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	HARRY J. SANGER 5
MISS NORA G. WILLIAMS 2	*WILLIAM C. SHUTE 6
JOHN E. METCALF 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
FREDERICK TARGETT 4	WALTER CRABBE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung to celebrate the 26th anniversary of the ringing of the first peal on the bells, which was the same method and composition, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. No other peal of Stedman has been rung at Evercreech in the interval.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

ALLISON PORDON Treble	WILLIAM G. GRACE 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	*JOHN FOSKETT 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	EDMUND MOUNIER 7
WALTER D. JOLLEY 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

* First peal of Bob Major. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 5, 6 and 7. E. A. Barnett's 50th peal during 1933.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN Treble	WILLIAM T. COX 5
EDWARD H. JOHNSON 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR 6
CHARLES FREEMAN 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE 7
DOUGLAS ELLENDER 4	FREDERICK WAITS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

First peal of Triples as conductor.

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On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... 1 Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
Cecil L. GUY ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
JAMES TOPP ... 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

FRED HODGSON ... 1 Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 5
SAMUEL WARD ... 2	CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 6
EDWARD JENKINS ... 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 7
GEORGE W. STEEL ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.
Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Annie Senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Senior, to Mr. A. W. Calverley, which took place earlier in the day. Fiftieth peal together by ringers of 4th and 5th.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
MORRIS J. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

* J. ARTHUR TALBOTT ... 1 Treble	ERNEST F. PAYNE ... 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	HARRY LIFFE ... 6
HERBERT HUMPHREYS ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
† CHARLES LOWE ... 4	WALTER WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Taylor to Mr. Geo. T. H. Walker, captain of the local ringers, which took place this day. All except ringers of 2 and 7 are local.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, HEAVILY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

* LEONARD BURGESS ... 1 Treble	FRANK TWIGG ... 5
HIRAM MEAKIN ... 2	* HARRY ASHTON ... 6
† WALTER SHAW ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
* A. ERNEST JONES ... 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. First peal on the bells by a band composed entirely of Sunday service ringers at the above church.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 21 cwt.

LOUIS A. WILSON ... 1 Treble	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... 5
* ERNEST TRUMAN ... 2	* HERBERT MARSH ... 6
* THOMAS DAVISON ... 3	* CHARLIE LOVELOCK ... 7
* WILLIAM SWIFT ... 4	FRED LAMBETH ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor. Believed to be the first peal in the method by county residents. L. A. Wilson is from Wootton Bassett, W. Swift Devizes, the rest of the band are local men.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

* JAMES W. WILKINS ... 1 Treble	WILFRED EDWARDS ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2	JESSE HARRISON ... 6
REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal of Surprise.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

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

JAMES E. DAVIS ... 1 Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5
ALFRED PYE ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 6
EDWIN F. PIRE ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. PYE.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JAMES' GUILD.)

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 20 cwt.

* C. HENRY FLOYD ... 1 Treble	HERBERT W. BORDEN ... 5
* HERBERT A. WALKER ... 2	JACK ROY ... 6
ALEC A. WALKER ... 3	JAMES HUNT ... 7
WALTER H. POOLE ... 4	WILLIAM C. GIGG ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WHEPSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETRONELLA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings.

* ARTHUR HORRELL ... 1 Treble	WILLIAM E. HORRELL ... 3
ARTHUR W. ROLFE ... 2	AUGUSTUS W. TAYLOR ... 4
LESLIE M. PEARSON ... 3	

Conducted by A. W. ROLFE.

* First peal. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED DUNKLEY ... 1 Treble	WILFRED JOYCE ... 5
ROLAND JONES ... 2	PHILIP JONES ... 4
CYRIL LONGLAND ... 3	GEORGE ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

First peal by all. All the ringers (except the trebleman) belong to Brafeld belfry, and are Sunday service ringers.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

HY. WHITEHURST ... 1 Treble	JAMES STANWAY ... 4
WM. CARTER ... 2	WM. HAZELDINE ... 5
JOHN BEECH ... 3	J. COTTRELL ... Tenor

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

Rung for the 72nd birthday of Mr. W. Carter and to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the first peal in Biddulph tower.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being four extents each of Stedman Slow Course and New Doubles, six of Reading, four each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and ten each of Stedman and Grandsire. Rung in that order and each extent called differently. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

* HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
E. T. PAUL FIELD 2	* D. W. CHARLES CHANT ... 5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3	† WALTER J. GOSNEY Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

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

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COTHBERT, STELLA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob and Plain Bob Spliced, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob and Double Oxford Spliced, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

THOMAS W. DODD Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON 4
KENNETH W. CHESMAN ... 2	HERBERT P. CLIFF 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	* ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* 150th peal. First peal in nine methods by all. The ringer of the fifth has now 'completed the circle.' Rung to commemorate the 60th birthday of Mr. James Cliff, who has now completed 45 years' ringing service in this tower.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven separate extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SMITH Treble	* STANLEY SHIFF 4
BERRY WAYMAN 2	MANSFIELD GINN 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in the method. First of London on the bells. Rung as a season's compliment to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, editor of 'The Ringing World.'

DEEPIING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court. Tenor 19½ cwt.

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... 3	COTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for Mrs. and Miss Humphrey, who were on holiday at Folkingham.

WREXHAM, NORTH WALES.—At the Parish Church, for afternoon men's service, on Sunday, December 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Lea, sen., 1, F. Mitchell 2, P. Cross 3, F. Evans (conductor) 4, A. Lea, jun., 5, T. Cathrall 6, J. Coffin 7, A. Hodges 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Christmas Eve, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (from Thurstans): S. Smith 1, H. Sear 2, H. Morris 3, A. Crane 4, F. Stenton 5, F. Vickers 6, J. Marks (first as conductor) 7, W. Sear 8.

**BELLS OF BETHLEHEM.
HEARD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**

There have been few moments in the history of modern broadcasting so thrilling as that on Sunday evening when, for the first time, millions throughout the world heard the bells of Bethlehem. It was one of the features of the Christmas programme, not only in this country but in the five continents, and it is safe to say that never before has the sound of bells been awaited with such eager interest and widespread anticipation.

The story of the first Christmas was told in relays from London, New York, Winchester Cathedral and the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, which is believed to stand over the site of the inn stable, and is said to be the oldest church in Christendom.

The bells came through very distinctly. They were not, of course, rung as we in this country ring bells, but were swung indiscriminately as is done on the Continent, and were heard clanging and clashing in a medley of sound which to those, at any rate, who appreciated the significance of their voices, was very impressive. The sounds of the bells came over the ether at intervals, sometimes in full volume and some times as a background to the rest of the broadcast, but never, we imagine, without stirring an emotional chord in those who reflected on their message.

Bells played a small part also in the principal broadcast on Christmas Day, when in the world-encircling Empire greetings they were heard from London, while a very interesting and unexpected feature was the handbell ringing of a carol, which came, we believe, from Bredon Church as part of the same programme.

CRANLEIGH VETERAN'S DEATH.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER AT ONE CHURCH.

We regret to record the death of a veteran ringer at Cranleigh, Surrey. On Saturday, Mr. William Charman passed away, after a short illness at the age of 71 years.

He began ringing when he was only 11 years of age, and thus had given 60 years' service to his Parish Church. Although he had rung only a few peals, Mr. Charman was very conscientious in the discharge of his Sunday duties in the belfry, where he will be much missed by his colleagues.

The funeral took place at Cranleigh yesterday (Thursday).

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ENCOURAGING ATTENDANCE AT GLOUCESTER MEETINGS.**

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 16th, when 30 members from the various towers in the diocese attended. Ringing in standard methods was done during the afternoon and evening, and the usual Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Bryce), who delivered an eloquent address which was much appreciated by the ringers. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was served in the schoolroom and much enjoyed by all.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector.

Special mention was made of the untiring efforts of Mr. Evans in the work of restoration and addition to Churchdown bells. The hon. secretary's report of the year's work was read and the balance sheet presented and adopted.

Mr. S. Romans (chairman), Mr. W. H. Harris (secretary), and Mr. T. Baldwin (representative on committee), were, on the proposition of Mr. J. Williams, seconded by Mr. J. Austin, re-elected.

The Chairman proposed that letters of condolence be sent to Mr. W. H. Harris (secretary) on the death of his mother on the 15th inst., and to Mr. T. Baldwin, who is in hospital with serious injuries, the result of a motor accident. The hope was expressed for his speedy recovery.

Mr. Sidney Romans, on behalf of the branch secretary, who was absent, thanked all members for supporting the meetings throughout the past year, and expressed pleasure that the attendance had been very encouraging. He still hoped for increased attendance during the coming year.

The dinner committee, Messrs. Austin, Baldwin, Harris and Romans, were re-elected.

Mr. Romans proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Bryce for presiding, for allowing the use of the bells, for his excellent address, and for his kind hospitality in providing such an excellent tea. This was seconded by Mr. Austin and carried with applause.—The Rector responded, and thus brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The secretary (Mr. W. H. Harris) wishes to thank all ringing friends for the expressions of sympathy shown by them in his recent bereavement, and to Mr. Austin and Mr. Romans, who undertook the management of the meeting in his absence.

A 'WARNING.'

Damage is sometimes done in belfries by failure to disengage the clock hammers before ringing. This can easily happen when strangers enter the belfry. A suitable warning card for use in the ringing room is provided by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of Midland Clock Works, Derby, who will be pleased to send one to any ringer who cares to apply for a copy.

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RUMINATIONS.

AFTER-CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS OF 'W.W.'

Grandsire Doubles Cheap for Cash—The Race for Peals—As Famous as a Derby Winner—The Parson's Grouch—Gaps in the Ranks.

'Fill 'em up, Landlord. Mine's a mild and bitter. Thanks.'

This after-Christmassy feeling makes me moody, and on a night like this, a good roaring fire in the 'snug' is a home from home.

As I was saying, here I have been lying low and saying nuffin'—like Brer Rabbit—for a year, so I just pokes my nose above ground and sniffs, to see if it is safe to snoop around. Yes, it seems 'all quiet on the Western Front,' but what a dickens of a shindy we kicked up last year. And all on account of the five and six bell question. How the feathers flew in the correspondence cockpit. The 'opposition' brought all their guns to bear, but all their artillery was of no avail. Then Gabriel tooted his horn, and offered hundreds of thousands of Grandsire Doubles cheap for cash, but there were no takers. Well, I ask you. Would anybody out of Bedlam want them?

Lastly, up bobbed my old friend Armiger with a sarcastic shot. Now, I am built on those lines myself, and when two dry sticks are rubbed together, there is usually fireworks. Selah. He and I have frequently had a disturbance during the last forty years, but Armiger is 'all wool and a yard wide.' His strong suit is going to make him famous some day when we have gone to dust. As an historian he is the goods. He is original and finds out for himself before he publishes his facts. In the past there have been those who have assumed the title of author without the slightest right to it, have merely collected blocks of printed matter from other sources, put their own name on the cover and enjoyed a spurious reputation. If you call on Armiger and he is not in, go to the British Museum. If you see a short person covered with dusty parchment and papyrus, that's J.A.E.

When you read the 'Letters to the Editor,' don't forget to add a bit of salt to the menu. It amuses me to see some writers advising the Editor how to run his business. In every newspaper office everybody from the boy upwards thinks he could run the paper better than the man in the chair. This is understood and allowances made. Thus one should go slow before asking for the suppression of another's letters. I will let you into a secret. In the old days when 'Bell News' was the only organ, I sometimes got a note as follows: 'Walthamstow.—Dear Friend,—The circulation is not so good. Can you kick up a row in the next issue? Any subject you like best, only make it hot and strong.—Yours, H.R.' I duly obliged. The circulation went up again, and I was looked on as a stormy petrel, but bless you, it didn't hurt me.

What did I think of the letter of 'Enlightened'? Well, I thought a lot of it, though I don't know who the writer is. There was a deal of truth in what he wrote, and I am going to be candid enough to admit it. In asking, 'Is peal ringing futile?' he touched a sore spot. Certainly, all the labour spent is vanished in thin air the moment we finish the peal. I am as guilty as the next man, but I contend that unless there is some special reason for ringing a peal it is only selfishness for a conductor and a band to annoy the public for hours on end, just to add another notch to your tally. If we were not ringers, would we stand it? You know quite well we would not. Another thing, we must admit that bells were not put into steeples for the amusement of peal ringers. When dedicated, something is said about them being set apart from all secular and unhallowed uses. Is peal ringing an unhallowed act?

This brings us up against another query: Do we ring peals for the glory of God? No. Let us get rid of the cant and pretence of laying the onus on religion, when we must all plead guilty to the fact that we ring for our own pleasure and our own glory. The footnotes to peals show for what purpose the peals are rung. I have rung in lengths of 17,000 and 18,000 changes, but we never thought about the glory of anybody but ourselves.

The same applies to bands on a week's peal-ringing tour. Let us be honest with ourselves and admit the truth that there is a sporting element in peal hunting. In most of us it becomes a fetish at some period of our life. Everything else has to take a back seat, and this is an instance where peal ringing is futile. I know numbers of ringing friends who would make good in business or finance. They have the brains and the ability, but peal ringing is their obsession. If only they would turn W. M. H. into £ s. d.! I am not against peals being rung. There are times when something out of the common is called for, and then there is nothing 'unholy' about it any more than there is in an organ recital. But the race for peals, in my opinion, is not a good thing. If the Exercise is to survive, it will not be helped by incessant ringing in populous places, but by the unselfish work of the Sunday service men.

Mr. Jimmy George has become as famous as a Derby winner. To reach 80 'not out' is no mean feat, and his health is considered so O.K. that life insurance companies (I hear) are falling over themselves for his business for a long-date policy.

He has given away his secret for longevity, viz., a little drop of inspiration (12s. 6d. per bottle, 25 u.p.) in an early morning cup of tea. Yes, but how early? Can it be taken several times daily, and do you shake the bottle? Jimmy has missed a great chance of immortality. Look at the business side of it. He could sell his recipe to the highest bidder, and distillers would jump to it. Just think what an advertisement it would make. "The Elixir of Life," by George. See his photo on every bottle, without which none is genuine. One can almost see the picture of him on the posters, and his bust as a mascot on the vans. There's money in it. You cannot help feeling sorry for Jimmy. His great feat of ringing the tenor at Painswick to a peal that proved futile indeed was a calamity. Of all the band he was the most unfortunate. Is he not entitled to rank his performance as a peal? He rang his bell correctly throughout. He rang no false changes—nor any true ones either—and he could not have been dispensed with. A sorry ending to a gallant undertaking.

With all the limelight on our friend Jimmy, one is apt to overlook the outstanding virility of Robert H. Brundle, who rang in the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob in 1892. I received a postcard the next day, dated June 6th, 1892, saying, 'We have just rung the long peal in 10 hours and 32 minutes. Jimmy Motts called it.' The sender was the late Arthur R. Aldham, who rang the 4th, and who rang beside me twelve years later in 11,008 and 17,104 Double Norwich. Robert H. Brundle is a grand old man of 82, and still rings peals. Good luck to him!

I noticed a report of a ringers' meeting the other day, where the parson in the chair used the stale rignarole about the defections of ringers. We have our faults and we know it, but I think it unwise to keep rubbing it in that we are 'improving.' The reflection is obvious. I know a parson whose pet grievance is that his ringers take a glass of ale at times. Now, his own proboscis shines like a good deed in a naughty world; in other words, like a cyclist's rear lamp. He has looked on the wine when it was red, is an excellent judge of vintage and loves its nifty bouquet. I admire his judgment, but am inclined at times to reply:—

'O Reverend Sir, it is a fact, and true beyond all question, that every nose that's like a rose is not through indigestion.'

I would like to let off a little squib like that, but on reflection I know I shall not, because someone would squeal about personalities.

Time has taken toll of some of our best men in the world of ringing. Henry W. Wilde, Edwin Barnett, sen., Fred G. Newman, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn are a few, but who create a gap. The first-named was a modest, unassuming, clever man, who had no axe to grind. After the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford was ended we were discussing the day's arguments on the Cambridge Minor controversy on a London platform. Someone had said that outside the Rev. E. B. James' clever combination the rest had the 6-5's at backstroke. Wilde broke in and said, 'Nonsense. I have eight 720's, all the right way, in my pocket now.'

'Then why the dickens didn't you say so at the meeting,' we replied.

That was Wilde all over. He stood aloof.

Edwin Barnett was a gentleman. I rang one peal with him in 1912, and he leaves behind him a son and a brilliant grandson to carry on the traditions of the family. From what they have done already, it is evident that the mantle will fall on worthy shoulders.

Fred G. Newman was unknown to the present generation, but in the nineties he was a sturdy conductor. His favourite feats were Holt's Original and Tebb's peal of Stedman Triples with 600 bobs and singles. Forty years ago he gave me his plan of calling the Original, which served me in good stead on more than a dozen occasions.

John D. Mathews most of us knew as the Master of the Cumberlands. I first met him with the Kettering men in his early days. At that time he was on the Press and a first-prize winner on the new linotype machine. He, too, leaves a son to carry on the work.

The death of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C., left a great blank in the Oxford Guild, and in the ranks of ringers generally. What he considered the greatest epic of his career was the memorial service at Ypres. When I asked him to be our padre he readily consented, and those who saw him that day when he stood beneath the huge arch of the Menin Gate and spoke of the ringers who fell, will never forget. It brought back memories. One could visualise the sturdy troops of 1914 swinging along the Menin Road to the tune of 'Tipperary,' for there are the ghosts of the khaki hosts and their courage we keep in mind, as year by year we all revere the lads who were left behind. Now the padre is numbered with those who are fallen by the way. Sic transit gloria mundi!

'Time, gentlemen, please.' What? Here, where's my pal? You say I never had a pal? I have been muttering to myself by the fire all alone? Well, I'm jiggered.

MEON, HANTS.—On Tuesday, December 19th, at Bay Tree Cottage, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Philpott 1-2, F. S. Bayley 3-4, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 5-6, A. T. Greenwood 7-8.

STEDMAN AND ERIN CATERS. A NEW SPLICED PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Seeing that my 5,133 of Spliced Stedman and Erin Caters has only been rung once, I have come to the conclusion that it is rather too long. I, therefore, send the figures of No. 2, a composition of 5,037, which I trust you will also kindly publish in 'The Ringing World.' There is no doubt that peals on this plan are both musical and interesting to ring. Thanking you in anticipation.

A. J. PITMAN.

5,037 First Part.					
Stedman 231456789					
Erin " 342165978	1	6	13.14	19.20	
" 214563		5	15		
" 534261		6 7			
" 413562		5 7			
" 421365		5 7			
" 152463		5 7			
" 235164		5 7			
" 145263		6 7			
Last seven parts					
Stedman 145263978					
" 421563879	2	6	8.9	16	
" 152364		5	15		
Erin " 235461		5	15		
" 415263		6 7			
" 531462		5 7			
" 123564		5 7			
" 342165		5 7			
" 254361		5 7			
Stedman 314265		6 7			

* Single for bob in fifth part.

Round first change of last course in eighth part. After first two courses of Stedman, has six courses of Erin and three courses of Stedman alternately, with 6th in 5ths.

NELSON, LANCES.—On Sunday, December 17th, for evening service, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. W. Parsons 1, J. Smith 2, J. Cartwright 3, H. Hillary 4, R. Davis 5, W. Rhodes 6, J. Thornber 7, J. Smith (conductor) 8. Rung by members of the local band for the 10th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY. 'SILVER IN BELLS IS WASTE OF MONEY.'

At the kind invitation of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., I was invited to pay a visit to the Loughborough Foundry, where the bells of our church (Pirbright, Surrey) are undergoing repair, to witness the casting of five bells for various parts of the country. On arrival at Loughborough I was met by Mr. J. P. Fidler, complete with famous Ford car, and escorted to the Foundry, where various officials were introduced to me. We were joined by Mr. Jan Luyt, the carillonneur of Capetown, and a Government surveyor, who were spending a holiday in this country.

The tour around the various departments was most interesting, and, indeed, a sight that every ringer ought to see, as one does not realise the amount of trouble and skilled labour involved in repairing and rehanging bells. Nothing is allowed to pass unless perfect in every way. The bell founders are in many cases handicapped by antiquarian societies, who will not allow old frames to be removed and old bells to be recast. This means that special fittings, such as headstocks, have to be made to suit the individual bell, whereas a 'clean sweep' would mean a much stronger and more reliable job. Old inscriptions can always be reproduced on a recast bell, and these are really all that matter.

The tour of the works having been completed, we were taken to the Foundry belfry, where there is a light musical peal of 10, in first-rate going order. We were invited to try these bells, and this caused some surprise to Mr. Luyt and his friend, as change ringing is almost unknown in Africa. It took most of Mr. Fidler's persuasive powers to make Mr. Luyt believe that a little bell of 3 cwt. could, if improperly handled, pull its ringer up to the ceiling.

After lunch a trip was made to the Loughborough war memorial, a beautiful tower in the centre of the park, with a fine carillon. Almost at the top of the tower, which is reached by climbing a spiral staircase of 90 steps, is situated the carillon of 47 bells. It is impossible to do justice here to this carillon; those who have heard it broadcast know how beautiful it is, but we were delighted to hear a short recital by Mr. Luyt and Mr. Jordan, the carillonneur, of Loughborough.

At 2.30 we were due back at the Foundry for the recasting. It is usual to throw a silver coin into the metal, but the foreman, who has been there 50 years, considers it to be a waste of money. (N.B. The nearest 'Inn' is but a short distance from the Foundry.)

The departure of the express from Loughborough brought a very interesting and instructive day to a close.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To all our readers:

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Although the first peal of York Surprise Royal was rung as long ago as December 29th, 1928, at Leicester, by the Midland Counties Association, the first peal of Major in the method has only just been rung. It was scored at Nuneaton on December 16th last by the Warwickshire Guild. The Minor is printed in the Central Council's 'Collection of Minor Methods'; the figures of the Major will be found on another page of this issue of 'The Ringing World.'

A peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at Biddulph on Saturday week to mark the 72nd birthday of Mr. William Carter, of Stourbridge, a former leader of Biddulph tower, and to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the first peal rung on the bells. Mr. Carter took part in the peal.

The band at Helmingham, Suffolk, last week rang a peal of Waverley Surprise, the 22nd Surprise method rung in the tower by the Sunday service ringers since April, 1930. This is really an extraordinary achievement, even in these days, when more variety than ever is being introduced into ringing.

Congratulations to the band at Cogenhoe, Northants, who rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles on Saturday week. It was the first peal by all the band and, according to the report, all the 42 six-scores were called differently.

Another extremely good performance on the same day, and one worthy of wide emulation by five and six bell ringers, was a peal of Doubles in seven methods, rung at Buckland Newton, Dorset.

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths will take place on Saturday, February 3rd, 1934, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

Those ringers who took part in the pilgrimage to the Menin Gate will appreciate the following message which we have received from the proprietress of the Hotel Myra, Ostend (Mme. M. Dejaeghere): 'I send you and all bellringers my best wishes for a merry Christmas and a very happy new year.'

The attention of members of St. Martin's Guild is called to the alteration of place of the annual meeting. The business is to be transacted at St. Martin's Hotel. But, of course, everyone will go to St. Martin's belfry first.

Next Tuesday is the 30th anniversary of the first 'John' peal ever rung. It was a peal of London Surprise Major at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 2nd, 1904. These eight Johns are all still in the land of the living, and if they are not all as active as they were in those rather far-off days their names are still fairly well known.

The Johns were Messrs. Rowbotham, Goldsmith, Cheesman, Evans, Truss, Sharman, Golding and Oxborrow.

On January 4th, 1784—just one hundred and fifty years ago to-day—a peal of 14,480 Bob Major was rung at Oldham, but even this length had been exceeded nearly fifty years before, namely, by a 15,120 rung at West Ham in 1737.

SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. H. M. Day's inquiry, I would remind him that on September 10th, 1927, St. George's Guild (Wilton), Taunton, rang ten different extents of Surprise Minor (7,200 changes), conducted by S. G. Coles. It was his first peal as conductor.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

DEATH OF A LANCASHIRE STALWART.

MR. TITUS BARLOW.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Titus Barlow, of Deane, Bolton, which occurred on December 21st, after a short but severe illness, at the age of 65 years.

Mr. Barlow had been a regular service ringer at Deane Church for nearly 50 years, and for many years was towerkeeper and leader of the company. He was a most enthusiastic member of the Lancashire Association, which he joined in 1893, and had rung 361 peals under its auspices. In 1927 he took part in two record performances, viz., 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Bolton, and 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall. He was an excellent ringer and striker, equally at home in the simplest or most difficult methods.

The funeral took place at Dean Church on Saturday, December 23rd, the memorial service being conducted by the Vicar. Many of the deceased's fellow-workers and friends were present, and he was borne to his last resting place by six of his fellow-ringers. The last rites were performed by Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association. Round the graveside were the sorrowing widow and family, to whom the heartfelt sympathy of all Lancashire ringers goes out.

Deane thus loses one of its staunchest sons, one who, by his modest and unassuming disposition, won the respect and affection of all who knew him. His death will leave a gap which will not easily be filled.

THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF 1933

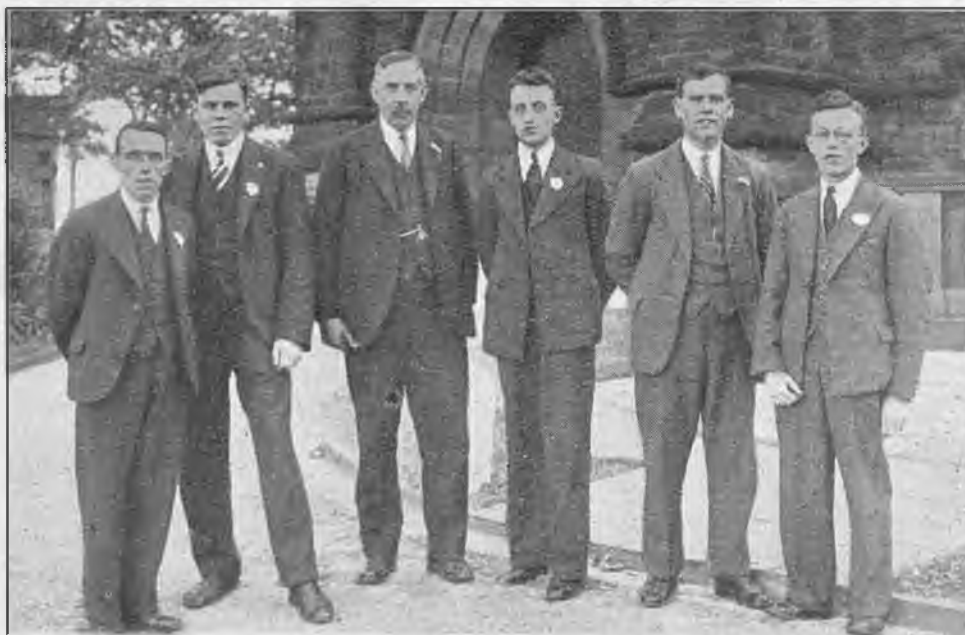
AND SOME OTHER INTERESTING EVENTS RECALLED.

What has been the most outstanding ringing performance of the year? There have been several achievements of distinguished merit, but we think there has been nothing to surpass the peal of Treble Bob Minor in 38 methods rung at Knutsford in August. It was the crowning sequel to peals in 25 methods at Disley in January, in 30 methods at Sutton in March, and in 35 methods at Chelford in April, and was a triumph in the practical adaptation of six-bell method splicing. There were some slight differences in the bands, but the backbone of the company was essentially the same, and consisted of Messrs. J. Fearnley, jun., J. A. Milner, W. Stevenson, J. Worth and E. Bennett. There were various treblemen, and in the 30 methods W. Fearnley was 'inside,' but the great achievement was at Knutsford,

method peals at Felkirk and Penistone respectively, the 10 and 12 method peals at Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincs., and others of the 'spliced' variety rung in different parts of the country, which goes to show that this form of ringing is growing in popularity.

Apart from peal ringing, there have been some noteworthy events during 1933. The reopening of Bow bells, after long silence, with civic as well as ecclesiastical ceremony, was a memorable occasion in London ringing history, and another opening of more than passing interest was that of the recast Ripon Cathedral bells early in the year. The Oxford Society's bicentenary was celebrated in October, and this year has marked the jubilee of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs.

Of individual achievements there have been many of outstanding interest, and not least has been, at one end of the scale, the progress of Master E. A. Barnett, of Crayford, who completed his first fifty peals while he was still 14, who has added peals in all kinds of difficult methods, including one of Spliced Surprise, and has now,



THE BAND WHO RANG THE 38-METHOD PEAL AT KNUTSFORD.

S. Hough, J. Fearnley, jun., J. A. Milner, W. Stevenson, J. Worth and E. Bennett.

where Mr. S. Hough rang the treble, and the others who took part were the five first named. The accompanying picture is from a photograph of the band.

There have, of course, been other notable performances during the year, such, for instance, as the 'old men's' peal at Hart Street with a band whose average age was 76½—a record which may have been eclipsed before these lines appear in print, for a party of ten of even greater age were, if all is well, to attempt a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes, London, on Wednesday evening.

The 18,144 of Bob Major at Bennington by the Herts County Association on Whit Monday established a new Major record, and there was also rung a 10,432 Kent Treble Bob Major at Warnham for the Sussex County Association. Apart from these there have been no conspicuous long lengths.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Birmingham, rung without any bobs being called, was an interesting and progressive event, and leads one to wonder why some of the bands who ring many peals, and often comprise a sufficient number of conductors to do without a bob caller, do not ring peals on these lines. It would add to the interest of those who were ringing and merit to the performance.

The 'silent' Stedman Cinques on handbells, at Birmingham, recorded last week, is too recent to need comment, but another fine achievement of this year is worth recalling, namely, two peals of Cambridge Surprise Major rung on handbells at Oxley by members of the Herts County Association. Although New Cambridge was rung on handbells years ago, these were the first peals 'in hand' in the original version.

Other interesting performances have been the 14 and 16 Minor

while little more than 15, entered the ranks of the composers. Ringing with him must be 'bred in the bone.' He has easily excelled the performances of any other youth of his age. Miss Phyllis Tillet, of Ipswich, who rang a twelve-bell peal at the age of fourteen, and has achieved other distinctions during the year, has surely gained a noteworthy position for herself. She is the fifth generation of her family to take up ringing, and rings regularly with her father and grandfather.

At the other end of the scale we have had Mr. James George's recent wonderful performances in ringing heavy tenors to peals in celebration of his eightieth birthday, and, incidentally, ringing his 1,200th peal; while Mr. J. E. Davis, as recently recorded, has entered the very small circle of men who have rung a thousand peals.

These, in brief, are a few of the notable events which go to the credit of the year 1933. On the other side we have the grievous losses which death has brought. Here are the names of some of the men of note in this and a previous generation who have been called home during the year: The Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild and Librarian of the Central Council; Thomas Faulkner, for 40 years a ringer at Barking, a member of the Central Council and a past Master of the College Youths; J. A. Gofton, of Whitley Bay; S. Stott, of Oldham (aged 76); C. W. Player, a Romney Marsh stalwart; E. P. O'Meara, formerly four times Master of the College Youths; the Rev. A. T. Beeston, formerly hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild; R. Lynch, president of the Irish Association; John D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths; and such worthies as Joseph Waghorn, of London, who reached the advanced age of 90 years, Fred G. Newman, also of London, who died aged 73, Uriah Braven, of Bristol, W. H. Marsh, of Plymouth, and William Page of Worcester.

THE SOCIETY OF JUNIOR CUMBERLANDS

THE LAST PHASES.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 812.)

Before the peal of Stedman Triples which John Noonan composed the society had already rung several good peals under the leadership of William Williams. The first he called, or at any rate the first which is recorded, was 5,040 Bob Major at Hackney. The tenor to this performance was rung by James Marlton, who was afterwards to prove himself worthy of being ranked among the leading heavy bell ringers of all time. This was in 1793, and was in the old tower, which still stands apart from the present church. In the same year the society scored at St. Mary's, Lewisham, a complete peal, consisting of 5,264 changes of Grandshire Eight-in, being the first peal in that method ever brought round at Backstroke. Williams composed and called it, Marlton rang the tenor, and apparently it was Noonan's first five thousand in London. In the next year their performances included 5,453 Grandsire Caters at St. Mary-le-Bow, which they claimed as 'the greatest number of changes ever rang on those heavy Bells and the noblest Performance ever achieved at that Place by ten men only.' Marlton rang the tenor, Noonan the ninth and Williams called it from the treble.

Two years later Noonan's name first appears as composer and conductor, though it is probable that the records of other performances are lost. He called 5,007 Grandsire Major from the second at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, the peal being rung 'in the short time of Two hours and fifty-seven minutes.'

On June 20th, 1796, the society rang 7,001 Grandsire Caters at Christ Church, Spitalfields, in 4 hours and 55 minutes, 'being the greatest number of changes ever rang at that Place.' Williams called from the second. A note to the record says that 'the third and fifth were out of Course five Courses about the middle of the Peal, after which they took their right Course again to the End of the Peal.' It looks as if the ringers were content to claim the peal notwithstanding the shift on the grounds that no actual change was rung twice, which, of course, would be the case if there were no Singles in the composition. More probably only the conductor and the ringers concerned knew it at the time, and an attempt was made to hush it up and claim as a true and complete peal what was actually a failure. And then, as such things will, it leaked out. The entry was not made in the book until probably twenty years later.

Next year, at the same church, Noonan composed and called 6,003 'Grandsire Caters on Steadman's principle.' It was the longest at the time in the method, beating the Birmingham 5,292 rung in 1790. In its turn, it was beaten by the senior Society of Cumberlands with 6,129 changes in 1805. We are told that 'this performance will remain a lasting honour to the Society and an example worthy to be imitated by posterity.' Unfortunately, the composition was false. During the following years, among other peals of no particular interest, was a 5,040 Grandsire Triples at St. Giles', Camberwell, which was rung in 2 hours and 37 minutes and claimed to be 'in the shortest time of any Peal that ever was Rung.' It was rung in the old church and on the old bells, which were destroyed by fire in 1841. They were a light ring,

the tenor being only 7 cwt. In 1801 the Junior Cumberlands rang at the same church 6,112 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 12 minutes, which is at the rate of only 2 hours 37 minutes for a five thousand. It is notable that the number of hours and minutes was left out of the original record apparently because the writer doubted them and they were added afterwards in another handwriting.

St. Martin-in-the-Fields was the regular practice tower of the College Youths at that time, but twice the Junior Cumberlands managed to get the bells for a peal. Both were Grandsire Cinques, one in 1799, the other in 1802. Both were conducted by Noonan.

In 1802 three peals were rung; then there is a blank till the end of 1806, when 5,086 changes of 'Grandsire Cinques on Steadman's principle' were rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, in 3 hours 55 minutes. This was the first in the method on the bells and was composed and conducted by Noonan, who in the next year composed and conducted the first peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Dunstan's, Stepney.

There was in 1806 a good deal of rivalry between the two Cumberland societies, each was trying to ring the first peal of Stedman Cinques at Spitalfields, and it culminated in the December of that year. On the 13th the senior society attempted a six thousand and lost it after ringing 5,500; on the 15th the junior society rang the 5,086; and on the 20th the senior society rang 6,334.

Jasper Snowden, in his history of Stedman Cinques, gives a brief account of this ringing from the note book of a certain Henry John Blease. He gives the number of the junior society's peal as 5,886, and says it was probably an attempt for a longer length brought round for some reason or other. He then proceeds:—

'In the absence of further information I will only name a fact which presents a curious study to those who are critical concerning the time which any given performance takes. Both these peals—the 5,886 and the 6,334—were rung on the same bells and within a space of five days, yet although one peal was 448 changes longer than the other the time occupied in each case, viz., 4 hours and 55 minutes, was the same.'

The entry in the peal book says the junior society's peal was 5,086 rung in three hours and fifty-five minutes, not four hours and fifty-five minutes, and, if so, the rate of the two performances would be about the same, i.e., 21.47 changes per minute for the six thousand and 21.64 for the five thousand. Neither of the accounts can be said to be quite contemporary, for Blease joined the Cumberlands in 1821 and the peal book entry was made about the same time. On the whole the latter is more probably correct.

It is noticeable that the false 7,001 of Grandsire Caters in 1796 also took four hours and fifty-five minutes.

In 1807 Williams and John Haynes visited Oxford and with some of the local men rang 5,040 Grandsire Triples at Magdalen College. The Oxford men joined the Society of Junior Cumberlands and two peals they subsequently rang are entered in the book. These are 6,101 Grandsire Caters at Magdalen and 10,008 in the same method at New College. Both were called by Edward Nicholls. It will be remembered that in Annable's time the Oxford men, under John Vicars, had set themselves the task of ringing a ten thousand of Grandsire Caters, but had not succeeded.

In 1808 Noonan called two peals and then for five years his name is missing from the records. It was then that he had his trouble with the law. Personally,

no doubt, he was harmless and inoffensive enough, and certainly was intellectually superior to the mass of his fellows. But he was a person of no education and he habitually associated with a very low lot of people. He must have come across some very curious characters in the low class public-houses of the East End, where he and his cronies habitually went, and got to know more about some things than a well disposed law abiding citizen should. One day he was in one of these dens with a gang of smugglers when the house was raided by the revenue officers and the whole party taken into custody. It is said he merely happened to be in their company and was drinking with them. At any rate, it would have gone hard with him if William Eversfield, of Gravesend, had not stood his friend and borne witness to his character. He received a sentence of twelve months' imprisonment, which looks as if the magistrate did not altogether believe him guiltless. Eversfield was a sail maker by trade and apparently was well known to the revenue authorities.

Noonan's imprisonment is said to have much broken him up and he was not fit for very much afterwards. After his return to the Junior Cumberlands, his name appears in the records of three peals, 5,104 Bob Major and 5,088 Oxford Treble Bob, both at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and both in 1813, and 5,040 Grandsire Triples at All Saints', Barking, Tower Hill, on March 28th, 1814. Then his name finally disappears. He is said to have retired to Bromley and died in that same year.

After Noonan disappeared, the peal conducting was done partly by William Williams and partly by Joseph Ladley. Ladley had been ringing peals as far back as 1793, but he only now got his chance as a conductor. He had some pretensions, too, to being a conductor, especially of Grandsire Caters. One in that method is interesting. It was in the Tittums 'and the 5th and 6th are the only Bells behind the 9th Being to their Extent in both Courses, which proves the utility of Singles. This was the 1st Peal ever rang in that way of Calling.'

In 1820 Henry Symondson, who had rung in most of Noonan's early peals, formed with his son and ten others the Junior Society of College Youths. They were very much the same class of man as the Junior Cumberlands, and in almost every way inferior to the real College Youths. Ladley went over to them and became their leading conductor.

Writing about 1816, Shipway said that change ringing had lately very much declined, and so far as London was concerned that was undoubtedly true. The College Youths, who had made ringing history under Povey and Reeves and Blakemore, were getting old and had mostly given up peal ringing. It was only the men at Kensington, under Barber, and those further up the Thames Valley who were still active, and when they died off the general level of London ringers went down enormously.

One of the best of the younger ringers was Samuel Austin, who was first a member of the Junior Cumberlands and afterwards for many years the leading man among the College Youths. Austin's name first appears in the account of the first peal of Bob Major rung at All Hallows', Barking, and he took part in the last six peals rung by the society. These were all rung between December 1st, 1823, and April 20th, 1824, and it is probable that he did his best to galvanise the dying society

into a further lease of life, and certainly not without a great measure of success. He collected, as best he could, the records of the peals rung since the time of George Gross and wrote them in the peal book. He was a most excellent penman, and these records are among the very best that exist in black and white. The last entry he made in the book is the record of the Grandsire Cinques rung in 1799. This is dated January, 1825, and in the same month he was ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples with the Junior College Youths at St. Peter's, Walworth. His name appears in the records of almost every peal rung by that society, once or twice as composer and conductor. When at length necessity had compelled the old College Youths to come to terms with the Junior Society and a union of the two was effected on July 5th, 1830, Austin was elected Master, Edward Lansdell, another prominent member of the Junior Society, being secretary. The united societies rang seven peals, four of which were composed and conducted by Samuel Austin. Then the style and behaviour of the members of the junior society became so intolerable to the older College Youths that they resolved at any cost to get rid of them and the union was dissolved. The old Junior College Youths now became the Sussex Society, Austin still being Master. They rang thirteen peals and then were readmitted to the Society of College Youths.

Meanwhile, the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths had come to an inglorious end. They shifted their headquarters from public-house to public-house in the East End, getting into debt for beer and stopping as long as the landlord would let them, and, finally, as the members formed other companies, the society faded away. It is usually said that it reunited with the old Cumberlands, but that was not so. The peal book, after so stormy a youth spent among taverns and pawnshops, has found a dignified home in its old age in the British Museum.

DEATH OF AN OTTERY ST. MARY RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Hine, one of the band of ringers at Ottery St. Mary, Devon. 'John,' as he was familiarly known to his fellow-ringers, was one of the old school, having started under the tuition of the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, for many years president of the Devonshire Guild, who always showed a great interest in the Ottery band.

The deceased was invariably present for Sunday ringing. He had also been sidesman at the Parish Church for a number of years.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, December 20th, the coffin being carried to the grave by four of his fellow-ringers, Messrs. C. J. Turner, R. Wood, E. Markes and J. Arbury. Immediately after the service 252 Stedman and 500 Grandsire Triples were rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect.

TWO POINTS OF VIEW—Continued from page 829.

It had the impression of being our conductor. It is funny, but it is true, somehow, that the nail is hit on the head every time.

I am writing this letter to congratulate you on the success of your effort to keep us as a ringing fraternity in our places. You have a job, but keep it up. Each week I look forward, wondering 'What's in this week?' Sometimes I am disappointed, sometimes pleased, but always left with something with food for thought.

Now, so our Rectors and Vicars will tell us, is the time for new resolutions. Can I, may I, suggest each of us ringers makes a resolution to look at ringing from the point of what is the leading item of a very good and well-known society: Read the lot, cut the worst, think only of the right and just.

In closing, I would wish you all you could wish yourself, and extend it to all brother ringers, bearing in mind that bellringing is work for the Church, a work which slowly but surely is being recognised by churchpeople, and to which 'The Ringing World' has proved a great asset in the assistance which it gives to that end.

F. WARRINGTON.

We dare not plume ourselves too much because Mr. Amos is for ever hovering in the background, but we print this letter so that even he can see that everyone does not agree with his views concerning

THE EDITOR.

THE SAM THOMAS MEMORIAL

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

As previously announced in these columns, two treble bells are to be added at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield (where the other eight are to be recast), as a memorial to Mr. Sam Thomas, a former Sheffield ringer, who died in 1924, and who did a great deal to promote ringing in the district, having, among other things, been leader of the band at Ranmoor.

The memorial has been raised by the Sheffield District Society, who desire to thank all those who have supported it. The fund is now closed, and the following is the list of subscribers:—

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Mr. A. E. Parsons, Staveley	1	0	
Sale of scent cards by Ranmoor company	2	11	0
The Sheffield and District Society's grant to guarantee £35	6	6	3
Total	£35	0	0

A YORKSHIRE PIONEER OF SURPRISE RINGING.

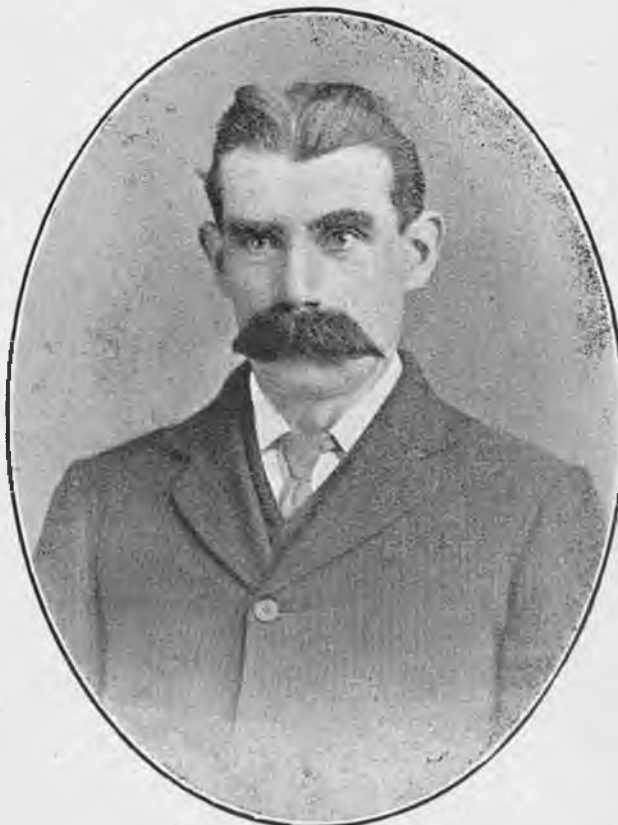
Mr. Thomas, who died of pneumonia on June 24th, 1924, was 54 years of age. He was a typical Yorkshireman, and came of ringing stock, for his first method ringing was done in his native village of Wath-on-Dearne with his father, grandfather and uncle. He first learned to ring a bell when he was nine years of age. In those days Sam was in the choir, and, during a dispute between the ringers and the church authorities, the choir boys used to jangle the bells for service. The treble was Sam's bell, and on one occasion he pulled at it until, to his consternation, it set, and there it had to remain until his courage returned sufficiently to permit him to touch the thing again.

Mr. Thomas went to Sheffield in 1888 (to join the staff at the Botanical Gardens), and in the following year he became a member of the Parish Church company, with whom he rang his first peal. He became associated with the Ranmoor company in 1896, and, under

his tuition, the band, beginning with Bob Major, eventually reached the Surprise stage.

On the formation of the Sheffield Junior Amalgamated Society in 1890, he was elected treasurer. In 1898 the society was extended to embrace a larger area and became the Sheffield District Society, with which was eventually amalgamated the Old East Derbyshire Society. Mr. Thomas had been president of the latter since 1901, and at the fusion in 1903 continued to hold the office in the enlarged organisation. Afterwards for several years he filled the post of hon. secretary.

Mr. Thomas always retained his attachment for Ranmoor, but he did a good deal of spade work in other places, and when the new peal of bells was put in at Dore in 1909 he was entrusted with the formation of a new band, to which he acted as instructor.



THE LATE MR. SAM THOMAS,
whose memorial at Ranmoor is to consist of two new treble bells.

In the first years of the present century Mr. Thomas did a great deal to promote Surprise ringing in Yorkshire. He called the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise, rung on February 5th, 1903, and before going on to practise London the band took up another method, which, being regarded as a 'half-way' house between the two, they named Peterborough, the first peal of which he conducted in April, 1904. Among his other noteworthy achievements was the first peal of Original Major, which he composed and conducted. After the war business responsibilities kept him from taking as large a part in the art as he had formerly done, but his heart remained in ringing until his comparatively early death robbed the Exercise of one of its most brilliant members.

YOUNGEST HEREFORDSHIRE CONDUCTOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the footnote attached to a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Eardisland, Herefordshire, published in your issue of the 15th inst., stating that the conductor, at the age of 21, is believed to be the youngest member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild to conduct a peal, I beg to inform him that at the age of 19 I conducted a peal of Doubles in the same method at Weston-under-Penyard on August 27th, 1932. The report of the peal was published in 'The Ringing World' on September 2nd, 1932.

GLYN SHAW.

Ross-on-Wye.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**PRESIDENT'S TOWER VISITED.**

The last meeting of the year to be held by members of the S. and W. District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Twickenham, on Saturday, December 16th. A hearty welcome was given by the genial president of the association, Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, and it was a matter of regret that so few responded, the total attendance being 25.

The bells were rung to a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening, and good practice obtained. It was heartening to see some of the latest recruits to the local band 'manfully' ringing rounds, etc. Instructor Morris evidently believes in 'catching 'em young.' It is to be hoped that his very praiseworthy efforts in this connection will be repaid later when his band gets firmly established again.

Evensong at five o'clock was conducted by the president, assisted by the curate and organist. In his address the President dwelt on the various aspects of the wonderful brotherhood that existed in the ringing fraternity. Tea followed in the new Church Hall. Incidentally, the latter was previously inspected under the guidance of the president and greatly admired.

Sincere thanks were offered to the president for all he had done to make the meeting so enjoyable, to which he replied that he was always glad to do his share.

Messrs. Morris and Lovell and the ladies, all of whom had assisted in preparing and serving such an excellent tea, were also thanked for their labours.

During the business meeting the death of the Vicar of Ealing, Rev. C. J. Sharp, was referred to, and the members stood in silence as a tribute to his memory. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) said he had written a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Sharp. Mr. Sharp came to Ealing 16 years ago. During this period, he was responsible for the formation of a new band at St. Mary's in 1920, under the leadership of Messrs. Hunnisett and Page, and for the complete restoration of the bells a few years ago. For his services to the association he was elected a life honorary member in 1925. Absolutely fearless in his opinions, he was extremely kind and generous at heart. He had accomplished many useful public works for the town, chief among them being his labours on behalf of education. On the day of the funeral, at which an address was given by the Bishop of Kensington, on behalf of the Bishop of London, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the association, as recorded elsewhere.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on Saturday, March 10th, 1934. In January, the annual supper would take place on the 13th, whilst the district annual general meeting would be held at Heston on February 10th.

Mention was made by the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. C. S. Bird) of an appeal for funds to restore the bells at Bedford. The question of making a grant from the funds was deferred until the annual meeting at Heston.

The hon. secretary sold a copy of new Central Council leaflet, on how to handle a bell, etc. (price 2d.), to practically everyone present. It was generally agreed that if the advice proffered in the leaflet was acted upon much good would result. The leaflet is a work that will leave no excuse for bad handling and striking, so clear and precise are its contents. The photographs will be of great assistance, and the authors are to be congratulated upon their work.

The officers and committee wish all members and friends a prosperous new year, and suggest a new year resolution for every member: 'Support the association at least once a month.'

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED AT TRING.

At Tring Parish Church, on Sunday evening, December 10th, before the service ringing commenced, the Vicar (the Rev. C. T. T. Wood, M.C., M.A.) visited the belfry to dedicate a peal board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung earlier in the year. The board was made by Mr. H. Bull, one of the band, and is painted black with gold lettering similar to the other two already in the tower.

The Vicar referred to the splendid work Mr. Bull had put in the board, and said he thought it was quite a good thing to have those records so that future generations could see what had been done in their lovely old parish churches.

After the little ceremony was over, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a compliment to the Vicar on his recent appointment as Rural Dean of the Berkhamsted Deanery: C. Badrick 1, F. J. Reeve 2, H. Brackley 3, H. Bull 4, H. Bishop 5, F. C. Reeve 6, W. Ayre (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8.

TWO POINTS OF VIEW.**PUTTING THE EDITOR IN HIS PLACE.**

Of course it had to come. No editor ever did know his own business—in some people's opinion—and probably never will, in the opinion of those same people. And now we have been properly put in our place, told off and utterly confounded. On December 8th we wrote a leading article on 'Letters and Writers,' in which we dealt in a general way with the ethics of public letter-writing, and it has provided 'a golden opportunity' for a correspondent to 'tick us off.' It accuses us of bias in condemning personalities in some people's letters and allowing them in others. It tickles us to death that this accusation should come from such a source, for if anyone has been given rope in this respect it is the writer of this letter—Mr. Percy Amos. This is what Mr. Amos says to us and about us:—

AN EDITOR'S POSITION?

Sir,—Your article of December 8th provides one with a golden opportunity to ask one or two questions. Firstly, is it fitting that a newspaper editor, despite his ability, should be a person to take any part in the 'government' of ringing? I have heard this question asked in many quarters.

Such a person, like the rest of us, should be at liberty to express his views, but to my mind it is not fitting that he should be a person to hold offices, such as that of a general secretary and a member of the Central Council, the last-named in particular.

No man under the circumstances has a better opportunity of swaying the fraternity to his principles and ideas, and to play the part of both 'judge and jury.'

It reminds me very much of putting a man in the dock accused of some crime, and having his father or some close friend in the jury to prove whether he is guilty or not.

Why is it that he condemns personalities in some people's letters and allows them in others? If they are not argument for one, surely they are not for another? Sneering and sarcasm the same. The Editor's own 'joke' about the blue pencil and the waste-paper basket, is that argument?

I have noticed all this particularly when a member of the Central Council has been having something to say to a non-member, or to a member whose views are different to those of the Editor's. Just a bit of inconsistency, is it not?

The recent correspondence on Rutland is a clear instance of this, for in that a statement was made that was not only personal but grossly untrue, and rather in the nature of slander. Under these circumstances ought it not to have been the duty of the Editor of 'The Ringing World' to test the accuracy of such a statement before giving it publication? Possibly he did not realise his full sense of duty at the time. Any other newspaper editor would have wanted to see it verified first to safeguard himself.

This surely is questioning time?

P. AMOS.

Wellingborough.

Throughout Christmas we ought to have sat in sackcloth and ashes and declined to eat our turkey—if we had had one to eat. We ought to have refused to face our Christmas pudding, and mirth should have been turned to melancholy. Our liquid refreshment ought to have consisted of water instead of—well, never mind. But it wasn't. We have enjoyed our Christmas immensely. Peace and goodwill—even towards Mr. Amos—has brooded over all. For that reason we refrain from replying to Mr. Amos' criticisms—believe us, we really could have said quite a lot, but in any case it isn't necessary—and hope that the spirit of Christmas has had the same effect upon him as it had upon a certain immortal gentleman—Mr. Scrooge—and turned his sour, bedraggled temperament into a healthier channel and directed his narrow vision to a broader and a brighter outlook.

But there, unless we are careful, we, too, shall be getting into personalities and tell Mr. Amos what other people, besides ourselves, think about him. And that would never do.

Rather would we turn to something which, to us at any rate, is on a decidedly more cheerful note and shows that, after all, we may not be quite so bad as Mr. Amos paints us. Here, by way of contrast, is a letter from Over, Cambs, which reached us just before Christmas:—

Dear Sir,—Another Christmas is upon us, which reminds me of the passing of another year. 'Letters and Writers' urges me to say how kind it is to have someone who looks at the position at all angles, an independent and silent witness, as it were, to our wrath. Looking back through 'The Ringing World' of some twenty years ago

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, December 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not made 20 attendances to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Jan. 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.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Southbroom, Devizes, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Ringing commencing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. St. John's bells available afternoon and evening. St. Mary's afternoon only. All ringing friends welcome. — W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. — J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — The annual meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Business meeting at 3 o'clock in St. Maurice's Hall, followed by tea at 4. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15. Please let me know if you are coming. — George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Crewkerne Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Hinton St. George on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 6d. for those only who advise me by Jan. 2nd. — D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Address by the Vicar (Canon M. S. Newland). Tea and business meeting to follow. It is hoped to arrange a concert for the members after the business meeting. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, and oblige? The secretary takes this opportunity of wishing all the members of the branch the season's greetings. — A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, Jan. 6th. — W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). —The annual meeting will be held at the St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, Saturday, Jan. 6th. 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, 11.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. —The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Milnrow Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 1934. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. These bells will go to any method. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. —A joint meeting will be held at North Wingfield (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 6th. For tea please notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, Bright Street, North Wingfield. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Norton-le-Moors on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 12, Norton Street, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Jan. 3rd. — C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. For tea, at 9d. per head, please notify Mr. H. Lomax, Avondale, Park Road, Coppull, before Wednesday, Jan. 3rd. Visitors welcome. — Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Archdeaconry of Ely. —A mid-week meeting in Cambridge on Thursday, Jan. 11th. Bells of St. Mary the Great (12) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. Ringing at St. Benedict's Church 6 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. — K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —The second annual supper, social and dance will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, High Street, Hounslow, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 3s. each, can be obtained from members of the committee until Jan. 6th. The bells of St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow (8) and St. Leonard's, Heston (8) will be available from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

BUSHEY.—Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45, Institute. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. The Lord Bishop of Guildford will preside. Ringing at St. Nicolas' Church (10 bells) 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. The Ven. Archdeacon Howson will preach, and he invites all present to tea at the Institute after service. Please notify Mr. Walter Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, Liverpool, for tea. Members of the Wigan Branch are especially invited to this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, January 13th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Good bus service from Maidstone. Subscriptions for 1934 can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Meeting after tea. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, only to those who notify Mr. Jas. Harrison, Park Gate, Hoghton, not later than Tuesday, Jan. 9th. The next combined practice will be at Whittle on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Divisional Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting of the North-East Branch will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea by Monday, Jan. 15th, please. Come in numbers.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Annual Dinner, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 1934, 6 p.m. Chairman, Mr. Frank Skidmore; chief guest, Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bristol. Tickets, 5s. 6d., from Messrs. J. Hawkins (London), A. Walker (Birmingham), S. Palmer (Sheffield), J. Austin (Gloucester), J. Dyke (Bath), T. King (Bath) and officers, stewards of B.U.R.G., or direct from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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